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Winona State University

Faculty & Staff Welcome Week

August 17-21, 2026

Monday, August 17, 2026

8:15 am – 12:00 pm Leadership Workshop – *by invitation*
Kryzsko Commons Ballroom

8:00 am – 11:30 am New Faculty Orientation (Day 2) – *by invitation*
Kryzsko Commons Solarium

Information for new fixed term and probationary faculty.

11:30 am – 1:30 pm WSU Employee Appreciation Luncheon – Bring your WSU ID card!
Jack Kane Dining Hall
All faculty and staff are welcome.

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm All University Faculty and Staff Welcome
Harriet Johnson Auditorium, Somsen
<https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/99640673661>
Password: welcome

President Kenneth Janz Keynote Address and Introduction of New Faculty, Staff, and Administrators

All faculty and staff are welcome.

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm College Meetings

College of Business – Engagement Center (Somsen)
College of Education – Cathedral 016 (Auditorium)
College of Liberal Arts – Performing Arts Center Recital Hall
College of Nursing & Health Sciences – Stark 103
College of Science & Engineering – Science Lab Center 120

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Tuesday, August 18, 2026

9:00 am – 10:30 am School of Graduate Studies Meeting

Maxwell 257 and Zoom (<https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/99990600147>)

Meeting ID: 999 9060 0147

Passcode: welcome

All graduate faculty and staff are encouraged to attend.

9:00 am – 2:00 pm Concurrent Enrollment Kickoff Event SLC Atrium

Join us for the inaugural Winona State University Concurrent Enrollment Kickoff as we launch a new partnership initiative designed to strengthen collaboration between secondary and postsecondary education. This special event will bring together school administrators, counselors, superintendents, high school faculty, and Winona State faculty to celebrate the start of our Concurrent Enrollment program and explore opportunities to expand access to high-quality college experiences for high school students. Participants will engage in discussions about program goals, partnership expectations, student success strategies, and future opportunities for collaboration. The event will also provide time for networking and relationship building among educational leaders committed to creating seamless pathways from high school to higher education. This invitation-only gathering marks an important step in developing strong, sustainable partnerships that support student achievement and college readiness throughout our region.

By Invitation Only

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Faculty Syllabus Workshop

Maxwell 158 and Zoom / <https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/91228078502>

Want to brush up on best practices for syllabi? Wondering how to include a statement about AI use in your classes? This session will provide numerous resources for faculty as they design syllabi, including ways to include Program Learning Outcomes and GEP outcomes, along with model policies from a wide range of experts.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Library Lunch! Welcome, New Faculty, Staff, and Administrators Darrell W. Krueger Library

Join us for lunch and a brief introduction to how the library supports faculty, staff, and administrators. Meet our librarian liaisons and library staff, learn about our services and resources, and find out how we can support your teaching, research, and professional success.

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Teaching Starts Here: D2L Brightspace Essentials Library 108 and Zoom ([Zoom: wsutlt](#))

New to D2L, or just need a refresher? Join us for a hands-on introduction to Winona State's learning management system, D2L Brightspace. Learn how to build your course space, communicate with students, post content, manage assignments, and avoid common pitfalls. Leave with the confidence to get your course ready for day one.

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Study Abroad Open House Somsen 101

Study Abroad has moved! Stop in to say hello, ask questions, and see our new offices in Somsen. Whether you're new or returning, we'd love to welcome you, make introductions, and reconnect.

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Wednesday, August 19, 2026

9:00 am – 10:00 am **Lights, Camera, Learning: An Introduction to Kaltura MediaSpace and Zoom**
Library 108 and Zoom ([Zoom: wsutlt](#))

Learn how to use Kaltura MediaSpace and Zoom to create engaging course videos, connect with students online, and support flexible learning. Whether you're recording lectures, holding office hours, or facilitating discussions, this workshop will help you get started with confidence.

All faculty and staff are welcome.

11:00 am – 12:00 pm **Teaching in the Age of AI**
Library 108 and Zoom ([Zoom: wsutlt](#))

Whether you're AI-skeptical, AI-curious, or already experimenting with generative tools, this workshop will help you understand what AI is, how our supported tool (Microsoft Copilot) works, and where these tools can be useful in teaching, learning, and everyday academic work.

All faculty and staff are welcome.

1:00 – 2:00 pm **Digital Accessibility Starts Here**
Library 108 and Zoom ([Zoom: wsutlt](#))

Get an introduction to digital accessibility and current accessibility expectations in higher education. This session will provide practical guidance, demonstrate accessibility tools, and connect you with resources to help make your course materials accessible for all students.

All faculty and staff are welcome.

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm **WSU-Rochester Faculty & Staff Meeting**
RCTC Science and Technology Building 110, Rochester and Zoom
<https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/91215227690>
Password 514883

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Thursday, August 20, 2026

Move-In Day!

8:00 am – 3:00 pm First Year, Transfer, International and PSEO Registration & Final Advising

8:30 am – 10:00 am Community Engagement Coffee Hour
LACE Committee, Science Lab Atrium

10:00 am – 11:00 am Teach Around the World: Beginners to Seasoned Pros
Maxwell 158 and Zoom (Meeting ID: 973 8220 5222)

Faculty-led Study Away Programs (FLPS)

Curious about developing a faculty-led study abroad program? Leading one in the upcoming year? Join us to learn more about what's involved and hear tips and stories from experienced program leaders.

All faculty and staff are welcome.

11:00 – 12:00 pm Academic Plan & Year Ahead!
Library 108 and Zoom (<https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/97414756759>)
Password: AA

Join the Provost and members of the academic leadership team for an overview and conversation about our draft Academic Plan, Reimagine Rochester, and Academic Affairs goals in the upcoming year. I look forward to sharing what's on the horizon and hearing what's on your mind as we approach a new year.

All faculty and staff are welcome.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm New Probationary and Fixed Term Intro to PDP/PDRs
Pasteur 133

Presentation by the WSU Faculty Association representatives and the College Deans about PDPs and PDRs.

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Preparing Students for the Future of Work
What Employers Say Matters Most and How WSU Can Respond
Business Engagement Center, Somsen 108

Join faculty, staff, and regional employers for a conversation about the knowledge, experiences, and durable skills that help graduates succeed as they transition from college to career. Employers will share what they're seeing across industries, where new graduates excel, and where they struggle, while participants explore how curriculum, experiential learning, internships, community engagement, and other educational experiences can better prepare students for long-term success.

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Friday, August 21, 2026

8:00 am – 3:00 pm Department Meetings/Interdisciplinary Meetings
Locations to be announced.

10:30 am – 11:00 am Graduate Assistant & Supervisor Orientation
Maxwell 158

10:50 am Faculty and Staff Applause Tunnel Outside of McCown
All faculty and staff are welcome.

11:30 am – 12:00 pm All-University New Student Welcome
McCown Gymnasium
All faculty and staff are welcome.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm All-University Welcome Lunch
Outside the Library (Rain location: Kryzsko Commons)
All faculty and staff are welcome.

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Ask Us Anything: New Faculty Open House with TLT (Teaching, Learning, and
Technology)
Library 110 and Zoom ([Zoom: wsutlt](#))

NOTE: This calendar is subject to change. Check the website for the most current version:
<https://www.winona.edu/faculty-staff/#calendars>

Questions? Contact President Office x5003 or Dana Engel at dengel@winona.edu