USU School of Veterinary Medicine
Incoming Student Orientation – Class of 2026
August 15-19, 2022

The New Student Orientation is meant to provide a means for you to become more familiar with the USU campus, the USU School of Veterinary Medicine, the faculty/staff, and your fellow classmates. It is also a time to help you finish all of the necessary preparations before classes officially start. This is considered to be your first day or start of the program so participation at orientation is required. Historically, the orientation experience (referred to as C.O.L.E.) would be an offsite, out of state experience in ID and WA. However, due to COVID-19 and other organizational changes, orientation will take place at USU and the surrounding area and will be referred to as the Aggie Wellness Experience or A.W.E. The current schedule plans for your orientation are:

DAY 1: Monday, August 15, 2022 – USU Main Campus

BLOCK 1: Introductions and Plans for the Week

8:15 – 8:45am	Sign-in; Pick-up name badges, and materials; faculty/student pictures. Snacks: juice, bagels, and doughnuts will be offered – AGRS 101 Foyer
9:00 – 10:00	Welcome and Introduction of Faculty/Staff – Dirk Vanderwall, Associate Dean Faculty
10:00 – 11:00	Orientation and Academic Program – Ralph Meyer, Associate Department Head
11:00 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – Noon	Perspectives, Plans, and Preparations for the Week – Michael Bishop
Noon – 12:50	Welcome lunch – Marketplace, USU Main
12:50 – 1:00	Return to Classroom - AGRS 101

BLOCK 2: Start of Aggie Wellness Experience (A.W.E.) - Getting to Know You

1:00 – 2:20	AGRS 101 -Welcome and introductions (25 minutes) -Brief intro to 3 main goals/objectives (insight, resilience, and community) -Why A.W.E.? (15 minutes) 'I like someone who…"
2:20 – 2:30	Break
2:30 – 3:00	Form Groups/Group Intro Activity (30 minutes)—students meet mentors by group number on NE Quad.
3:00 – 3:45	Group Name, Mascot, and Values- AGRS 101 (45 minutes)

BLOCK 3: Aggie Wellness Experience (A.W.E.) - Dinner and Networking

4:00 – 5:00	Faculty and Student and Alumni Networking – Alumni House, USU Main Campus (have faculty move around)
5:00 – 6:00	Dinner – Alumni House
6:00 – 7:00	Volleyball, spike ball, and cornhole, mentor led

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DAY 2: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 - Main Campus and USU Challenge Course

BLOCK 4: Aggie Wellness Experience (A.W.E.) - Resilience and Community

8:30	Student Check-in, turn in Challenge Course Adult Consent Form – Foyer of AGRS Snacks: juice, bagels, and doughnuts will be offered. Significant Others (S/Os are encouraged to join through lunch).
8:45 – 9:20	Ice breaker and "Speed Friending" activity (concentric circles) amongst whole group – NE Quad S/O join
9:20 – 9:35	Break
9:35 – 11:50	S/O information meeting – how to access website, resources, get to know you, panel, etc. – AGRS 101
9:35 – 10:20	Strengths Intro – Amanda and mentors Top Five Strengths, Mentor Facilitated Discussion (30 minutes) – NE Quad
10:20 – 11:50	Campus Scavenger Hunt
11:50 – 12:30	Lunch – Marketplace, USU Main S/O join for lunch.

BLOCK 5: Aggie Wellness Experience (A.W.E.) - External Awareness (Being Part of a Good Community)

12:45	Load onto Bus for Transport to USU Challenge Course – TSC turnabout
1:00 – 4:00	Ropes Course Activities – USU Challenge Course
4:00	Load onto Bus for Transport to USU
4:30 – 5:15	Dinner –pizza /salad Foyer of AGRS
5:15-7:00	Student Mentor Led Offsite Exploration of Area: Ice Cream Outing, South Farm and Dairy Farm

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DAY 3: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 – Main Campus and USU Challenge Course

BLOCK 6: Aggie Wellness Experience (A.W.E.) - Resilience (Embracing the Challenge)

8:00	Student Check-in – Foyer of AGRS Breakfast burritos
8:15 – 9:00	Wake-up Activities: Ice Breaker – AGRS 101 Alumni Panel Q&A
9:00 – 9:10	Break
9:10 – 9:30	Load onto Bus and Transport to USU Challenge Course – AGRS Turnabout
9:30 – 12:30	Ropes Course Activities – USU Challenge Course
12:30	Load onto Bus for Transport to USU

BLOCK 7: Aggie Wellness Experience (A.W.E.) - 'Tying' Everything Together

1:00 – 2:00	Lunch – NE Quad; Aggie BBQ/Marketplace
2:00-2:45	Web of Appreciation (yarn toss) – NE Quad
2:45 – 3:00	Break
3:00 – 5:00	Personal Goals Ceremony Intro and Visualization Activity (15 min.) – AGRS 101 - Paint/Draw Goals (45 min.) - NE Quad - Canvas Tile Presentation (1 hour) – AGRS 101
5:00 - 5:15	Break
5:15 - 5:45	Wrap-up: Wellness Team and Administration – AGRS 101 - Lollipop video (6:11 min) - Reminders
6:00	Class of 2026 Photo - NE Quad
6:15	End of Day 3.

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DAY 4: Thursday, August 18, 2022 – AGRS Rm 101, Rm 137 and Personal Residences
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BLOCK 8: Computer and IT Support and Resources

7:45 – 8:00 am	Sign-in. Please wear your name badges throughout the day and for the first week of course work at USU to facilitate faculty, staff, and students in learning your name. Juice, bagels, and doughnuts will be offered.
8:00 – 9:00	USU Computer and IT Support. Setting up wireless connection (BlueZone, EduRoam), access to software packages through USU, accessing MyUSU and Canvas, and campus printing. – Gary Egbert and IT Support Team
9:00 – 10:00	WSU Computer and IT Support. Accessing WSU Canvas, J-drive, and library materials – Sonny Liaina. https://usu-edu.zoom.us/j/93584711541?pwd=Z2w0K2NSVFJ2RFEwMExCSG5PbUllZz09
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 11:00	Librarian Presentation: Sandra Weingart and Suzanne Fricke – AGRS 101
11:00 – 1pm	Principles of Surgery Introduction, Computer Access Verification, and distribution of supplies – POS Team AGRS 137
1:00 – 3:00	Return home and get prepared for White Coat Ceremony. No lunch provided this day.

BLOCK 9: White Coat Ceremony and Reception

3:00	Arrive and obtain coats and seats (TBD, USU)
3:30 – 4:30	White Coat Ceremony (TBD, USU)
4:30-7:00pm	Dinner Social – Students, Staff, Faculty, and their Families – Alumni House
7:00pm	End of Day 4.

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DAY 5: Friday, August 19, 2022 – AGRS 101 and Main Campus
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BLOCK 10: Veterinary Medical Math – AGRS 101

7:45 – 8:00 am	Sign-in. Please wear your name badges throughout the day and for the first week of course work at USU to facilitate faculty, staff, and students in learning your name – AGRS Foyer. Juice, bagels, and doughnuts will be offered.
8:00 – 8:15	Short Presentation on Value of Medical Math (Dr. Clement) – AGRS 101.
8:15 - 9:30	Veterinary Medical Math Explanation and Exam – AGRS 101 and AGRS 135.
9:30 – 9:45	Break

BLOCK 11: Student Financial, Health, and Other Resources

9:45 – 10:30	Financial Aid and Loans – Sophara Tieng, Financial Aid Counselor – AGRS 101.
10:30 – 11:00	Student Health Resources and Insurance – Katelyn Richins, Student Health Insurance Coordinator
11:00 – 11:30	Time and Personal Management, Wellness, and Conflict Resolution – SVM Counsellor
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch – North Patio of AGRS

BLOCK 12: Student Interactions, Tours, and On-Boarding

12:45 – 1:30	Student Presentation/Comments/Q&A – Class of 2025 Students
1:30 – 3:30	Group Tours – Led by Student/Staff - Visit AGRS, VSB, Key Office, Library, and Taggart Center - ID Cards – Taggart Student Center (TSC) room 212 - Keys – Key Office, Facilities room 104 - Lockers – VSB 213 and 224.
3:30	End of Day 5. End of Orientation.