

Griffon Edge is a comprehensive orientation program for new students at Missouri Western State University. This program occurs on the Thursday-Sunday prior to the first week of classes.

The purpose of Griffon Edge is to support student success and retention by:

- To connect new students to the Missouri Western and St. Joseph communities.
- To develop a sense of belonging in new students as a part of the Griffon Family.
- To provide new students the skills and knowledge they need to transition through their first year at Missouri Western.
- To acclimate new students to the life of a college student, including the culture and policies.

Samples of events and sessions held during Griffon Edge:

- Schedule Crawl: New students will do a walkthrough of their class schedule.
- Introduction to College Relationships: Discussion about consent and other social issues
- Griffon Tech: Overview of Canvas, the help desk website, setting up Wi-Fi on devices, etc.
- Academic Presentations: Faculty present on academic expectations for first year students
- Social Events: Movie night in Spratt Stadium, Griffon Glow, Griff Up Downtown

Student Testimonials

“Going to MWSU, which was 7.5 hours from my family and friends, was a big change. At Griffon Edge I got to meet an amazing group of people. Some of those people I consider to be my closest friends. Griffon Edge helped me get over the drastic change and allow me to express myself while making new friends.”

“Out of all the new things that came with going to college making friends was the one I was most nervous about. Years later and all of my closest friends were people I met at Griffon Edge. It was an amazing way to quickly become a part of the MWSU family.”