



2025 Leader Information

About Welcome Week

Welcome Week is a special time for new students to be welcomed onto campus before returning students arrive for the fall semester. Its purpose is to help new students acclimate to life at Union before classes begin. During this week, students learn about campus life, meet fellow students, experience the Union community, and engage with campus organizations. The goal of Welcome Week is to provide a seamless transition into the Union community by offering information and support to help students succeed during their time at Union.

Welcome Week Position Description

The role of a Welcome Week Leader is unique in that he or she encounters incoming students during their first days as Union Bulldogs. New students bring all their fear, excitement, and anticipation into their first days at Union. Welcome Week Leaders get to be the bridge for these students, exposing them to all the opportunities and new adventures that await them on campus. Welcome Week leaders serve students by meeting them where they are and helping them acclimate to their first few days of college. The Welcome Week Leader's job is to provide accurate and helpful information for incoming students, as well as foster a welcoming environment that aids in integrating the students into the Union community.

This involves:

- Being a *servant leader*, prioritizing the students' best interest above your own.
- *Teaching* new students how to navigate the classroom, get involved on campus, and take advantage of specific opportunities during their academic journey.
- Demonstrating a *passion and love for Union* and the community it represents.
- *Listening* to the concerns and questions of new students have and answering them respectfully and responsibly.
- Being *welcoming and hospitable* to new students and their families.
- *Glorifying* the Lord with your words and actions during and after Welcome Week.

Requirements

To qualify for the position of Welcome Week Leader, applicants must maintain a 2.75 GPA (per Union University policy), attend all mandatory training events (see the calendar below), be in good standing with the University, be involved in a local church, and have a demonstrable and growing relationship with Christ.

Welcome Week Leader Selection

Upon submission of application, Welcome Week Leader candidates will be able to sign up to be interviewed. Returning Welcome Week Leaders will bypass the group interview and go straight into individual interviews. New applicants will participate in a group interview first, and if selected, be invited back to an individual interview. Once interviews have concluded, the Welcome Week Leadership team alongside the Office of Student Discipleship and Engagement staff members, will select the Welcome Week Team. Welcome Week Leader positions will be offered on Wednesday prior to Spring Break. Upon selection to serve as Welcome Week Leader, the first responsibility of new leaders is to celebrate and enjoy a spring semester of investment in the Welcome Week Team.

Dates to Know

December 16: Welcome Week Application Opens

January 10-11: Student Leader Summit

January 26: Welcome Week Leader Application Due & Interviews begin

February 26: Welcome Week Leaders Announced

March 10: Welcome Week Leader Training 4:45-6:00 PM

March 24: Welcome Week Leader Training 4:45-6:00 PM

March 28-29: New Leader Retreat

April 14: Final Spring Welcome Week Leader Training 4:45-6:00 PM

August 11-13: Welcome Week Training

August 14-18: Welcome Week