

# Academic Events

Attendance at orientation is mandatory for all new students. Summer Orientation is offered to all new incoming full-time undergraduate day students entering Johnson & Wales University in the fall semester. At Summer Orientation, students meet with academic representatives in their chosen college. Students learn about campus resources, network with upper-class student leaders, familiarize themselves with the campus and make new friends. A January orientation program is offered also for all new incoming full-time undergraduate day students entering Johnson & Wales University in the spring semester.

Please note that Summer Orientation is a distinct program that is separate from Wildcat Welcome activities that occur during opening weekend and throughout the first week of classes. Students entering JWU in the fall will receive further instructions regarding Wildcat Welcome. Students must attend New Student Orientation and opening weekend activities.

**Commencement** is held at the end of each academic year in May. At these exercises, degree candidates are recognized. Participation in commencement exercises does not imply that graduation requirements are met.