

Welcome New Students,

Western New England University is committed to excellence inside and outside the classroom and to providing a safe and supportive environment for all members and guests of our campus community. Together we make our University a better place to live, learn and grow.

As part of that commitment, Western New England University *expects* all new incoming students to complete two very important awareness and prevention courses before regular classes begin:

1. ***Sexual Assault Prevention For Undergraduates*** (There is a separate course for student athletes and for graduate or non-traditional students.) The course promotes sexual assault awareness and prevention skills for all genders. It demonstrates healthy relationships, the importance of consent and being a good communicator, and examples of effective bystander intervention.
2. ***AlcoholEdu For College*** Not everyone drinks alcohol for various reasons. Whether or not someone chooses to drink, this course empowers them to make well-informed decisions. It provides useful tips and strategies to help keep you and your friends safe.

**To register and begin taking these courses, please click the “Awareness and Prevention Courses” link in your Western New England University [Connect2U Portal](#) or on the [Student Affairs webpage](#).** (Call the OIT Help Desk at 413-796-2200 if you need assistance with your Connect2U account.)

The courses are interactive and take about 60 minutes to complete. If you find any of the content upsetting and need support, resource information is available within the course menu or through Counseling Services. Forty-five days after completing Part 1, you will receive an email reminder to complete a brief Post Survey (Part 2) to help the University measure how much students have learned and retained from the courses.

**Other Important Information:**

- To avoid technical issues, please use a major web browser (e.g. Firefox, Internet Explorer, Google Chrome) released in the past two years. Smartphones are not effective for taking the course.
- The courses may be taken over multiple sittings. They save as you go and may be started, stopped and picked up where you left off.
- **The courses includes surveys to help personalize experiences and measure participants’ attitudes and behaviors. All survey responses are confidential. The University will only receive information about the student body as a whole and will never see individual student answers.**
- Course technical support is available 24/7 and can be accessed [here](#) or from the “Help” link under tools within the courses. The courses are ADA compliant.

Thank you in advance for participating in these important online courses.

Sincerely,



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