

# WELCOME TO OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

A guide to your next steps as an incoming freshman.

**Have questions about becoming a Golden Grizzly?**

We're ready to answer them. Call (248) 370-3660 or email [visit@oakland.edu](mailto:visit@oakland.edu).

**Want another tour of campus?**

We'd love to show you around. Sign up for one at [oakland.edu/visit](http://oakland.edu/visit) or take a virtual tour at [youvisit.com/oakland](http://youvisit.com/oakland).

**Not quite ready to attend OU?**

No problem, you may be able to defer your admission to a future semester. Find out more at [oakland.edu/futurestudents/defer](http://oakland.edu/futurestudents/defer).

**Attending another college or university?**

We're sorry to see you go. Please cancel your admission at [oakland.edu/cancel](http://oakland.edu/cancel), and cancel your housing at [oakland.edu/housing/processes-and-procedures](http://oakland.edu/housing/processes-and-procedures).



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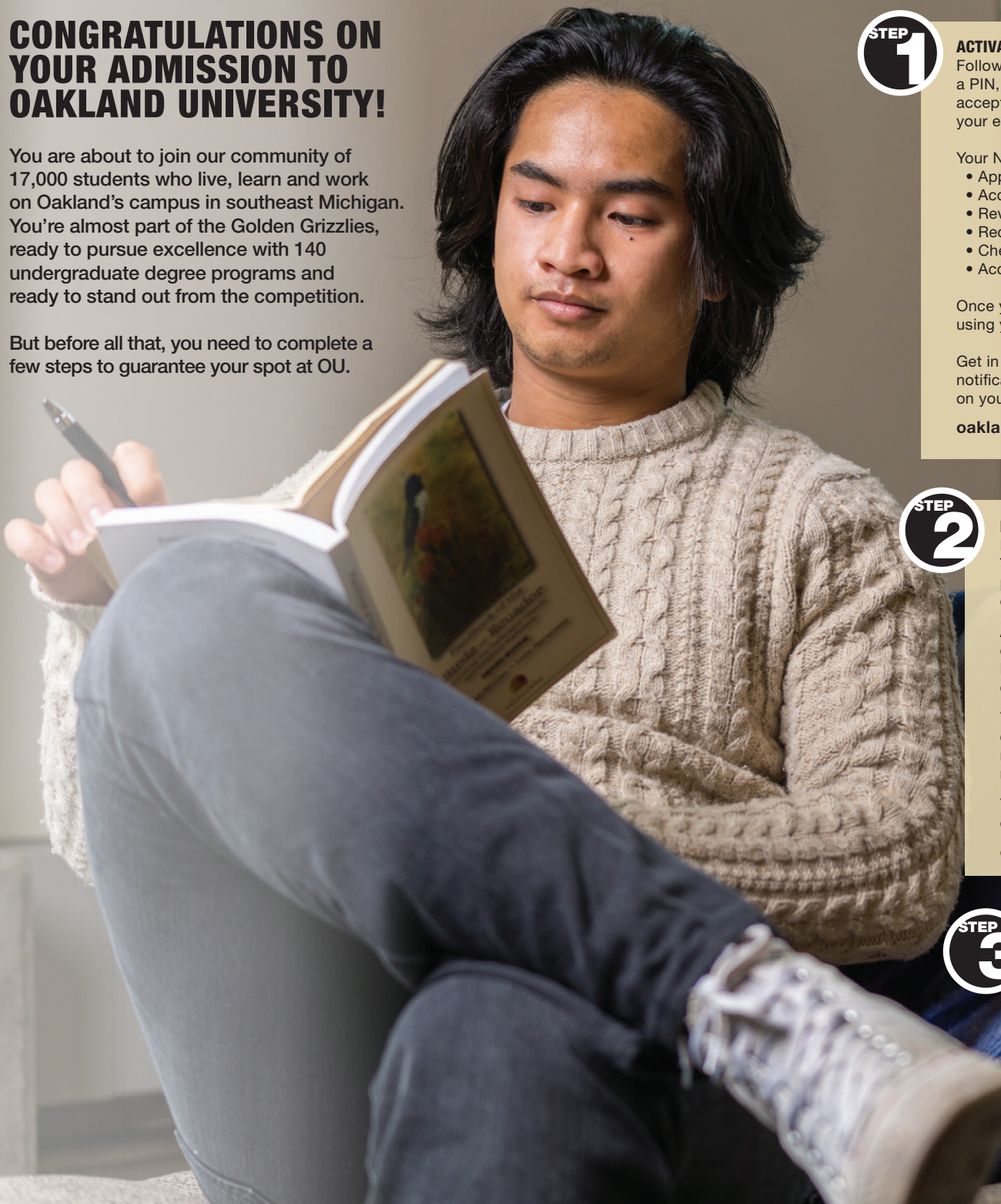
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# CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ADMISSION TO OAKLAND UNIVERSITY!

You are about to join our community of 17,000 students who live, learn and work on Oakland's campus in southeast Michigan. You're almost part of the Golden Grizzlies, ready to pursue excellence with 140 undergraduate degree programs and ready to stand out from the competition.

But before all that, you need to complete a few steps to guarantee your spot at OU.



## STEP 1

### ACTIVATE YOUR ACCOUNT NOW

Follow the directions at [oakland.edu/activate](https://oakland.edu/activate) to activate your account and create a PIN, NetID and password. You'll need your Grizzly ID number from your acceptance letter to get started. Your PIN number allows you to view and pay your eBill.

Your NetID and password allows you to:

- Apply to live in on-campus housing
- Accept scholarships
- Review financial aid awards and requirements
- Receive direct deposit and billing (eBill) notifications
- Check your OU email and calendar
- Access grades, transcripts and more

Once your student account information is created, sign into your MySAIL account using your NetID and password at [mysail.oakland.edu](https://mysail.oakland.edu).

Get in the habit of checking your OU email regularly for important updates, notifications and announcements. Access your email through the 'webmail' link on your MySAIL account or through gmail.com.

[oakland.edu/activate](https://oakland.edu/activate)

## STEP 2

### REGISTER FOR ORIENTATION BEGINNING OCTOBER 1

New Student Orientation is your gateway to a strong start at OU. The required orientation empowers you to take charge of your education and paves the way for a smooth transition to university life. Plus, the entire orientation experience is free, and we do not require an enrollment fee.

At orientation, you'll connect with new students, be introduced to OU's campus, meet your first-year academic adviser and register for courses. Family members are encouraged to attend with you and take part in designated sessions exclusively for them.

You will have additional opportunities throughout the summer to explore campus, connect with various student services, and learn more about the many resources that will help you be successful. Watch your OU email for more information about a campus kickoff and more!

You can register for orientation beginning October 1 at [oakland.edu/orientation](https://oakland.edu/orientation).

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## STEP 3

### COMPLETE THE FAFSA BEGINNING OCTOBER 1

We're proud to make an exceptional education affordable. More than half of all OU students receive financial assistance totaling more than \$150 million annually. You can benefit from those funds too.

Apply for financial assistance by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) beginning October 1 to be considered for federal, state and/or OU need-based aid. Be sure to use OU's federal code: **002307**.

[oakland.edu/fafsa](https://oakland.edu/fafsa)

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**SUBMIT A HOUSING CONTRACT BEGINNING OCTOBER 1**

Living on campus is the best way to achieve the full college experience. Almost 2,000 students live at OU, and each year more and more want to — and for good reason: OU is ranked one of the safest college campuses in the country and the overall safest in Michigan.

Residents receive academic, emotional and social support with highly trained staff members, chosen for their proven ability to work with students, who live right in the residence halls. Living options are a quick 15-minute walk to classrooms, labs, Kresge Library, the Rec Center, dining and more.

You can submit your housing contract beginning October 1 at [oakland.edu/housing/apply](http://oakland.edu/housing/apply). You'll need your NetID and password to log on. Housing space is limited; please set a reminder now to submit your contract on October 1.

[oakland.edu/housing/apply](http://oakland.edu/housing/apply)

**Special interest floors:**

Business  
Education  
Engineering and Computer Science  
Health Sciences

**Residents enjoy free:**

Wireless Internet  
Lounges with big-screen TVs  
Parking  
Laundry facilities  
Tutoring and academic support



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**ACCEPT SCHOLARSHIPS (if applicable)**

OU offers scholarships based on academic achievement. As an admitted student, you have automatically been considered for these scholarships and may have received one upon admission. Go to [oakland.edu/scholaraccept](http://oakland.edu/scholaraccept) to accept your scholarship now.

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Explore additional scholarship opportunities at [oakland.edu/financialservices](http://oakland.edu/financialservices).

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**CHECK YOUR FINANCIAL AID STATUS CONTINUOUSLY**

If you complete the FAFSA in early October, you will receive award notifications for other scholarships, grants and loans beginning in December (and continuing as new awards are made). Often, we need additional information or documentation to process your aid. Be sure to check your OU email regularly so you can respond promptly. Remember, no enrollment deposit is required at OU.

[oakland.edu/financialservices/understanding-financial-assistance/awards-and-requirements/](http://oakland.edu/financialservices/understanding-financial-assistance/awards-and-requirements/)



***Incoming freshmen  
are not required to  
live on campus***

***— but we love  
when they do!***

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**REVIEW COURSE PLACEMENT BEFORE ORIENTATION**

While Oakland University does not require your SAT/ACT test scores for admission, submitting your scores before your orientation will allow you to skip course placement exams for writing and math. Your scores may also open opportunities for OU scholarships.

Students who do not have scores on file will need to complete placement tests to determine their first course in writing, mathematics and modern language/American Sign Language.

[oakland.edu/courseplacement](http://oakland.edu/courseplacement)

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**SEND OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS BEFORE SUMMER**

Don't forget to request that your final high school transcript be sent to OU upon graduation. Remember, high school counselors are available to assist with your transcripts.

Transcripts may be emailed to [oakuniv@oakland.edu](mailto: oakuniv@oakland.edu).

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**SUBMIT COLLEGE CREDIT BEFORE ORIENTATION**

Let all your past hard work count at OU. At least one month before summer orientation, submit your scores and transcripts. We grant credit and/or exemption for selected Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and College-Level Examination Placement (CLEP) tests.

Credit may also be granted for university or college courses taken through an early/middle college program or dual enrollment in high school. Before summer orientation, submit all your scores and official college transcripts to:

**Office of the Registrar**  
**North Foundation Hall, Room 160**  
**318 Meadow Brook Road**  
**Rochester, MI 48309-4454**

Transcripts may also be emailed to [trcredit@oakland.edu](mailto: trcredit@oakland.edu).

[oakland.edu/collegecredit](http://oakland.edu/collegecredit)

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**ENROLL IN AN OU PAYMENT PLAN**

If you plan on using financial aid, it's important to understand what your aid covers and what it doesn't. For any miscellaneous charges posted to your student account (i.e., lost ID charges, etc.), you'll need to determine how to pay for them. OU offers a payment plan which allows you to spread your tuition and costs into smaller, more manageable payments. Check eBill to enroll in a plan.

[oakland.edu/paymentplan](http://oakland.edu/paymentplan)

**NO DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED AT OU!**



**ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

**Disability Support Services**

If you have a physical, psychological, sensory and/or learning disability, please contact Disability Support Services to discuss eligibility for services and accommodations. If you plan to live on campus and need specific residential support, please contact Disability Support Services for additional details.

[oakland.edu/dss](http://oakland.edu/dss)

**Veterans Support Services**

OU's Veterans Support Services offers veterans and their dependents assistance in receiving military service-related benefits and provides information about VA work-study opportunities, social and networking events, and veteran-specific scholarships.

[oakland.edu/veterans](http://oakland.edu/veterans)

**Student Financial Services**

Our knowledgeable advisers will help you understand OU's payment due dates and cancellation process, navigate financial resources (including emergency grants), and explain payment options.

[oakland.edu/financialservices](http://oakland.edu/financialservices)

**DON'T FORGET**

If you're interested in majoring in music, theatre or dance, you must audition. Auditions are separate and in addition to the application for OU.

[oakland.edu/smtd/futurestudents](http://oakland.edu/smtd/futurestudents)

The Honors College offers small class sizes, special research funding, study abroad opportunities, preferential registration and additional advising support.

[oakland.edu/hc](http://oakland.edu/hc)