New Grizzly Checklist

As a freshman student moving toward enrollment at Oakland University, please review the following steps. If you have any questions about your transition, please contact Undergraduate Admissions at (800) OAK-UNIV or visit@oakland.edu.

☐ MEMORIZE YOUR GRIZZLY ID NUMBER AND ACTIVATE YOUR OU EMAIL ACCOUNT (NETID)
Your NetID is the gateway to all things OU: registering for orientation, accepting scholarships, signing up for housing and accessing your email account. Refer to the acceptance letter and email sent to you from Undergraduate Admissions for your Grizzly ID or visit oakland.edu/activate to learn more.

☐ CONSIDER YOUR FINANCIAL PLANS
A. Apply for financial assistance by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid beginning October 1
   • Create an FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov (student and one parent in the household, when applicable)
   • Complete the FAFSA at fafsa.gov
   • Add Oakland University’s school code: 002307
   • Visit oakland.edu/financialservices/apply-for-aid for more information and instructions

B. Consider other scholarship opportunities
   • oakland.edu/financialservices/undergrad, click on the OU Grants and Scholarships or Private Aid tab for more resources
   • fastweb.com
   • CollegeBoard.org
   • GoodCall.com
   • michigan.gov/mistudentaid

C. Visit mysail.oakland.edu regularly
   • Check your OU email for communications from Student Financial Services
   • Check your financial aid awards and requirements
   • Access your eBill
   • Create Proxy (MySAIL) and Authorized User (eBill) access for parents, spouses and others

D. Learn about OU’s payment plan at oakland.edu/paymentplan
   • The fall payment due date is August 15

E. Visit Student Financial Services at oakland.edu/financialservices
   • Join a live webinar or watch the recorded presentation at oakland.edu/financialservices/events to learn general information regarding the financial aid process

☐ RSVP FOR NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION PART ONE
   • Sign up for orientation at oakland.edu/orientation. Reservations open on October 1.
   • For questions about orientation, contact Orientation and New Student Programs at (248) 370-GOLD or gold@oakland.edu

☐ RSVP FOR PARENT AND FAMILY ORIENTATION (FALL ADMITS ONLY)
   Sign up for Parent Orientation at oakland.edu/orientation

☐ ACCEPT SCHOLARSHIPS AT OAKLAND.EDU/SCHOLARACCEPT (if applicable)

☐ APPLY FOR HOUSING AT OAKLAND.EDU/HOUSING
   • Must be enrolled in a minimum of one credit hour per semester
   • New students should submit a housing contract as soon as possible after October 1
   • Housing contracts are available at oakland.edu/housing/apply
   • For more information about housing, visit oakland.edu/housing or call (248) 370-3570

☐ SUBMIT YOUR OFFICIAL, FINAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT TO UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS UPON GRADUATION

☐ SUBMIT YOUR OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS TO OU’S OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR AT REGSERVICES@OAKLAND.EDU IF YOU ARE DUAL-ENROLLED OR PARTICIPATING IN AN EARLY/MIDDLE COLLEGE PROGRAM

☐ READ THE GOLDEN GRIZZLY GUIDE AT OAKLAND.EDU/GGG BEGINNING MAY 1
   • Learn about general education requirements and the Undergraduate Catalog
   • Complete placement tests as needed
   • Generate a list of questions to ask your First Year Advising Center academic adviser

☐ ATTEND NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
   • Participate in Part One on your scheduled date. Be sure to read the orientation guide in advance
   • Participate in Part Two during the first week of September

☐ MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ACCOMMODATIONS (if applicable)
   • For an appointment, call (248) 370-3266 or email dss@oakland.edu
   • Make an appointment as soon as possible, ideally a minimum of six weeks before services are required.

☐ CHECK OUT FREE ACADEMIC AND SUPPORT SERVICES
   • The Tutoring Center: oakland.edu/tutoring
   • Oakland University Writing Center: oakland.edu/ouwc
   • Center for Multicultural Initiatives: oakland.edu/cmi
   • First Year Advising Center: oakland.edu/fyac
   • Career Services: oakland.edu/careerservices
   • Office for Student Involvement: oakland.edu/osi
   • OU Bookstore: oakland.bncollege.com/shop/oakland

It's never too early to think about staying on track for college graduation! oakland.edu/students
Grizz Terminology

**Academic Adviser**
Academic advisers assist you in following your academic program so that you make progress toward your degree. Academic advising is an ongoing partnership between you and your adviser, who will empower you to plan for your academic success. Advisers help you with both the "here and now" as well as life after graduation.

**Admissions Adviser**
Admissions advisers can assist you through the application and admission process, as well as speak about OU's academic merit scholarships.

**AP**
Advanced Placement; College-level courses offered in high school, which allow you to take AP exams. Certain AP exam scores may then allow OU to award course credit or exemption.

**Catalog**
The OU Undergraduate Catalog provides detailed, up-to-date information about OU's academic programs, including course descriptions and degree requirements. The catalog can be found online at catalog.oakland.edu.

**CLEP**
College-level Examination Program; CLEP allows you to take exams for college credit, which may satisfy OU requirements for majors within a specific department.

**Exploratory Requirement**
The College of Arts and Sciences exploratory requirement provides you with a depth and breadth in multi- and interdisciplinary knowledge needed in today's complex world. Through concentrated intellectual engagement in disciplines outside your major, this requirement offers expanded horizons and progressive challenges to more fully develop the scope of a your understanding, abilities and accomplishments.

**Faculty Adviser**
Each department in the College of Arts and Sciences has faculty advisers who students should also visit. If you have a question about a particular program, you can seek out the faculty adviser in that department.

**FAFSA**
Free Application for Federal Student Aid; For financial aid consideration, complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1 of the academic year you plan to attend OU.

**FERPA**
Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act; The FERPA of 1974, also known as the Buckley Amendment, provides an OU student with the right to inspect and review his/her educational record and, with certain exceptions, to limit disclosure of information from that record.

**Gen. Ed.**
General Education; General Education is the basis of your undergraduate education and is a requirement for all majors. This is the core body of knowledge that all students study, setting the groundwork for improved critical skills and enriching opportunities upon graduation. The three-part structure complements every major, giving you a well-balanced, refined education.

**Graduate**
Graduate students are those pursuing a master's degree or higher, after they earned their bachelor's degree.

**IB**
International Baccalaureate; the International Baccalaureate Programme offers an engaging and challenging curriculum that encourages critical thinking, intercultural understanding and respect. The IB Programme allows you to take IB exams, and certain IB exam scores may then allow OU to award course credit or exemption.

**MTA**
Michigan Transfer Agreement; Oakland University participates in the MTA, which allows you to satisfy the university's general education requirements at a Michigan community college, with the exception of a writing intensive course in the major and a capstone course. In addition, you must either transfer in a course for the knowledge applications requirement or take a course at Oakland University.

**MySAIL**
Your student portal which allows you to access course registration and your course schedule, financial aid and eBill information, and much more.

**The OC**
The Oakland Center; OU's student center on campus, where you can find the Dean of Students Office, the Center for Student Activities, the Student Technology Center, Barnes and Noble @ OU, and Café O’Bears.

**Prerequisite**
Certain courses require prerequisites, or courses you must complete first as a condition of enrollment. Some prerequisites may be taken at the community college to satisfy OU requirements.

**Transfer Credit Audit**
Transfer students will receive a preliminary evaluation of coursework completed at other institutions by email within a week of admission. This worksheet shows the total number of credits awarded for each institution as well as how those credits apply to degree requirements. Transfer credit will be posted to your academic record after admission to Oakland University and upon receipt of an official transcript sent directly from the previous institution(s).

**Transfer Student**
You’re considered a transfer student once you’ve completed any coursework at a college or university after high school. If you’re transferring with 24 or more credits, OU will only consider you for admission based on your college-level work. If you have less than 24 credits at the time of admission, we will also require your final high school transcript.

**Transfer Student Adviser**
The Transfer Student Adviser assists you in all aspects of the transfer process and can refer you to appropriate faculty, departmental offices and support services.

**Undergraduate**
Undergraduate students are those pursuing a bachelor’s degree, who take courses at the undergraduate level.