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Online Student Orientation Agenda

Additional information: A new online student orientation agenda is developed by the Office of Online Learning and the Office of Transitions and Orientation. See also: <http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=onlineed&p=/studentresources/>

New Online Student Orientation

Like face-to-face students, Wichita State Online's students learn about resources in the Online Orientation module that will help them to improve their experiences as an online student. This includes tips to be a successful online student, links to advisors and to additional information that relates to their programs and to services at Wichita State University that they can access wherever they may live.

Students are provided an internet link to access the on-demand orientation course which covers the topics listed below and concludes with an online readiness assessment:

- Introduction to Wichita State University and information they are required to know as a WSU student
- Introduction to the Online Advisors and Online Learning contacts
- OneStop – how to connect to student services at a distance
- Library
- Tutoring - including help for those needing math and writing assistance
- Proctoring
- Purchasing textbooks
- How to use online course tools like Blackboard, Panopto, and BrainShark
- How to connect to online student communities

The online readiness assessment tool, *SmarterMeasure*, is embedded into the Online Orientation course and measures:

- typing skills
- reading comprehension
- time management
- motivation level
- access to and understanding of technology
- personal support

Upon completion of the Online Orientation Course, the Online Student Advisors meet with the student and go over the findings in the readiness assessment tool. Students are provided with resources to strengthen improvement areas. After courses begin, the Online Retention Specialist will follow up with the student to check in on the improvement areas and offer support and resources where needed.