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# first year experience

## At Central Washington University,

we place special emphasis on each student's first year. Through research and our own experience, we know that the foundations built during the first year are key to a student's success. Once you're admitted to CWU, First Year Experience (FYE) picks up where Admissions leaves off — you'll see us at orientation, summer programs, and initiatives throughout your first year.

Making the commitment to spend four or more years of life at a university is a major decision. With this in mind, it only makes sense that at Central Washington University we, as faculty, administrators, staff, and fellow students, welcome new students by providing a comprehensive guide to your first year. It is sure to increase your success at CWU.

That's why CWU has created a comprehensive First Year Experience (FYE).

## The goals are simple.

- Increase the level of academic challenge
- Create an active, collaborative learning environment
- Increase student-faculty interaction
- Enrich interdisciplinary educational experiences



## THE FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

offers numerous intentional university programs and initiatives to assist in your transition to CWU life. Some of those activities and resources include:

- Phase I Orientation: Discover! Orientation
- Phase II Orientation: Wildcat Welcome Weekend (WWW)
- Phase III Orientation: The First Six Weeks programming
- Living Learning Communities
- University 101 course
- Personal Academic Advisor

## OUR FYE PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED

to help incoming students maximize the first year by getting comfortable on campus, connecting with the university, and starting to think of CWU as home. Our programs begin the summer before fall quarter and continue throughout the school year.

## THERE ARE NUMEROUS RESOURCES

students are encouraged to use during their First Year at CWU. For a detailed list, please go to [www.cwu.edu/~avpugrad/fye.html](http://www.cwu.edu/~avpugrad/fye.html). Successful first-year students at CWU are those who learn how to utilize resources, resolve problems, and prepare themselves to take full advantage of their time here on campus.

## THE FYE PROGRAM WAS FOUNDED

on a specific set of values and beliefs. Those values are in place to reinforce the university's commitment to student learning, persistence, and success. They are:

- Cultivating relationships with students, faculty, and staff
- Maintaining a supportive university community
- Fostering intellectual inquiry, exploration, and application
- Providing a rigorous curriculum and outstanding teaching



## FYE BEGINS WITH DISCOVER!

Summer Orientation. It continues throughout the year with classes, advising, and intentional programs. CWU first-year students live together on campus, which creates a unified intentional living learning experience that the university is committed to.

This program is a coordinated and cohesive continuation of the belief that CWU will provide a **premium** first-year student experience.