

# SOAR

Student Online Advising and Registration  
Virtual Orientation for Distance Learners



WRIGHT STATE  
*UNIVERSITY*



**Welcome to SOAR Online! We are excited to welcome you to the WSU community. This 10 minute online presentation will assist you with becoming familiar with information regarding campus resources and assist you with making a smooth transition to Wright State University.**

**Welcome to the PACK!**

# Wright State University Mission

Wright State University will be a catalyst for educational excellence in the Miami Valley, meeting the need for an educated citizenry dedicated to lifelong learning and service. To those ends, as a metropolitan university, Wright State will provide: access to scholarship and learning; economic and technological development; leadership in health, education, and human services; cultural enhancement, and international understanding while fostering collegial involvement and responsibility for continuous improvement of education and research.

# SOAR Online Mission

The mission of SOAR Online is to facilitate the transition of newly admitted first-year undergraduate students into Wright State University by preparing them for WSU's educational opportunities and by welcoming new students into the diverse Wright State University community.

# GOALS OF SOAR

- To provide programs and services for new first-year undergraduate students and their families that address the process of transition and introduce them to broad curricular and co-curricular opportunities.
- To assist students in identifying strengths, intended majors, appropriate Learning Communities, and any necessary interventions to support them in successfully completing their first year at Wright State University.
- To provide information regarding campus technology, offices and departments, including the academic colleges, in orienting new students.
- To actively engage current students and faculty in the process of welcoming new students into the Wright State University community.

# During the SOAR program you will:

- Meet your academic advisor who will serve as your guide throughout your first year and begin to assist you through the process of successfully getting into an appropriate academic major in a timely fashion.
- Receive information about academic and campus requirements, policies and procedures.
- Select a Learning Community and register for classes using **STAR** (Student Telephone Advising and Registration @ 937-775-5750).



# During the SOAR program you will also:



- Connect with resources and services on campus that are available to help you succeed.
- Interact with faculty, staff, and current students.
- Become acquainted with the Wright State University campus.

# Welcome!

# Class of 2010





**University College**

# University College

Enhancing Your Success

## Welcome!

The University College offers a multitude of services to assist students in meeting their academic goals. These services include academic advising, developmental education, learning communities and a comprehensive first-year experience, tutoring, math learning assistance, standardized and placement testing, new student orientation, the McLin Scholars program and a University College student council.



<http://www.wright.edu/uc/>

# Meet the University College Staff

The University College staff welcome you to Wright State University. We are eager to help you succeed. Please contact us for assistance.



<http://www.wright.edu/uc/staff/>

# Academic Advising Center

Academic Advising and Transfer Services is the home for nearly all first-year students as well as many transfer, returning and adult students.

## The Academic Advising Center:

- Provides academic advising for direct from high school, transfer, returning, distance learners, adult and continuing students.
- Helps first-year students adjust to college.
- Instructs First-Year Seminars.



<http://www.wright.edu/uc/aac/current.html>

# Academic Support Services

Virtually all undergraduate students begin their academic careers in the **University College** which provides:

- Academic advising for students until they meet requirements for entering their majors
- Articulation agreements with 2-year institutions to ensure smooth transfer to WSU
- Developmental Education for students who need to strengthen their skills in basic writing and mathematics before taking more difficult core coursework
- First Year Experience programs to assist new students in transitioning to university life and experiencing success in their first year of college
- Learning Communities to help new students meet friends and "study buddies" quickly

<http://www.wright.edu/dl/support.html>

# Online Tutoring Services

<http://www.math.com/>

<http://www.quickmath.com/>

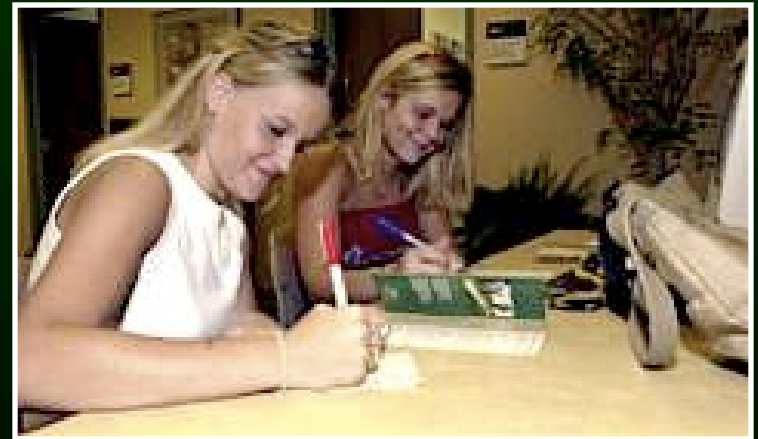
<http://www.sosmath.com/>

<http://hmchem.cubicsci.com/>

<http://www.smarthinking.com/>

<http://www.back2college.com/library/tutor.htm>

<http://www.realtimetutor.com/>



<http://www.wright.edu/uc/tutor/>

# University Writing Center

Online Feedback

<http://www.wright.edu/academics/writingctr/resources/feedback.html>

Academic Writing

<http://www.wright.edu/academics/writingctr/resources/academicwriting.html>

Guidebook for College Composition

[http://www.wright.edu/cola/Dept/eng/wswwwweb/guide/GB\\_toc.htm](http://www.wright.edu/cola/Dept/eng/wswwwweb/guide/GB_toc.htm)

What is an Academic Paper?

[http://www.dartmouth.edu/~writing/materials/student/ac\\_paper/what.shtml](http://www.dartmouth.edu/~writing/materials/student/ac_paper/what.shtml)



<http://www.wright.edu/academics/writingctr/>

# First Year Experience

The First Year Experience (FYE) programs assist new students in their transition to university life.

SOAR

<http://www.wright.edu/admit/soar/>

Off Site Placement Testing

<http://www.wright.edu/uc/test/placement.html>

First Weekend

<http://www.wright.edu/admit/firstweekend.html>



# Deciding On Your Major

What can I do with a major in?

<http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/>

Career Services Online Course LA 201

<http://career.wright.edu/student/careerexploration/la201/index.html>

What are the popular occupations for the future

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

Undergraduate majors at Wright State

<http://www.wright.edu/majors/>

Princeton Career Review Quiz [http://www.princetonreview.com/cte/quiz/career\\_quiz1.asp](http://www.princetonreview.com/cte/quiz/career_quiz1.asp)

# Learning Communities

Learning Communities help new students to make friends quickly and get connected with other distance learning students.



Contact your advisor if you are interested in hearing more information about learning communities for Distance Learners

[uccollege-advisor@wright.edu](mailto:uccollege-advisor@wright.edu)

# The High School-College Transition

High School	College
Classes were generally small with a lot of instructor-student interaction	Classes are larger, more complex, and more impersonal
Your parents and teachers made sure you were in school every day	Attendance may be up to you
Tests and quizzes were given regularly to check your understanding of the material	College instructors give fewer tests
Parents and teachers gave a lot of guidance	Nobody treats you like a kid anymore
Reading assignments were generally short	You have to do much more reading now
Good grades were often easy to get, if you paid attention in class	Good grades are hard to get and require a lot of study
You had known many of your classmates for years	Your college classmates may be more diverse

# Helpful Tips for Distance Learners

- Check your email regularly (at least once a day)
- When working on a group project, e-mail copies of all project-related materials to the entire group
- Become familiar with the resources available to you, including online help, tutorials, manuals, course syllabi, assignment directions, and the Internet
- Monitor your progress by keeping track of grades on assignments



# More Tips for Distance Learners

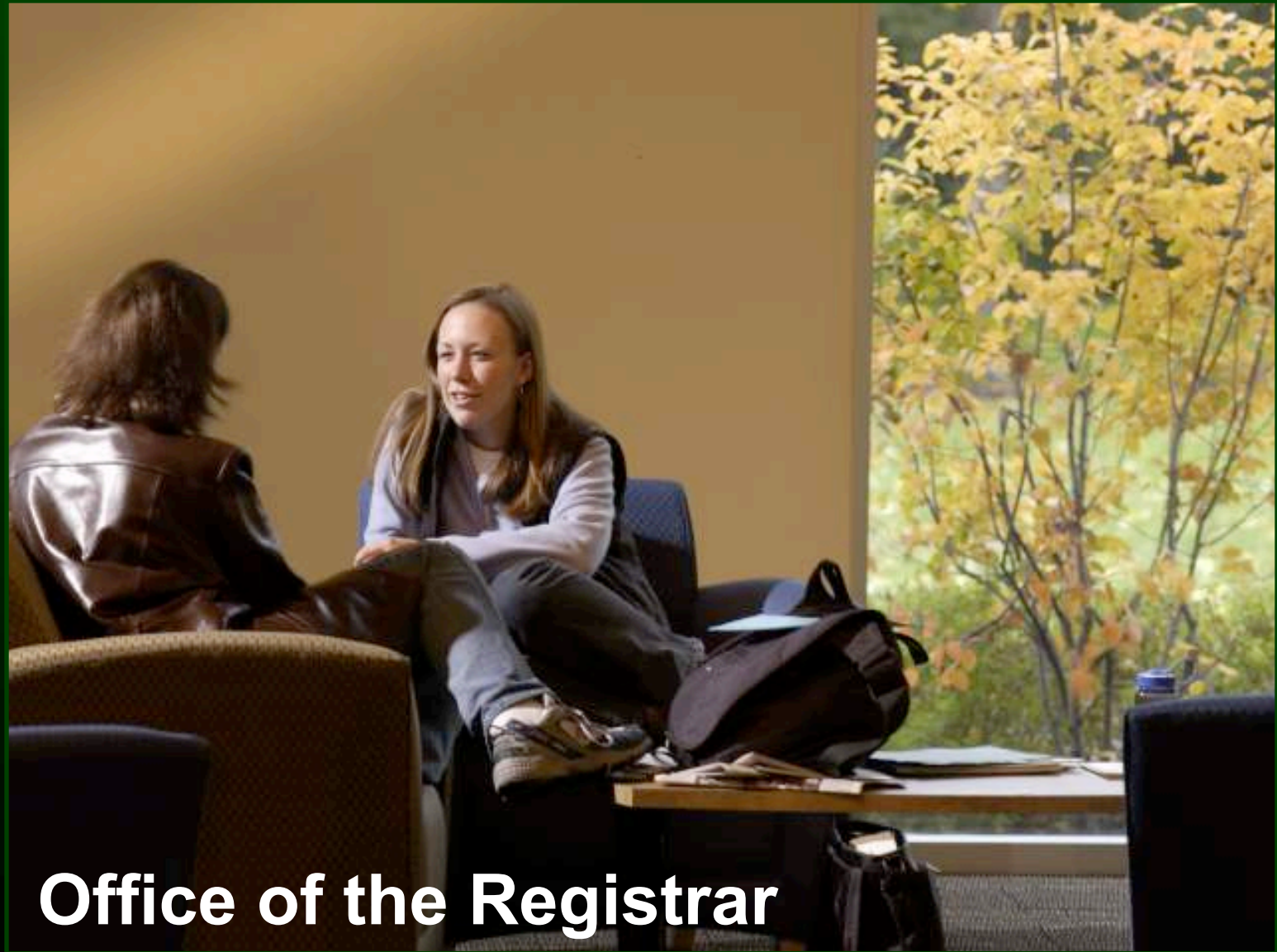
- Create a calendar to keep track of upcoming assignments
- Maintain communication with your instructor and classmates
- Take advantage of campus resources and support systems available in the event you experience academic or personal difficulty.



# “Great Expectations”



**Campus Resources for Distance Learners**



## Office of the Registrar

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## What is Registration?

Registration, simply put, is the process of signing up for the classes you wish to take each quarter.



# What Does The Registrar Do?

- Manages registration in classes each quarter
- Posts grades and maintain transcripts
- Hears residency and refund appeals
- Verifies and posts degrees
- Distributes diplomas
- Processes address changes and enrollment verifications



<http://www.wright.edu/registrar/>



# Registration and Payment

You may register for classes by accessing **WINGS Express** or in person at the registration window at the Office of the Registrar, E244 Student Union.

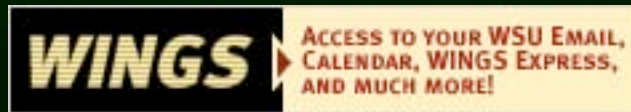


For **WINGS EXPRESS** resources visit the link below:

<http://www.wright.edu/wrc/>



You will need your **username**  
and **password** to access **WINGS**



<http://www.wright.edu/wrc/wingsfaq.html>



# Keeping on track

## Communication is essential!

FERPA - (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act)

<http://www.wright.edu/registrar/general.html#family>

Keep addresses current

<http://www.wright.edu/registrar/general.html#address>

Distance Learning

<http://www.wright.edu/registrar/general.html#distance>

Be aware of Drop Deadlines

<http://www.wright.edu/registrar/general.html#attendance>



# Additional Information

[www.wright.edu](http://www.wright.edu)

## Undergraduate Catalog

<http://www.wright.edu/catalog>

## Student Handbook

<http://www.wright.edu/students/handbook/>



# The Office of the Bursar

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WINGS Express (via WINGS) - pay fees online and review electronic billing statements

- Quarterly Fees
- Fee Schedule Due Dates
- Student Installment Payment Plan
- Fee Payment Policies
- Direct Deposit Information
- Pre-Loan Counseling
- Wright 1 Card
- Educational Tax Credits & Incentives
- WSU Financial Aid Site
- Additional Financial Aid Links



<http://www.wright.edu/admissions/bursar/>



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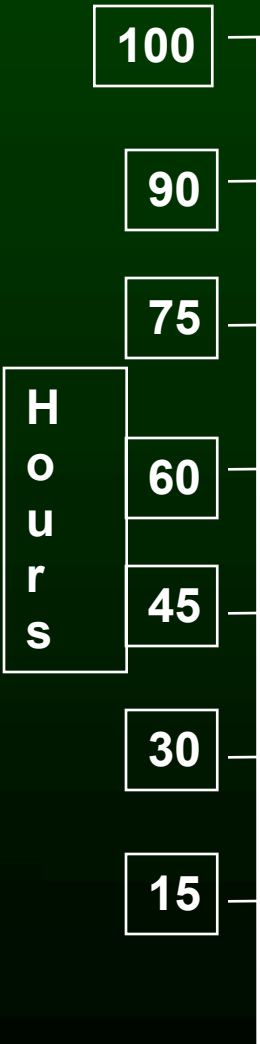
**Assists students in achieving their educational goals through a high quality, enhanced university experience. Facets of this office include:**

- Leadership Initiatives
- Alcohol and Other Drug Education and Prevention
- Commuter Student Services
- Off-Campus Housing
- Student Organizations
- Peer Health Education
- Student Government
- Student Media
- Social Fraternities and Sororities and Much More...



**<http://www.wright.edu/studentactivities/>**

# A Student's Typical Week at College



In Class



Studying



Free Time



168 Total Hours In A Week

Student  
Media-  
Guardian,  
WWSU, Nexus



Get Involved



**the Guardian**  
Wright State University's student newspaper



Over 130 clubs/  
organizations

Greek letter fraternities  
& sororities





**Paul Laurence Dunbar Library**

# Library Access and Resources

## Library information and services include:

- Advice for the successful distance learner
- Libraries' web site
- Connecting from Home (Off-Campus)
- Getting the Books & Articles You Need
- Ask a Librarian
- Library Tutorials
- Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL)  
Distance Learning From Wright State
- Computing and Telecommunications  
Services (CaTS) Distance Learning
- WebCT



<http://www.libraries.wright.edu/services/distlearn/>



## Course Information

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Signing Up for Distance Learning

<http://www.wright.edu/dl/signup.htm>

Courses Offered Online

<http://www.wright.edu/dl/list.html>

Degrees Offered Online

<http://www.wright.edu/dl/degrees.html>





# Computing and Telecom Services

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Technical Support and Requirements

<http://www.wright.edu/dl/techreq.html>

Computing and Telecom Services

<http://www.wright.edu/cats/>

Student Computing Guide

<http://www.wright.edu/cats/guides/>

*WINGS*

<http://luminis1.wright.edu/cp/home/loginf>



The Help Desk is your first step in resolving computing issues. Contact them at 775-4827, toll-free at 1-888-775-4827, or visit in 025 Library Annex.

<http://www.wright.edu/cats/>



**WSU Bookstore**

# Wright State University Bookstore

Online Textbook Ordering System

<http://www.campusstores.com/wright/index.asp>

Shop WSU Merchandise Online

<http://wright.bkstore.com/default.asp?m=0301>

- Textbooks
- Buyback Information - Cash for Books!
- Textbook Pricing Information
- Jobs at the Bookstore
- Graduation Information



[http://  
wright.bkstore.com/](http://wright.bkstore.com/)



# Undergraduate Colleges

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## University College

<http://www.wright.edu/uc/>

## Raj Soin College of Business

<http://www.wright.edu/rscob/>

## College of Education and Human Services

<http://www.cehs.wright.edu/>

## College of Engineering and Computer Science

<http://www.cs.wright.edu/>

## College of Liberal Arts

<http://www.wright.edu/cola/>

## College of Nursing and Health

<http://www.nursing.wright.edu/>

## College of Science and Mathematics

<http://www.wright.edu/cosm/>





# Student Legal Services

# ***STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES, INC.***

An on-campus law office which provides legal services to assist students in resolving legal problems enabling them to benefit from their educational opportunities.

## **Services provided include:**

- Representation in and out of Court
- Advice
- Education

## **•Scope of services:**

- Landlord-Tenant Matters
- Consumer Matters
- Misdemeanor Criminal Cases
- Traffic Cases
- Family Matters and Wills
- Miscellaneous Matters



**<http://www.wright.edu/students/legal/>**



**Center for Counseling and Wellness**

# CENTER FOR COUNSELING AND WELLNESS SERVICES

The center provides Psychological Services (CPS) offers a warm, relaxed, and confidential place to talk. Issues that may be addressed include:

- Relationship Problems
- Test Anxiety
- Athletic & Academic Performance Enhancement
- Procrastination & Time Management
- Low Self-Esteem
- Loss & Grief Issues
- Depression
- Eating Disorders
- Panic & Anxiety
- Family Conflict
- Alcohol & Drug Problems
- Psychological Assessment
- Sexual Abuse
- Career Indecision
- Learning Disability Testing & Assessment
- Physical Abuse/
- Domestic Violence



<http://www.wright-counseling.com/>



# Wright Financial Path

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The Wright Financial Path is a debt counseling service sponsored by the Department of Finance and Financial Services of the Raj Soin College of Business. The program is designed so that students are helping other students to better understand debt management issues.

- Budgeting
- Credit card terms and conditions
- Credit reports and how to manage credit ratings
- Debt management



<http://www.wright.edu/studentorgs/wfp/>



**Congratulations!** You have successfully completed the Wright State University **SOAR Online Virtual Orientation**. We hope you found the presentation to be helpful. Feel free to access this site at any time to review the information.

