



Freshman Connection – Two Day Program 2025

May 21-22, May 28-29, July 9-10 -- 2025 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

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

Vic's in the Student Union



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

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

Vic's in the Student Union

8:00 PM

FYI Challenge

Student Union

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

University Place 1 (UP1) 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!

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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, Lucile M. Hendrick 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, President's 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:
Campus Resources (pick one)**

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

Join the Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center (WRAC), as we explore the "do's and don'ts" of a healthy lifestyle. You don't want to miss this interactive and eye-opening program. Come learn what the WRAC has to offer you.

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. Discussions include information on how to qualify, set up and gather information around classroom accommodations.

Finding Your Circle: Making Meaningful Connections

Student Union, Room 321

Making lasting friendships is one of the rewards of attending college. Connecting with others increases a student's sense of belonging and satisfaction with their college experience. In this session, you will learn tips from Counseling Services that you can use to form meaningful connections with others.

Unlocking Success: The Power of Living Learning Communities

Student Union, President's Room

You may have heard that college is about "learning to live" on your own, but what about "Living to Learn"? Come join our Resident Mentors for games and prizes and learn more about Elevate-U, LLC Residential Communities and how they can be your "key" to success.

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!

Dining like a Demon

Student Union, Hendrick Room

NSU Campus Dining hosts snack time while discussing meal plans, special events, and job opportunities as well as a sneak peek at our new and renovated locations. Want to truly get the most out of your meal plan? Learn how to dine like a demon!

11:00 AM - 11:45 PM: Campus Involvement (pick one)

President's Leadership Program: Making an Impact Through Service

Student Union, Ballroom

Ready to level up your leadership with the President's Leadership Program? In this hands-on session, you'll discover how community service can supercharge your leadership skills! This session includes fun activities, big ideas, and group challenges that show how leading with heart can create real change.

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Lead the Way in Your First Year: Student Government & University Programming Council!

Student Union, Cane River Room

Discover how you can make an impact on campus through joining one of our two governing bodies: Student Government and the University Programming Council! Learn about leadership opportunities, event planning, making a difference on campus, and how to get involved in shaping campus life. Join us and take the first step toward making a difference!

It's All Greek to Me: Fraternity and Sorority Life at NSU

Student Union, President's Room

Curious about fraternity and sorority life? Join us for a fun and informative session where you'll learn about the values, traditions, and benefits of being part of the Greek community. Whether you're looking to get involved or just want to learn more, this session is the perfect introduction to everything Greek Life has to offer, and let's find your next set of letters at NSU!

It's Game Time: NSide the Esports Lounge

Student Union, Esports Lounge, First Floor

Check-out one of the largest Esports Venues in Louisiana. The venue offers nearly 7000 sq ft of exclusive gaming experience, designed for both competitive and recreational. Here we have a multitude of gaming options, where all gamers can find their home and place with NSU Esports

KNWD Freshman Connection: On-Air Experience

KNWD Radio Station, Kyser 109

Ever wanted to be on the radio? Here's your chance! Join KNWD at the campus radio station for a hands-on experience where you'll get to step up to the mic and go on the air. Learn how student media works, explore opportunities to get involved, and see what it's like to be part of the voice of NSU!

Lead, Learn, and Serve: Minor in Military Science with Army ROTC

Student Union, Room 320

Join us for an informative session about the Army ROTC program and discover how it can shape your future. You'll learn about team building, confidence, and leadership development, as well as the scholarships and career opportunities available to you. Don't miss out on this chance to explore how ROTC can enhance your college experience and future career!

12:00 PM – 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.

