



Freshman Connection – Two Day Program 2024

May 22-23, May 29-30, July 10-11 -- 2024 Sessions

DAY 1

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Check-In

Orville Hanchey Gallery

9:00 AM-9:45 AM

Take the Demon Route

Start at Magale Recital Hall

Get a glance of what it is like to be a Demon and tour the locations that you may frequently visit during your time at NSU.

9:00 AM – 9:50 AM

Accuplacer Test

Russell Hall Computer Lab

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

Welcome Assembly

A.A. Fredericks/Magale Recital Hall

Your official welcome to Northwestern State University.

10:45 AM

Meet Your N-Side View Group

A.A. Fredericks Courtyard/Alumni Plaza

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

N-Side View Group Meetings

Assigned Locations

Meet your Freshman Connectors and future classmates in this small group session. Discussions will focus on the college transition, personal responsibility, and success tips for students. New students will learn about academic procedures, scheduling classes, and the registration process.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Lunch with Your N-Side View Group

Iberville Dining Hall

1:00 PM – 1:45 PM

Financial Aid & Paying for College

Magale Recital Hall

Concerned about the rising cost of higher education? Northwestern State's financial aid officers will answer your questions about tuition, scholarships, the TOPS program, loans, scholarship eligibility, financial policies, and options available for paying for college.

1:45 PM

Depart for Academic Meetings

A.A. Fredericks Courtyard/Alumni Plaza

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

All About Academics

Assigned Locations

This is your first opportunity to meet with the academic leadership and faculty members from your college. They will provide you with an overview of the academic process and procedures.

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM

Snack Break

A.A. Fredericks Courtyard/Alumni Plaza

Sponsored by NSU Housing and Residence Life

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM

BOM

Magale Recital Hall

BOM Bank is the official bank of Northwestern State. We pride ourselves in helping Demons become financially savvy. Join our bankers to learn about our credit builder program and how good credit is a stepping stone for an independent life!

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM

To Be a Demon

A.A. Fredericks/Magale Recital Hall

During this interactive session, the NSU Connectors will share information on what it means To Be A Demon at Northwestern State University. Topics covered include the Student Code of Conduct, NSU policies on alcohol, Title IX, and

the importance of making appropriate choices and reducing harmful outcomes. Parents are invited to attend.

5:30 PM

Meet Your N-Side View Group

Iberville Green

5:45 PM – 6:45 PM

The Freshman Follies

Iberville Green

7:00 PM

Dinner With Your N-Side View Group

Iberville Dining Hall

8:00 PM

FYI Challenge

Vic's

Welcome to your first year! Join over 50 NSU student leaders for this fast-paced simulation of your first year in college.

9:15 PM – 10:00 PM

Late Night Programs

Gaming with Demons

Esports Lounge

NSU Esports would like to invite all students to come enjoy a night of games and fun! We will be hosting a Mario Kart tournament, VR play, and have Playstations/Xbox/PCs for students to enjoy.

Glow Yoga

Student Union, Lucile M. Hendrick Room

Enjoy an hour of mindfulness, movement, and meditation. Increase your flexibility, balance, and sense of well-being with a certified YogaFit instructor.

Roommate Connection

UP 1 Clubhouse

Looking to connect with your roommate? Join the NSU Housing and Residence Life staff for chips and dip, peanut butter and jelly, and more of your favorite pairings...and of course, a roommate!

**DAY 2
ON BACK**



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7:00 AM – 7:45 AM

Residence Hall Check-Out University Place 1 (UP1) Clubhouse

Check-out of your room by returning your key to the University Place Clubhouse. There is a \$50 fee for lost keys or for keys not returned by 8:00 AM. It is suggested that you place your belongings in your vehicle prior to the breakfast. For individuals without a vehicle, please check your luggage at the clubhouse and return immediately following registration to collect your belongings.

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Financial Aid Appointments

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Breakfast

CAPA Courtyard/Alumni Plaza

Sponsored by Whataburger

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

N-Side View Group Meetings

Various Locations

9:00 AM – 9:50 AM

Living Like a Demon

Campus Housing

Student Union, President's Room

This meeting, led by the residence life staff, will provide an overview of community standards and residential resources, and is an excellent opportunity to learn everything you need to know about moving-in, what to bring, and living on campus.

Commuter/Off-Campus Involvement Student Union, Lucile M. Hendrick Room

This meeting, led by NSU staff and students, will provide an overview of community standards, resources for commuting students, and how to get involved while living off-campus.

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM Sessions

I'm First: Encouraging First- Generation College Success Student Union, Room 320

For some students, going to college is an expected path. For others, it's uncharted territory. Not sure where to start? Let us help! Join the Student Support Services staff and learn more about the comprehensive services available to first-generation students.

Freshman Fit-Teen

Student Union, Cane River Room

Stay or get healthy during your freshman year by using tips and tricks you'll learn in this session!

Ensuring Success with the Office of Accessibility & Disability Support Student Union, Room 221

The Office of Accessibility and Disability Support facilitates equal access to programs and activities, promotes independence and inclusion of all students, and pursues innovative solutions in providing services for students with disabilities.

Band Student Meeting

Band Hall, New CAPA 122

This meeting is for students who plan to participate in marching band while enrolled at NSU regardless of academic major. The band directors will answer all your questions and provide helpful information about being a member of The Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band!

Top It Off – Your student involvement journey begins today!

Student Union, Ballroom

Getting involved in college is like an ice cream sundae—it's all about picking your perfect toppings and making sure not to overload your cone! Join the Student Experience staff and some involved NSU students as we dive into making your perfect campus involvement journey. Discover what NSU has to offer outside the classroom. And yes, ice cream will be served!

11:00 AM - 11:30 PM

Demon Mentor Network Student Union, Ballroom

Welcome to *The Game of Life – Demon Edition*. Your NSU journey will be full of adventures and your Demon Mentor will be there cheering you on. Our mentors will help you spin your way to achieve your academic, social, and life goals! Anything can happen in the Demon-Game of Life!

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM

Purple Palooza and Lunch CAPA Courtyard/Alumni Plaza

Sponsored by Domino's

Let us show you the various ways to get involved on campus – from student organizations to club sports – we have something for everyone. Lunch will be served in grab and go style at the student organization browse.

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Campus Safety Magale Recital Hall

1:30 PM

Depart for Academic Advising & Class Registration

Assigned Location

Your Academic Advisor will provide information about the requirements specific to your department, assist with course placement and selection, and help you map out a plan towards a four-year graduation goal. Advising sessions may be conducted in a one-on-one or small group setting. Computer-based registration will take place in computer labs across campus following your academic advising meeting.

1:45 PM

Fork'em Farewell

Orville Hanchey Gallery/Alumni Plaza

Once you have completed the registration process, you must checkout with the orientation staff. NSU ID's will be distributed at this location.

