

FYSS Description-

The First Year Success Series is a programmatic effort designed to enrich the First Year Experience at William Peace University. The series is a campus-wide, collaborative effort which provides first year students the resources and support they need to successfully transfer to the University.

Through this series, the first year students will learn and develop the necessary skills to help them be successful in their academic life and their personal life. By teaching and promoting community and healthy habits, our hope is to provide all first-year students with a socially supportive environment which will enable them to meet new people, immerse themselves in the WPU culture and establish themselves academically at the University

Student Quotes-

“The FYSS series helped me get more involved in school and meet new people. They were informative and fun. I liked that they had events that were about managing time and school work and also about healthy living. I am thankful that they exist because they helped me with planning my first semester of college.” ~Brian Martinez, Class of 2023

“I enjoyed the Inside Scoop with Public Safety, Multicultural Feast, and Mindfulness Workshop. They were very informative and gave me insights on some topics that are not covered otherwise. The events were fun and fast activities and it was great that in the majority of them students got a chance to win some prizes. I love that these events are offered every now and then and there is a healthy competition for FYS with them”. -Makayla Cook, Class of 2023

“I loved all of the FYSS events because it gave me a chance to engage with fellow students and be involved”. - Jahmek Bracey, Class of 2023

Quick Facts-

- The majority of 2019-2020 FYSS attendees attended between 4-6 events.
- 83% of first year students agreed that FYSS was helpful to their college transition and a good use of their time
- 95% of first year students agreed that FYSS helped them develop a sense of belonging at WPU.

Through engagement in the FYSS experience, students will be able to achieve these 5 learning goals:

1. First-year students will be able to demonstrate healthy habits surrounding alcohol, time management, coping with stress, and budget management.

2. First-year students will be able to identify ways to effectively engage with faculty and staff members in the campus community.

3. First-year students will express a sense of belonging in their residential communities and WPU campus community.

4. First-year students will be able to discuss how they contribute to the creation of inclusive and respectful environments in their residential communities and at WPU.

5. First-year students will take part in opportunities to support their academic and career success while at WPU and beyond.