



**Welcome
to**



Lion Life

MARS HILL UNIVERSITY



MAKE YOUR JOURNEY THE BEST IT CAN BE!

The Mars Hill University community is not only committed to supporting you in and out of the classroom, but also to making your experience the best it can be. Beginning your college journey is a big transition. Our hope is that you will take advantage of this experience and take responsibility for your success in this exciting journey!

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HELPFUL CONTACTS

Questions? We are here to help! Please find a topical list of frequently asked questions, and the individuals and offices who are able to assist incoming students.

<i>If you have questions about...</i>	<i>Then contact...</i>
General information, or you don't know where to begin.	Admissions Office and/or your specific admissions counselor at (828) 689-1201, admissions@mhu.edu Center for Student Success at (828) 689-1480, studentsuccess@mhu.edu
ROAR (August)	Emiley Burriss at (828) 689-1481 emileyburriss1@mhu.edu
Residence Life Housing assignments Items to bring and not to bring	Office of Housing and Residence Life, at (828) 689-1253, residence-life@mhu.edu
Tuition and fees	Beth Babb, Student Accounts Manager, at (828) 689-1240, bbabb@mhu.edu
Financial Aid FAFSA, scholarships, grants, etc.	Financial Aid office and/or your specific Financial Aid Counselor at (828) 689-1147, FAO@mhu.edu
Academic Records Class schedules Transfer credits or AP credits	Registrar at (828) 689-1151 Incoming students should wait to make any class changes until ROAR in August Final transcripts should be returned to the Admissions Office
Student Health Center Health services Health forms & immunization records Counseling services Disability accommodations	Student Health Center at (828) 689-1243, studenthealthcenter@mhu.edu Counseling Center at (828) 689-1196, counseling@mhu.edu Disabilities Services at (828) 689-1410, judith_harris@mhu.edu
Student Involvement & Support Student activities and support for physical, emotional, social, and spiritual life. Preparation for the world of work.	Student Life at (828) 689-1253 Center for Student Success at (828) 689-1480; studentsuccess@mhu.edu Center for Religious and Spiritual Life at (828) 689-1664, chaplains@mhu.edu Campus Engagement at (828) 689-1481, emileyburriss1@mhu.edu
Parking and Campus Security	Kevin West, Director of Campus Security at (828) 689-1585, kwest@mhu.edu
Auxiliary Support Services	Bookstore at (828) 689-1248 or bookstore@mhu.edu IT Helpdesk at (828) 689-1444 or helpdesk@mhu.edu Library at (828) 689-1244

STUDENT SCHEDULE

TIME	EVENT	PRESENTER	LOCATION
8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.	Check-In	Admissions Office	Ferguson Atrium
9:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.	Welcome to Lion Life!	President Tony Floyd Dr. Tracy Parkinson Chaplain Stephanie McLeskey Dr. Dave Rozeboom	Belk Auditorium
9:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m.	Connections Ice-breaker games with your Lion Leaders!	Lion Leaders (in color groups)	Lower & Upper Quad
10:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m.	PAWS and the MHU Experience Learn more about the PAWS program, how your strengths will be used on campus, how to get involved and more!	Stephanie McLeskey Lisa Wachtman Lion Leader Student Panel	Owen Theatre
11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m. ◊ 11:15–11:45 a.m. ◊ 12:00 noon ◊ 11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Lunch & Games Food Served in Pittman Optional Residence Hall Tour Take a look at a show room in Huffman Hall. For a virtual experience of the residence hall you will live in, visit www.mhu.edu/map . Games on the Upper Quad, Shop at the MHU Bookstore, Explore Campus	Admissions	Pittman Upper Quad & Pittman Upper Quad
12:30 p.m.–1:15 p.m.	Academics and Your Schedule You will get a copy of your class schedule and will learn more about classes at MHU	Dr. Tracy Parkinson Dr. Donna Parsons Ryan Bell	Owen Theatre
1:15 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	Meet and Greet with Faculty Meet some of our awesome faculty members and ask questions about MHU!	Faculty TBA	Day Hall Classrooms TBA
2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	Meet and Greet with Student Services	Campus Partners from: ◊ Cothran Center for Career Readiness ◊ Housing and Residence Life ◊ Student Support ◊ Counseling and Health Services ◊ Student Life ◊ Campus Safety ◊ Admissions	Ferguson Atrium

FAMILY SCHEDULE

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9:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.	Welcome to Lion Life!	Emiley Burriss President Tony Floyd Dr. Tracy Parkinson Chaplain Stephanie McLeskey	Belk Auditorium
9:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m.	Academics at MHU What do we mean when we say “liberal arts”? How can your student succeed academically at MHU?	Dr. Donna Parsons Dr. Tracy Parkinson	Belk Auditorium
10:15 a.m.–10:50 a.m.	Financial Aid	Nichole Buckner Cassandra Buckner	Belk Auditorium
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. ◊ 11:00–11:45 a.m. ◊ 12:00 noon ◊ 11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Lunch & Games Food Served in Pittman Optional Residence Hall Tour Take a look at a show room in Huffman Hall. For a virtual experience of the residence hall you will live in, visit www.mhu.edu/map . Games on the Upper Quad, Shop at the MHU Bookstore, Explore Campus	 Admissions	Pittman Upper Quad & Pittman Upper Quad
12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m.	Support for Your Student	Lisa Wachtman Phillip Brantley	Belk Auditorium
1:30 p.m.–1:50 p.m.	Summer Checklist Admissions will go over items students still need to complete (health forms, housing forms, etc.)	Kristie Vance Carolyn Kuzell	Belk Auditorium
1:50 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	Meet and Greet with Student Services	Campus Partners from: ◊ Cothran Center for Career Readiness ◊ Student Support ◊ Counseling and Health Services ◊ Student Life ◊ Housing and Residence Life ◊ Admissions	Ferguson Atrium

DON'T FORGET TO...

Make connections & ask questions:

Don't be afraid to introduce yourself to faculty, staff, and current students by email and social media. Make connections with your fellow incoming students and families. No question is too big or too small. Download the **MHU mobile app**, where you can check the MHU calendar and daily events, register for classes, adjust your class schedule, and more.

Check in with your financial aid counselor for more information or clarification on any of the information in this booklet:

- ◊ Last names A-J: Cassandra Buckner, cbuckner@mhu.edu
- ◊ Last names K-Z: Tammy Woody, twoody@mhu.edu
- ◊ Director of Financial Aid: Nichole Buckner, nbuckner@mhu.edu

Also, be sure to follow MHU and President Floyd on social media:

	MHU	President Tony Floyd
Facebook:	@MarshHillUniversity	@MHUPresident
Twitter:	@MarshHillU	@TonyFloyd11
Instagram:	@MarshHillU	@mhu_president

Turn in any completed paperwork:

- Financial Aid documents – check Self-Service for required paperwork
- Final high school and college transcripts
- Dual enrollment, AP Scores, ACT/SAT scores
- Medical form/immunization records

Please contact your admissions counselor if you have questions about which forms are needed.

Complete your Lion Life evaluation:

We really want and need your feedback! Please be sure to complete the Lion Life evaluation at the end of the day to get some cool MHU swag!

Show your MHU pride with new gear!

The Mars Hill University Bookstore is located in Day Hall, facing Main St. You may also visit the bookstore online at

www.mhu.edu/bookstore



TO DO OVER THE SUMMER

The following documents are due over the summer and before new students begin their college careers at MHU:

Final Transcripts & Transfer Credit

All official final high school and college/university transcripts, AP score reports, dual enrollment transcripts, and early college transcripts must be received BEFORE classes start in the fall. (Note that any document received after classes start will NOT be considered for transfer credit, with no exceptions.)

- ◇ Official final high school transcript with graduation date
- ◇ Official final college transcript(s) with all grades and/or degrees posted
- ◇ AP score reports—transfer credit for AP scores of 3 or better can only be awarded from an official AP score report from the College Board at apstudents.collegeboard.org/sending-scores
- ◇ Dual enrollment transcripts—transfer credit for dual enrollment courses can only be awarded from an official college or university transcript
- ◇ Early college transcripts—transfer credit for early college courses can only be awarded from an official college or university transcript

Medical Requirements (Due before August 1st)

- ◇ Complete the online medical history form at mhu.edu/medicalforms
- ◇ Upload childhood vaccination records (these must be submitted before a residential student can move into campus housing or before a commuter student can attend class). View online forms detailing all required vaccinations for enrollment, as well as information regarding recommendations for COVID-19 and meningococcal vaccines at www.mhu.edu/medicalforms

- ◇ Upload COVID-19 vaccination card (if you have been vaccinated)
- ◇ Upload student health insurance card (if you have insurance)
- ◇ Upload any other medical records you want to share with our Medical Services (optional)

(Please note that students who have serious chronic illness or allergies that require emergency medications [e.g., EpiPen or inhaler] should make sure those medications are current and are on their person at all times.)

Students cannot move into the residence halls or start classes until all forms are submitted and cleared by MHU Student Health Center.

For more information, please contact the Student Health Center by email at renee_sprinkle@mhu.edu.

Parking Form & Vehicle Waiver Form

Parking on campus is FREE, and all students must complete the parking form to register a vehicle OR a parking waiver form if they will not have a vehicle on campus. An email with a link to these forms will be sent to your registered email over the summer.

SafeColleges Online Trainings

An email with a link to these trainings will be emailed out to students over the summer and must be completed before arrival in August.

Emergency Contact Information

You should update your emergency contact numbers in Self-Service before arriving in August at

selfservice.mhu.edu.

TO DO OVER THE SUMMER

Residence Hall/Commuter Contract (Due as soon as possible)

If you are planning to live on campus at MHU in the fall as a full-time student, please complete the housing application in the Mars Hill Housing Portal. The link to the application is sent directly to your email.

- ◇ Log in using your MHU credentials (same as your email credentials).
- ◇ On the left sidebar, click “applications and forms.”
- ◇ Click “2022-2023 New Student Housing Application” then complete the application. Please note that there are applications and forms for New Student Housing, Returning Student Housing, and Application for Commuter Student that include commuter dining plans. Please select the application that is right for your situation.

For more information, please contact the Office of Residence Life: (828) 689-1253 or

residence-life@mhu.edu.

Financial Aid Forms (Due as soon as possible)

Students seeking financial aid need to complete their financial aid forms as soon as possible. Please see the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) page. For more information, please contact financial aid staff: (828) 689-1147. Students may also check their accounts on Self-Service to learn the status of financial aid (and financial aid documents).

All students are required to complete a FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) form, to be used ONLY for financial aid and billing purposes. No member of the financial aid office or student accounts will be able to give out information regarding grades or academic progress. This form goes into effect upon your enrollment at MHU and will remain active during your enrollment. You may change the people listed at any time by contacting the Financial Aid Office.

Disability Accommodation Requests and Wellness Center Services (Due as soon as possible)

Students who need to request academic, housing, or dietary accommodations because of a disability or medical condition should contact Judith Harris, Disability Services Coordinator and Counselor, at (828) 689-1410 or judith_harris@mhu.edu. Accommodation requests may be made at any time; however, it is best to finalize housing accommodation requests prior to June 1 and to complete the academic accommodations process prior to the start of the fall semester. Additional information regarding guidelines, procedures, and forms for requesting accommodations to address diagnosed medical or psychological disabilities can be found at:

www.mhu.edu/disability-services



FINANCIAL AID FAQ

Q: What does FAFSA stand for? What does the FAFSA do?

A: FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This document determines financial need, based on Department of Education guidelines, and determines eligible funding for new students.

Q: Where should you complete your FAFSA?

A: www.studentaid.gov.

Q: Who signs a FAFSA and how?

A: You and your parent(s) must apply for a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID at www.studentaid.gov.

Q: How often must a FAFSA be renewed?

A: You must renew the FAFSA every year after October 1.

Q: Do you have to list parent information even if parent(s) do not claim the student on tax documents?

A: Yes. You must list parent information unless you meet one of the federal guideline exemptions.

Q: Do you have to repay a Federal Direct Student Loan?

A: Yes. Federal Direct loans are federal loans in your name. You do not have to start paying student loans until after you graduate or become a less-than-half-time student (excluding summer school).

Q: What is the difference between subsidized and unsubsidized loans?

A: Subsidized loans do not accrue interest while you are in school. Unsubsidized loans do accrue interest

while you are enrolled, but you are not required to pay that interest until after you graduate or become a less-than-half-time student (excluding summer school).

Q: What does it mean if you or your parents have been selected for FAFSA verification?

A: The Department of Education randomly selects 30% of FAFSA files to verify that the information listed is accurate. If selected, you will submit a verification worksheet and an official Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax transcript (or link to the IRS using the data renewal tool) on the FAFSA website.

Q: What if you are receiving outside scholarships?

A: If you are awarded an outside scholarship, you will need to provide to the Financial Aid Office with a letter from the benefactor stating your name and the amount of the scholarship. Once you receive the check, it should be submitted to the Financial Aid Office.

Q: What documentation do you have to bring for work study?

A: If you are awarded work study, you will need to show an original birth certificate and Social Security card, or passport, as well an official state-issued ID.

To reach Financial Aid staff, please call (828) 689-1147 or

FAO@mhu.edu.

You may check your balance at any time through their Self-Service portal, selfservice.mhu.edu.

Questions regarding a student bill should be directed to your financial aid counselor or Beth Babb, Student Accounts Manager: (828) 689-1240 or bbabb@mhu.edu.

Learn more about financial aid at www.mhu.edu/financial-aid.

TEXTBOOKS

To support your academic success, Mars Hill University includes the cost of all textbooks, workbooks, and software licenses required by the instructor for each course within tuition and fees; this provides every student with full, equal, and unlimited access to these resources. (Other materials not distributed by textbook publishers, such as art supplies, music scores, and nursing equipment, are **not** included in the program.)

Materials will be available for pick-up at the beginning of each term, and reusable materials, such as textbooks, must be returned at the end of each term. If you wish to keep your textbooks, you may choose to purchase them at that time at a reduced fee.

Please visit the bookstore in Day Hall for other educational supplies. Questions about the textbook program or the Mars Hill University Bookstore may be directed to Karla Chandler at kchandler@mhu.edu or (828) 689-1412.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Every major life transition comes with a sense of stress and adjustment anxiety. The transition to college is no different. It is important that you are intentional about managing your mental health from the start of your college career in order to successfully navigate the stressors of college life. Stress, anxiety, depression, grief, and trauma can be debilitating experiences for college students if they go unmanaged. Healthy lifestyle routines such as quality sleep, a balanced diet, good personal hygiene practices, and regular exercise can help to naturally mitigate mental health concerns. Additional support is necessary for many students. Individual counseling services and student support groups are provided through the Mars Hill University Counseling Center at no charge to students. Counseling services

are delivered in person and through telehealth platforms. Referrals for extended treatment and medication management are available upon request.

The Mars Hill University Counseling Center is committed to providing inclusive and nonjudgmental counseling services as well as valuable mental health awareness programming for all students. Workshop topics include stress, anxiety, self-care and boundaries, healthy relationships, conflict resolution, intersectionality, the changing relationship with parents, addiction and recovery, and more. Students can obtain PAWS credit for all mental health awareness events on campus. Please contact the Counseling Center at counseling@mhu.edu for more information.

RESIDENCE HALL INFO

You are required to live on campus for your first three (3) years at MHU, unless you meet the “Residence Requirements” as listed in the Mars Hill University Student Handbook. Residential buildings close for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and spring and summer breaks.

New students (first-year and transfer) will be notified of housing assignments by mid-July. Contact the Residence Life Office at residence-life@mhu.edu if you have questions.

You may be interested in visiting www.ocm.com/mhu to order discount student linen packages recommended by Residence Life. You are not required to use this particular service.

All rooms are equipped with the following:

- ◇ Window shades
- ◇ Laundry access
- ◇ Cable TV connection points
- ◇ Smoke detector

- ◇ Standard furniture (Per student: 1 bed, 1 desk, 1 dresser)

Average residence hall furniture measurements:

- ◇ Twin XL bed–85.5 in x 41 in x 34 in
- ◇ Dresser–22 in x 36 in x 30 in
- ◇ Desk–22 in x 41.5 in x 30 in



What to Bring?

- ◇ Extra-long, twin-size bed linens (mattresses are 36” x 80”)
- ◇ Sheets, pillow, blanket, comforter, etc.
- ◇ Desk lamp
- ◇ Battery powered alarm clock
- ◇ Small waste basket and trash bags
- ◇ Towels, wash cloths, toiletries, shower shoes and caddy, etc.
- ◇ Laundry basket/bag and detergent
- ◇ Computer (record the serial number at home and keep it with you while at MHU)
- ◇ Flashlight with batteries
- ◇ Mini refrigerators no larger than 2.0 amps or 4.0 cubic feet
- ◇ Cleaning supplies (broom, dust pan, clean-up wipes, all-purpose cleaner, sponges, small vacuum, “Swiffer” cleaning products, etc.)
- ◇ A lock box for valuables (such as a waterproof/fire-resistant box that protects from water and fires up to 1550 degrees F/843 degrees C)
- ◇ A TV cable, suggested length 12’ or longer (must have digital TV to use our cable provider)
- ◇ Blue tape, plastic-tak, or hold-it putty for putting up posters
- ◇ Multiple outlet power strips which are UL Listed for 15 amps/120 volts, and they must have a heavy-duty cord with a built-in circuit breaker in the unit and an on/off switch. Recommend a unit with at least a 6’ cord. Extension cords of any kind are not permitted in any of the residence halls.
- ◇ Ethernet cord, suggested length 12’ or longer
- ◇ Fans (box fan for window)

RESIDENCE HALL INFO

What NOT to Bring?

- ◇ Air conditioning units
- ◇ Ceiling fans
- ◇ Dishwashers
- ◇ Cube freezers
- ◇ Full-size refrigerators
- ◇ Large microwaves
- ◇ Professional sound systems
- ◇ Extension cords
- ◇ Weapons
- ◇ Cooking appliances with open heating elements/surfaces (such as toasters, toaster ovens, Foreman grills, electric fry pans, woks, and hot plates)
- ◇ Space heaters
- ◇ Halogen lamps
- ◇ Sun lamps
- ◇ Candles and incense
- ◇ Personal lofts for beds
- ◇ Pets: Due to health reasons, such as sanitation, allergy concerns, and consideration for others, pets are not allowed in the residence halls at any time. Fish in a tank no larger than 10 gallons are the single exception to this policy. For more information on housing policies please refer to the MHU Student Handbook.

Property Insurance

MHU does not provide property insurance to cover personal belongings in the residence hall and cannot accept responsibility for student property that is stolen or damaged. You are strongly encouraged to check with your parents' or guardians' homeowner's policy to ascertain the amount and degree of coverage. Individual policies may be available through a private insurer, but it is your responsibility to acquire your own coverage. You are encouraged to take reasonable precautions in securing and identifying your property. Most major auto insurance companies (GEICO, State Farm, All State, Progressive, Liberty Mutual) offer renter's insurance



Did you know?

... that MHU's Residence Life program has more than 30 professional and paraprofessional staff members? That is a lot of people to help keep you safe and help you build community!

Check it out! Find specific information for each residence hall online: www.mhu.edu/residence-halls

PRESENTERS FOR LION LIFE

Ryan Bell	Director of First-Year Academic Success/Advising	rbell@mhu.edu
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Carolyn Kuzell	Associate Director of Admissions	ckuzell@mhu.edu
Emiley Burriss	Coordinator for Campus Events & Leadership	emileyburriss1@mhu.edu

Find more contact information for MHU Faculty and Staff at
www.mhu.edu/staff-directory

QUESTIONS? DON'T FRET!

Start with contacting anyone on the "Helpful Contacts" page or the presenters listed above. After that, you should not hesitate to contact your admissions counselor directly.

We are all here to help!



CAMPUS MAP



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|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Blackwell Hall | 16. Wren Student Union | 31. Lunsford Residential Apartments | 46. Blackwell Residence |
| 2. Founders Hall | 17. Renfro Library | 32. Jarvis House | 47. Vann House |
| 3. Montague Hall
(Rural Heritage Museum) | 18. Harrell Pool | 33. Fox Hall | 48. MHU Bookstore |
| 4. McConnell Hall | 19. Chambers Gymnasium | 34. Huffman Hall | 49. Paw Prints Copy Center |
| 5. Marshbanks Hall | 20. Facilities Management | 35. Stroup Hall | 50. US Post Office |
| 6. Spilman Hall | 21. Dickson Palmer Unit B | 36. Edna Moore Hall | 51. Mars Hill Baptist Church |
| 7. Owen Theatre | 22. Dickson Palmer Unit C | 37. Carter-Humphrey Guest House | 52. Hart Tennis Complex |
| 8. Cornwell Hall | 23. Dickson Palmer Unit A | 38. Merrill Press Box | 53. Henderson Baseball Field |
| 9. Moore Fine Arts | 24. Azalea Townhouses | 39. Community Life Pavilion | 54. Meares Stadium |
| 10. Pittman Dining Hall | 25. Dogwood Hall | 40. Robinson Wellness Center | 55. Ponder Softball Field |
| 11. Nash Education Hall | 26. Myers Hall | 41. Heritage Cabin | 56. Practice Field |
| 12. Bentley Fellowship Hall | 27. Turner Hall | 42. Anderson Amphitheatre | 57. Belk Field |
| 13. Broyhill Chapel | 28. Brown Hall | 43. Ellen Amphitheatre | 58. Day Hall |
| 14. Wall Science Building | 29. Gibson Hall | 44. Founders Memorial | 59. Ferguson Health Sciences Center |
| 15. Ferguson Math & Science Center | 30. Laurel Hall | 45. Joe Anderson Memorial | 60. Ammons Athletic Field House |

NOTES

For more information or questions,
contact Emiley Burriss
EmileyBurriss1@mhu.edu
(828) 689-1481

OR

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