ORIENTATION AND NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

New Student Orientation is a student’s first introduction to Oakland University. This two-week comprehensive program is intentionally designed to make your transition to university life easy and enjoyable. All new students are required to attend this first-year orientation.

PART ONE

Orientation is held during the second week of August. Students are encouraged to arrive on campus by Wednesday, August 10th. Students are required to register for their orientation in the online tool. During Part One, your student will be introduced to their academic advisor and register for classes.

PART TWO

Students will participate in events with faculty, staff and student leaders, interact with students across campus, meet the Dean of Student Orientation, and have an opportunity to register for classes until they complete Part Two.

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

COLLEGIATE COMMUNICATION (COM 161)

COM 161 is a 3-credit-hour course that offers students an introduction to college-level writing. This course is designed to help students develop a broad understanding of the role of communication in their personal and professional lives. The course covers topics such as writing, critical thinking, argumentation, research, and documentation. Students will learn how to construct and defend arguments, analyze and evaluate information, and effectively communicate ideas to diverse audiences.

UNIVERSITY HOUSING

University Housing provides a support system for students throughout their entire time on campus. It offers a variety of services and resources, including housing options, student engagement programs, and a program called TRUE (Tutoring, Resources, University Engagement, and Support). The Program Director is responsible for ensuring that students have access to the resources and services they need to succeed in their academic and personal lives.

COLLEGE SUCCESS SEMINAR

Congratulations! You’ve helped your student reach a major milestone in their life: graduating high school. Starting college may be a bit of a shock — but we’re here to help.

Enrollment encourages students to attend a College Success Seminar held in August. It is to teach our students about their future college, develop the Management Techniques, explore campus and campus, and improve social skills. The seminar will include all the basics of your academic year.

For more details and to register, visit oakland.edu/parentservices.
Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Oakland University community. The Fall New Student Orientation Center will familiarize you with important items and services you will need to complete the fall orientation process. We are excited to partner with you during that fall year as we work together on a successful start to college.

As a reminder that it is easier to contact and encourage your student if you have a timeline of knowledge about Oakland University, the Oakland Parent fall packet provides you with a list of key dates and activities that will be highlighted during the fall semester. It is crucial to keep your student informed of these events and activities, and we encourage you to contact your student's advisor for additional information.

The Fall New Student Orientation Center serves as the primary point of contact during the fall semester. We are here to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have. Your support and involvement are essential to your student's success.

Please review the packet, and we encourage you to share it with your student. We look forward to working with you and your student as they embark on their college journey.

Sincerely,
[Signature]
Fall New Student Orientation Center

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**OU’s Honors College**

Represents the top 3% of undergraduate students. The Honors College offers academic classes, research opportunities, and special events. Students are encouraged to participate in activities and events offered by the Honors College to support their academic and professional growth. These events are intended to enrich your academic experiences.

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**Oakland Parent Resources**

The Fall New Student Orientation Center will provide you with the latest information about the fall orientation process. Your involvement and support are crucial to your student's success. We encourage you to attend the fall orientation events and become an active part of the Oakland University community.

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**Learn about financial aid, registration, housing and other important dates at oakland.edu/important-dates.**

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GOLDEN GRIZZLY TIMELINE

Summer (May - August)

- Attend New Student Orientation
- Complete the FAFSA for 2015-16 (fall due)
- Check financial aid status in MyGriz
- Complete Health Form
- Check award amount to estimated cost of attendance (oakland.edu/cost)
- Contact Financial Aid (517) 387-2030
- Counseling and Mental Health Services (517) 387-2121
- Submit a request for a change to your awards or housing plans
- Attend Student Services Orientation
- Read Student Services Policies and Conditions (oakland.edu/student-services/policies)

Forward email to AP secretaries and updated college transcripts to the Office of the Registrar
Read student handbook (oakland.edu/handbook)
Send new student information to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions

Fall (September - October)

- Complete online pre-registration
- Plan for your first day of classes
- Review changes in your fall schedule before September 10
- Without instructor’s permission
- Pay your $450 tuition by September 3
- Sign up for a payment plan

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