F-1 International Student
Pre-Arrival Handbook

Welcome to Wheaton College and to Norton, Massachusetts. We are glad you have chosen to visit with us! This handbook is designed to assist you with learning more about the college and the area, and what you can expect while you are here at Wheaton College. Our hope is to provide you with enough information to make your transition as smooth as possible. To achieve the greatest benefit from your American experience we hope that you will find time for personal activities that can help to balance your studies. The Center for Global Education is here to assist you so we invite you to refer any questions or concerns to us.
Glossary:

**Area Coordinator (AC)** - This person is in charge of a group of dormitories or theme houses located on campus.

**Bachelor of Arts or Science Degree (B.A. or B.S.)** - Degree awarded after satisfactory completion of a four- or five-year program of study at a college or university.

**Elective** - A course that is not specifically required for your major or general education but may be taken to meet unit requirements for transfer or graduation.

**Core Courses** - A group of courses, in your major, which must be completed in order to graduate or transfer.

**Grade Point Average (GPA)** - The weighted average of all grades. Determined on a four-point scale in which an A is 4.0, B is 3.0, C is 2.0, D is 1.0, F is 0.

**Major** - A group of courses required for your area of study.

**Prerequisite** - A requirement that must be met before enrolling in a course (usually a placement test or prior course). Prerequisites are listed in the catalog and schedule of classes.

**Resident Advisor (RA)** - People who are in charge of a floor located in a residence hall.

**Transcript** - An official record of your academic work.

**Wait List** - A list created once a class is full.

**Withdrawal** - Formally removing yourself from a class or all classes, in which you are enrolled. Deadlines to withdraw from classes varies.
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The Center for Global Education (CGE) at 5 Howard Street, offers immigration and support services to international students. We also provide opportunities for students who want to study abroad throughout their time at Wheaton. We are here to assist you with navigating through visa regulations, as well as academic, social and cultural adjustment.

**WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE**

You must attend International Student Orientation. Be sure to bring all your international student documents (passport, I-20, I-94 record) with you. At Orientation we will confirm your status as an active, full-time student in the SEVIS system (the Student & Exchange Visitor Information System the US Government uses to monitor international student records). *If this does not occur within the first 10 days of your arrival at Wheaton College, you will be in violation of your status.*

As an F-1 student, you must be enrolled in courses totaling a minimum of 4 Wheaton credits each semester.
HOW TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES

Prior to arrival, you will be able to register for classes using the application form. Some classes have course requirements and you may have to request permission to get into those classes. If you are not able to get into certain classes that you want, you will be assisted upon arrival to Wheaton.

Courses and schedules can be viewed using the Course Finder under Academics on the Wheaton home page.

PAYING YOUR BILLS

Students are billed electronically per term for all expenses. Fall charges are billed mid-June, early July and due August 1; spring charges are billed in early December and are due January 1.

You can find more information by typing in “Payment Information” into the Search bar in the top right corner of the Wheaton website as seen below.
HOTELS IN THE AREA

**Courtyard Marriott**
35 Foxboro Blvd.
Foxboro, MA 02035
(508) 543-5222

**Extended Stay America Norton**
280 S. Washington St. Norton, MA 02766
(508) 285-7800

**Fairfield Inn Marriott**
4 Chalet Road
Middleboro, MA 02346
(508) 946-4000

**Greenspade Inn**
66 Lincoln Street
North Easton, MA 02356
(508) 238-2238

**Hampton Inn Franklin / Milford**
735 Union Street
Franklin, MA 02038
(508) 520-2999

**Red Roof Inn, Mansfield**
I-95 at Commercial Street/SR 140, Exit #7-A
60 Forbes Boulevard
Mansfield, MA, 02048
(508) 339-2323

**Renaissance Hotel & Spa at Patriot Place**
28 Patriot Place
Foxborough, MA 02035
(508) 543-5500
(866) 580-6236

**Residence Inn**
250 Foxboro Boulevard
Foxboro, MA 02035
(508) 698-2800
TRAVELING TO WHEATON

Transportation Options

T.F Green Airport, Providence, R.I. Approximately 30 miles to Wheaton. The MBTA now offers commuter rail service from the TF Green airport to the Town of Mansfield stop near the Wheaton campus.

Logan International Airport, Boston, Mass. Approximately 40 miles to Wheaton. Rental car and limousine services available. The MBTA operates rapid transit service (on the Silver line) from the airport to South Station, connecting to commuter rail service with a stop near the Wheaton campus in the Town of Mansfield.

Van service The Shuttle: 888-515-5512 or 508-543-2657 http://www.aiptheshuttle.com/ Shuttle service to Logan, T.F. Green, South Station and Providence. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance.

Limousine service At Your Service Limousines: 508-238-5466

Commuter rail from Boston and Providence: The MBTA operates commuter rail service connecting Boston and Providence with stops near the Wheaton campus in the town of Mansfield. Public buses (GATRA) leave the commuter rail station and stop on the Wheaton campus. Wheaton students can ride the GATRA for free with their student ID.

Driving directions

From Boston and Northern New England Take Interstate 95 south to Exit 6A, Route 495 south. Follow 495 to Exit 11, turn onto 140 south. Follow Route 140 south 2.5 miles. Turn left at the intersection of Routes 140 and 123. Proceed three-tenths of a mile east on Route 123 to the visitors' parking lot, which will be on your left.

From Western Massachusetts Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (Route 90) to Exit 11A onto Route 495 south. Follow 495 to Exit 11, turn onto 140 south. Follow Route 140 south 2.5 miles. Turn left at the intersection of Routes 140 and 123. Proceed three-tenths of a mile east on Route 123 to the visitors' parking lot, which will be on your left.

From Providence and Southern New England. Take Interstate 95 north. Once in Massachusetts, take Exit 6A. Follow Route 495 south to Exit 11, turn onto 140 south. Follow Route 140 south 2.5 miles. Turn left at the intersection of Routes 140 and 123. Proceed three-tenths of a mile east on Route 123 to the visitors' parking lot, which will be on your left. From Cape Cod. Take Route 495 north to Exit 10. Take a left and follow Route 123 west for 2.5 miles to Wheaton College. The visitors' parking lot will be on your right, just past the intersection with Elm Street.
This map will give you an idea of where Wheaton is located in comparison to Boston and Providence.

AIRPORT PICKUP

The Center for Global Education has arranged free transportation to Wheaton College from Boston’s Logan Airport on **Tuesday, August 20th only.**

*There will be 3 pick-up times: 10:00am, 2:00pm and 7:00pm. To reserve your spot on the shuttle, please complete the Google form that will be sent to you at a later date.*

When you depart from Customs Hall (turn left), you will see the Dunkin Donuts at the lower level at Terminal E (International Arrivals). There will be Wheaton College representatives with signs near the Dunkin Donuts.

If you arrive on a domestic flight you will need to go to Terminal E lower level and meet the representatives at Dunkin Donuts.

**If you are having trouble finding the representative at the airport, please call the Center for Global Education at 508-286-4950. Our office will be open from 8:30am-6:00pm that day.**
SETTLING IN

You will probably find that you will experience some culture shock during your first semester at Wheaton College. During the first week or two you will probably find everything very exciting with a little bit of homesickness mixed in. After the initial excitement of being on your own and meeting new people settles in, you may start to experience some confusing feelings. These include:

- Stress
- Frustration
- Increased homesickness
- Loneliness
- Withdrawal
- Impatience
- Judgment (about the new culture)

Do not be alarmed by these feelings. Many of our Wheaton Students study abroad for a semester or an academic year and most of them experience similar feelings in their new host cultures. While these may be challenging in the beginning, learning to navigate through this experience often gives students a great sense of confidence.

Some students do not experience these feelings at all. You may find that you may experience various levels of culture shock. It is especially helpful if you seek support during this period of adaptation.

Suggestions for dealing with culture shock:

- Learn as much as you can about the American Culture through discussions with your fellow classmates and hosts.

- Learn your way around (not just on campus) and explore the new environment – Boston and Providence are both within a commutable distance of Wheaton College.

- Visit local museums, parks, etc.

- Stay healthy and be active – try out the Haas Athletic Center and the Pappas fitness center and keep a regular eating schedule!

- Take part in on-campus events and join at least one campus club that interests you.

- Keep a journal of your experiences, the new slang you’ve learned, etc.
• Keep in touch with your family and friends at home (but not too often...this will make it more difficult to become immersed in dorm-life, campus-life, etc.) A good suggestion is to set a time and day with your family/friends that you get in touch each week (i.e. every Tuesday at 5PM).

• Try to have a positive outlook and remain optimistic.

• Remember to make time for yourself to unwind when the semester gets overwhelming.

Your perspective from your home culture – the way you think – and the perspective from the new culture combine to help you create a new way of seeing, experiencing, and interpreting the world!
UNDERSTANDING AND ACCLIMATING TO AMERICAN CULTURE

The Center for Global Education understands that acclimating into American culture is not an easy goal to accomplish. Every state within the United States can provide a unique experience for anyone, even for people who already live here permanently. Massachusetts is located in the Northeast which is a relatively liberal part of the United States. For more information about understanding Boston and its surrounding areas, check out this section regarding "Understanding US American Culture, Values, and Beliefs".

It includes how to address people professionally and personally, greetings, slang, idioms, jargon, tipping, general concepts of life and American holidays. It will talk about the use of sarcasm, which to some may be a new concept.

Let us take an example involving introductions, greetings and the concept of personal space.

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Introductions, Greetings, and Personal Space

It is customary and expected that when you are introduced to someone you will shake hands with them, this applies to both men and women. If you are uncertain, you can wait to see if someone extends a hand to you and you can then respond. An appropriate response to an introduction is “It’s nice to meet you.” If you want to introduce yourself to someone, extend your right hand for a handshake and say “Hello, my name is…” Some Americans greet each other with a hug, if they are well acquainted. If you do not wish to be hugged, extend your hand quickly for a handshake.

People may also say, when introduced, “How are you?” The common responses are: “Fine thank you and how are you?”, or “I am well, how are you?” When Americans part they might say “good-bye” or they might say “see you soon” or “see you later.” This does not necessarily mean that there is an intention to see you again; rather it is another way of saying “good-bye.” In passing, Americans may also say, “Hey, how are you?” or “What’s up?” This is a quick greeting with no expectation of a long conversation but rather a short answer of “Hey” or “good.”

The average personal distance varies from culture to culture. Americans tend to require more personal space than in other cultures. If you try to get too close to an American during your conversation, he or she will feel that you are “in their face” and will try to back away. Try to avoid physical contact while you are speaking, since this may lead to discomfort. Touching is a bit too intimate for casual acquaintances. Don’t put your arm around their shoulder, touch their face, or hold their hand unless you have already established this type of closeness with the person. Since you will encounter many different cultures at Wheaton, it is best to wait and see what the person does first.
EXPLORING THE AREA

Wheaton College is in close to Boston, Massachusetts & Providence, Rhode Island. You will notice that Wheaton schedules trips to events in both locations. These trips are often advertised in the Balfour-Hood Student Center. They usually require advance registration or ticket purchases. When you see something that interests you advertised by the Office of Student Activities, Involvement & Leadership (SAIL), act right away since these trips often fill quickly! You may also want to set up a trip to explore the activities and culture that both cities have to offer with your new friends.

How to get to Boston via public transport

Take the Mansfield Connection GATRA bus (free with Wheaton ID) that leaves from Howard Street (check www.GATRA.org for schedule), and take the inbound train for Boston (check www.mbta.com for schedule). You can get off at a number of stops in Boston. The final stop and with perhaps the most convenient access to the T (subway) is South Station.

Things to do in Boston

- Suggested shopping areas: check out Newbury Street and the Prudential Center (also has a lot of restaurants).
- Visit the Boston Common, the oldest park in the United States.
- The Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) has an amazing collection of art from every period and is free when you bring your Wheaton ID.
- The Isabella Stewart Gardener Museum is an art-filled mansion open to the public-$5 for Wheaton students.
- Sign up to walk the Freedom Trail, a journey into colonial history. This walk takes 90 minutes and takes you through the historic parts of Old Boston.
- Go to a baseball game at Fenway Park.
- For 275 years, Faneuil Hall remains a site of meetings, protests, and debate right up to this very day. Because Revolutionary-era meetings and protests took place so frequently at the hall, successive generations continued to gather at the Hall in their own struggles over the meaning and legacy of American liberty. Abolitionists, women’s suffragists, and labor unionists name just the largest of groups who have held protests, meetings, and debates at Faneuil Hall. It is located in the heart of Boston.
An aerial view of the city of Boston.

**How to get to Providence via public transport**

Take the Mansfield GATRA bus that leaves from Howard Street and take the outbound train to Providence (check [www.mbta.com](http://www.mbta.com)). The train station is directly across the street from the Rhode Island State House and the Providence Place mall.

You can also get to Providence via GATRA, though they don’t leave as frequently and take longer. Take the inbound Route 18 bus to Taunton/Bloom Bus terminal. From there, take the Route 19 GATRA bus all the way to the last stop - Kennedy Plaza in Providence—a couple blocks from the Providence Place mall and very close to the Cityside Skate Park and AS220 Gallery.

**Things to do in Providence**

- Visit the **Providence Place Mall** for restaurants, a movie theater (and a huge IMAX theater), and tons of stores. Get a complete list of stores at [http://www.providenceplacemall.com](http://www.providenceplacemall.com)

- Visit **Thayer Street** on the Upper East Side. They have shopping, inexpensive food (try Antonio’s), and an independent movie theater- the Avon.

- The Rhode Island School of Design or **RISD Museum** (pronounced RIZ-DEE) has one of the best small art museums in the world with art spanning from Ancient Greek sculptures to Monet to modern photographic works. It’s up on the East Side—Benefit Street—not too far from the train station. With a Wheaton ID, it’s usually free or $3.00.

- **Providence Performing Arts Center (PPAC)** ([https://www.ppacri.org/](https://www.ppacri.org/)) is a multi-use theater located in downtown Providence. It provides entertainment from around the world including Broadway theatricals and local shows.

- **Roger Williams Zoo** ([https://www.rwpzoo.org/](https://www.rwpzoo.org/)) is one of the oldest zoos in the country and it is open year round. Home to over 160 different types of animals.
- **Waterfire** ([https://waterfire.org/about/](https://waterfire.org/about/)) happens in downtown Providence every year during the summer and fall. The river is transformed by eighty six anchored burning braziers (each with approximately 33 pieces of wood) that float just above the surface of the rivers that flow through Providence. The public is invited to come and walk the riverfront and enjoy the beauty of the flickering firelight, the fragrant scent of aromatic wood smoke, and the music from around the world.

A panorama shot of Providence from the Atlantic Ocean

An aerial view of the Industry National Bank Building, also known as the “Superman building.”
ROOMMATES?

Something that is very common at colleges and universities in the US and perhaps not so common at universities overseas is the concept of a “roommate” or “roommates”. The roommate experience can be a very interesting part of a student’s first year at college. Since many American students are used to having their own rooms at home, in many cases this is the first time for them to be sharing a room as well. Sometimes students find that they become great friends with their roommates. Other times, they find that they just end up sharing a room and maybe see each other very little on campus as they find that they have developed friendships with different people.

Having a successful time as a roommate requires compromise and good communication. There may be differences regarding bedtimes, visitors to the room, playing music or personal hygiene. In addition to trying to negotiate compromises directly with your roommate, you may seek help from the Resident Assistant, Head Resident or even the Area Coordinator. Given the values of liberal arts institutions like Wheaton College, the experience derived from on-campus living is an important component of the overall college experience. The college years are a time of significant growth and development, and a successful experience in the residence halls is as important for your personal growth and development as is your classroom experience.

Here is a photo collage of the different dormitories houses available on campus.
DID YOU FORGET SOMETHING? WHAT DID YOU NOT BRING?

Do not worry! You may realize that you didn’t bring everything that you needed to start the school year and that is ok. Please keep in mind that the following tips:

- Do not pack everything you own into your suitcase
- Having overweight luggage is expensive
- You can always buy it again

Here is a list of things you might want for your room and where you can get them:

Flip-flops/sandals for the shower
Laundry bag
Shower caddy
A mug/cup
Clock radio
Extension cord
Surge protector
Desk lamp
Storage container
A mattress pad for your bed

Where to get them?

Bed Bath and Beyond or Macys at the Providence Place Mall, various home goods stores in the Emerald Square Mall, Target or Wal-Mart. But remember that everything you buy, you have to carry back! Most of these items can be ordered online as well, but it will cost extra to ship.

How to get to Walmart or Emerald Square Mall via public transport
Take the outbound Attleboro/Norton/Taunton GATRA Route 18 bus from in front of the Norton Post Office and take it until the Attleboro Bus Shelter stop. From there, take the outbound (Route 12 bus) until the Walmart or Emerald Square Mall stop. You can also take Route 10 bus to the Emerald Square from the Attleboro Shelter. (Check www.gatra.org for schedules.)

How to get to Target or the Silver City Galleria Mall
Take the inbound Attleboro/Norton/Taunton Gatra Route 18 bus from in front of the Norton Post Office to the Taunton Bloom bus terminal. From there, take the Route 3 bus to the Silver City Galleria or Target. (Check www.gatra.org for schedules.)

The Wheaton Bookstore and CVS/Walgreens (just down the street) also have various items for schoolwork like notebooks, pens, pencils, etc. They also have small corkboards, dry erase boards, and a small variety of desk lamps and clock radios.

*There will be a Target trip during Orientation for students to purchase their own supplies.
MONEY & BANKING

These banks, Santander, Bank of America and North Easton, will be available on-campus during Pre-Orientation at the Resource Fair.

To open an account, you will need to go to the bank with your passport and immigration documents but you will be able to speak to a representative on the morning of the resources fair. Many Wheaton Students use North Easton Savings Bank since it is within walking distance of campus.

ATMs (Automated Teller Machines) are widespread in the US. There is one located in Balfour-Hood Student Center, which allows students the convenience of not having to leave campus to withdraw funds. Do note that each transaction at an ATM charges you around $1.50 - $3.00 (subject to change). The most widely used and accepted cards in the US are Visa and MasterCard.

TELEPHONE AND INTERNET USAGE

During International Student Orientation, students will have the option of purchasing a cell phone from providers. There will be representatives from AT&T, Verizon, Sprint and T-Mobile.

All Wheaton students are provided with telephone & Wi-Fi Internet access in their dorm rooms. Long distance and International calls can be very expensive so we highly recommend purchasing a calling card at one of the local convenience stores or online. Students also tend to use free calling and messaging apps such as LINE, WhatsApp, WeChat, Facebook Messenger and KakaoTalk for communication.

If you decide to purchase a cell phone you should be very careful about determining whether or not you want to sign a contract (you are often given a large discount on the phone purchase when you sign up for a 2-year agreement) because if you plan on going home each summer you will still need to pay for the monthly service fees. Pay-as-you-go cell phones are also available in stores, however these phones typically cost much more per minute than do monthly cell phone plans.

There are Verizon Wireless, AT&T, Sprint and T-Mobile stores in Mansfield Crossing. AT&T has very good service in this area and one of the cheapest plans ($45/month with unlimited calls, texts and data - however these change every now and then so make sure to ask about all the options once you go to the store). There are also Verizon Wireless stores at both the Emerald Square Mall and the Providence Place Mall. Be sure to ask if there are any back-to-school or student discounts!
EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Wheaton's Public Safety Department has a staff of 19 full-time employees who 24 hour protection and emergency services for the Wheaton community. The department's administrative office at 30 Taunton Avenue handles parking registration, lost and found, identification cards and other business matters.

Public Safety officers receive extensive training in law, crisis management, crime prevention, investigative procedures, fire safety and other security issues. They are empowered as special state police officers and have the same authority as municipal police. All officers are trained in CPR and first aid procedures, and several are certified as emergency medical technicians. The department offers a rape aggression defense course that is conducted by trained instructors.

The Public Safety staff patrols academic and residential facilities, provides fire and emergency services, assists individuals who are locked out of their rooms, and conducts safety education programs. Students may contact the department for an escort when safety is a concern, and emergency telephones are located throughout campus and in parking lots.

Calling Public Safety
Emergency on campus: x3333
Emergency from off campus: (508) 285-5051
Business: x8213 or (508) 286-8213

Emergency Calls
Norton Police: 911 – or – (508)-285-3300
Norton Fire: 911 – or - (508) 285–0248
Norton Ambulance: 911

DRUGS & ALCOHOL

Wheaton College regulations as well as U.S. laws prohibit the consumption of alcohol prior to age 21 as well as the distribution of alcohol to those under 21. Please note that as an international student at Wheaton College, if you are convicted of any crime or illegal act, however minor it might seem, it will be registered in your SEVIS record and USCIS may remove you the United States and deny any possibility of obtaining a US Visa in the future.

Possession, distribution, or use of illegal drugs or controlled substances is prohibited by Wheaton College as well as by US law. Possession, distribution, or use of such substances is also grounds for conviction and removal for the US.

Remember that you are guests of Wheaton College and that while certain things may be permissible outside the United States, you must adhere to the laws while you are in the United States.

Please refer to the Drug and Alcohol policies for more information. They can be found under the Policy section at https://wheatoncollege.edu/policies/
WHEATON HONOR CODE & STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM

Wheaton accepts and encourages individuality while also affirming the community dimensions of college life. The Honor Code (highlighted below) describes each individual's responsibility as a member of the Wheaton community:

As members of the Wheaton community, we commit ourselves to act honestly, responsibly, and above all, with honor and integrity in all areas of campus life. We are accountable for all that we say and write. We are responsible for the academic integrity of our work. We pledge that we will not misrepresent our work nor give or receive unauthorized aid. We commit ourselves to behave in a manner which demonstrates concern for the personal dignity, rights and freedoms of all members of the community. We are respectful of college property and the property of others. We will not tolerate a lack of respect for these values.

I accept responsibility to maintain the Honor Code at all times. It’s who we are.

Students who have violated the requirements of the Honor Code, or who have reason to believe that others have violated the academic or social provisions of the code, should report themselves, confront others and encourage them to report themselves, or report violations or alleged violations either to the chair of the College Hearing Board or to the Dean of Students.

It is important to understand that Wheaton College students wrote the Honor Code and that it is not there to get anyone into trouble. Its aim is to maintain integrity and honesty, and provide a life in a trustworthy environment. It also applies to all of the aspects of social life, not just academics.

ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITY

The rights and responsibilities that accompany academic freedom are at the heart of the intellectual integrity of the college. Plagiarism will not be tolerated in any form. Examinations at Wheaton are not proctored. All students are responsible for the integrity of their examination papers and for the integrity of the work of others taking examinations. Plagiarism can take many forms, such as the passing off of someone else's work as your own, to the hiring of someone else to write a paper or take an examination. The following examples serve to illustrate the most common forms of plagiarism.

- Submitting papers, examinations or assignments written by others is perhaps the most blatant form of plagiarism.
- Word-for-word copying of portions of another's writing without enclosing the copied passage in quotation marks and acknowledging the source in the appropriate scholarly convention is equally unacceptable.
- The use of a particularly unique term or concept that one has come across in reading without acknowledging the author or source, while less blatant, is also a form of plagiarism.
- The paraphrasing or abbreviated restatement of someone else's ideas without acknowledging that another person's text has been the basis for the paraphrasing is a form of academic dishonesty.
- False citation: Material should not be attributed to a source from which it has not been obtained.
- False data: Data that has been fabricated or altered in a laboratory or experiment, although not literally plagiarism, is clearly a form of academic fraud.
USEFUL INFORMATION TO KNOW

Units of Measurement

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Temperature Conversion

While most of the world uses Centigrade (also called Celsius) to measure the weather, in the U.S. the system is Fahrenheit. To convert Centigrade to degrees in Fahrenheit, you multiply the Centigrade by 1.8 (or 9/5) and add 32. To convert Fahrenheit to degrees in Centigrade, you subtract 32 from the Fahrenheit and divide by 1.8 (or 5/9). Occasionally you will see or hear the outside temperature in both systems.

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CONTACT INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

The following information is meant to help you answer questions that you may have between now and your arrival at Wheaton. Feel free to contact these offices directly.

**Office of Admission**
Questions about merit scholarships and submitting your final high school transcript
Email: admission@wheatoncollege.edu
Phone: 508-286-8251
Fax: 508-286-8271
wheatoncollege.edu/admission

**Campus Mail Services**
Questions about your Wheaton mailbox and about shipping items to Wheaton in advance of your arrival
Contact: Fran Weldon, Supervisor
Email: postoff@wheatoncollege.edu
Phone: 508-286-3824
Fax: 508-286-3830
wheatoncollege.edu/office-campus-mail-services

**Center for Global Education**
Questions about I-20 student visa form, visa application (non-U.S. citizens only), and arrival and transportation to Wheaton for international student pre-orientation
Contact: Desnee Stevens, Associate Director of International Student Services
Email: globaled@wheatoncollege.edu
Phone: 508-286-5246
Fax: 508-286-4975
wheatoncollege.edu/global

**Counseling Center**
Questions about workshops and individual counseling services available on campus
Contact: Valerie Tobia, Director of Counseling and Health Services
Phone: 508-286-3905
wheatoncollege.edu/counseling-center

**Filene Center for Academic Advising and Career Services**
Questions regarding course selection, summer reading, First-Year Seminar selections, disability services, AP/IB/A-Level and other forms of advanced standing credit
Email: advising@wheatoncollege.edu
Phone: 508-286-8215
Fax: 508-286-5621
wheatoncollege.edu/advising

**Office of Student Health Services**
Questions about required immunizations, health forms, health insurance and medical care available on campus
Contact: Valerie Tobia, LICSW, MPH
Director of Counseling and Health Services
Email: tobia_valerie@wheatoncollege.edu
wheatoncollege.edu/health

**Marshall Center for Intercultural Learning**
Questions regarding the intercultural pre-orientation program
Contact: Raquel Ramos, Associate Dean
Email: ramos_raquel@wheatoncollege.edu
Phone: 508-286-3534
wheatoncollege.edu/intercultural

**Office of the Registrar**
Questions about transfer credit evaluation
Contact: Liz Ziroli, Associate Registrar
Email: ziroli_z@wheatoncollege.edu
Phone: (508) 286-8247
Fax: (508) 286-8276
wheatoncollege.edu/registrar

**Office of Residential Life**
Questions regarding housing questionnaires and roommate assignments
Contact: Ed Burnett, Associate Director of Residential Life
Email: burnett_edward@wheatoncollege.edu
Phone: 508-286-8214
Fax: 508-286-3870
wheatoncollege.edu/residential-life

**Office of Student Activities, Involvement and Leadership (SAIL)**
Questions about CORE (Campus Orientation and Registration Experience)
Contact: Nicole Lombardi, Associate Director of SAIL
Email: sail@wheatoncollege.edu
Phone: 508-286-8222
Fax: 508-286-3870
wheatoncollege.edu/sail

**Office of Student Financial Services**
Questions about billing, payments, need-based financial aid, loans and on-campus employment
Email: sfs@wheatoncollege.edu
Phone: 508-286-8232
Fax: 508-286-3787
wheatoncollege.edu/sfs

**Technology Support**
Questions about computer technology at Wheaton (your Wheaton email account, Wheaton ID, password and access to insideWheaton), tech support, computer and software sales
Email: support@wheatoncollege.edu
Phone: 508-286-3900
Fax: 508-286-5622
wheatoncollege.edu/technology