2020 UIS Summer Kickstart

This schedule is a draft. It is subject to change. It will be updated several times before KickStart begins in June.

Day 1: June 9, 12, 16, 18, 23; August 18

Things you can do before KickStart begins

8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Union Food Studio, UIS Student Union (Union), 1st Floor. Cash and major credit cards are accepted.

8:30 – 11:45 a.m. Orientation Help Desk and Luggage Check, Founders Residence Hall (LRH) Lobby. Students can check luggage until overnight check-in at 8 p.m. Orientation Team members can help direct you around campus, take students to Placement Exams, Financial Assistance, or answer questions about the KickStart program.

• Arrived after 11:45 a.m.? Student, bring your luggage directly to the Student Union Ballroom (3rd floor). We will tag and securely store items until overnight housing check-in.

8:30 – 11:45 a.m. Residence Life Information Table, Founders Residence Hall (LRH) Lobby. Students – verify if you have completed your housing application or exemption.

8:30 – 11:45 a.m. Spanish Translators Table, Founders Residence Hall (LRH) Lobby.

Families that primarily speak Spanish can have questions answered, receive materials translated into Spanish, and arrange for a student translator to attend sessions with them.

Les ofrecemos a las familias hispanoparlantes: respuestas a sus preguntas, materiales traducidos al español, y/o un intérprete que les puede acompañar a las sesiones.

Didn’t Do Placement Testing Remotely? Do it today to be advised tomorrow!

9 – 11:30 a.m. English and Math Placement Testing, Human Resources Building (HRB), room 112

Students that are required to take English and Math Placement Testing should check-in at the Testing Center. Allow at least 45 min to 1 hour for each test required.

9 – 11:45 a.m. Language Placement Testing, University Hall Building (UHB), room 2009.

Students who made appointments to take a language placement test should check-in at UHB 2009. Students should allow at least 1 hour for the language placement test.

Have You Reviewed Your Award Letter with A Financial Assistance Advisor?

9 – 11:30 a.m. Financial Assistance Consultations, Financial Assistance Office, UHB 1015

Meet your Financial Assistance Counselor to review the Financial Aid award and the cost of attendance.

9 – 11:30 a.m. Have your i-Card picture taken. I-Card Office, Student Affairs Building (SAB), 30

If you forgot to upload your picture to the i-Card system before KickStart, stop by the i-Card office and they will take your picture. Students who have already uploaded a photo can pick up their i-Card at KickStart.

9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Honors Parents & Families Capital Scholar Honors Program Overview

For Parents of Honors Students. Offered June 9, 12, 16, and 24; August 18

10 – 11:30 a.m. Office of Disability Services Open House

Learn about the paperwork and documentation needed to provide students with support while they are in college.

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Hispanic/Latinx Student & Family Open House

Spanish-speaking staff will be present to answer your questions and help you make the most of your orientation experience.
durante nuestro Open House para familias hispanoparlantes. Estudiantes y personal bilingües estarán presentes para contestar sus preguntas y ayudarles aprovechar al máximo su experiencia de orientación. Esto incluye servicio de traducción en las oficinas donde Usted lo requiera.

10:30 – 11:55 a.m.  
**Grab and Go Lunch**  
It is a busy day. To make sure you don’t miss lunch while trying to get things done, there will be an assortment of boxed lunches available. Take one with you before going into the Campus Opportunity Fair and enjoy anytime during check-in or the welcome. Compliments of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Dr. Clarice Ford.

*If the Box lunches aren’t your speed, try our Student Union Food Studio, 1st Floor. Accepts cash and major credit cards.*

11 – 11:59 a.m.  
**Campus Opportunities Fair. Student Union, Ballroom. [Student/Parent/Family/Guest Session]**  
Learn more about campus resources and programs that support student success, including Brookens Library, Campus Recreation, Counseling Center, Diversity Center, Internships & Prior Learning, Information Technology Services, Parking Operations, PNC Bank, Student Life, UIS Bookstore, Veterans Affairs, and more.

- Immunization Record Drop Off and Information

**KickStart Check-in**

11 – 11:55 a.m.  
**Orientation Check-in, UIS Student Union 3rd floor, Ballroom Lobby**  
Students will check in by their last name. Payment for the $175 Orientation Fee and guest fees by credit card, personal check or money order accepted (sorry no international checks or money orders).

**KickStart Welcome**

12 – 1:50 p.m.  
**Prairie Star Welcome! Ballroom, Student Union [Student/Parent/Family/Guest Session]**  
Topics covered include UIS Academic Expectations at UIS, FERPA, Financial Aid, Student Accounts, Billing, Direct Deposit, and Payment Plans, and the *i-Card*.

1:40 – 1:55 p.m.  
**Students Refreshment Break. Student Union 2nd Floor Concourse**

1:55 – 2:25 p.m.  
**Student Orientation Group Meetings [Student Session]**

1:50 – 2:05 p.m.  
**Parents Schedule Overview. Student Union, Ballroom. [Parents, Family, Guests Session]**

2:05 – 2:25 p.m.  
**Parents/Families/Guests Refreshment Break/Get Acquainted. 2nd Floor Student Union Concourse. [Parents, Family, Guests Session]**

2:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
**Rising Stars: The ABC’s of Student Success. [Student Session]**  
*In this session, students will work with faculty and professional advisors on their first semester coursework. In addition, students will explore majors and career choices with the Career Development Center, as well as engage in an interactive session to help familiarize them with the online learning system.*

2:30 – 2:50 p.m.  
**Understanding Your Student’s Transition. Ballroom, Student Union [Parents, Family, Guests Session]**  
*Issues discussed include the student’s academic, personal, and social adjustment. Recommendations will be given for how parents can best support their students and increase their likelihood of success in college.*

2:50 – 3:20 p.m.  
**What Parents Want to Know. Ballroom, Student Union. [Parents, Family, Guests Session]**  
Current students and parents will be present to answer questions new parents have.

3:35 – 5:30 p.m.  
**Parent Information Session [Parents, Family, Guests Session]**  
*Health and Counseling Center Services on Campus – Learn about the types of services available on campus, how students can access care for routine and emergency situations, immunization requirements, transferring care from a previous provider, and other medical facilities in Springfield.*
Campus Safety and Student Success – Learn more about the UIS Police Department, campus safety initiatives, how different departments on campus work together to promote UIS student safety and how that contributes to student success.

Library Tour: Come learn about the library and all the resources beyond research books that Brookens has to offer.

5:25 - 5:35 p.m.  Students and Parents Meet up.

5:35 – 6:05 p.m.  Living on Campus: Residence Life.  [Student/Parent/Family/Guest Session]
OR
Commuting to Campus What Students and Families Need to Know.  
[Student/Parent/Family/Guest Session]

6:10 p.m.  Parents and students say Good Night.
Parents and families can check into hotels and relax or venture downtown for dinner, shopping and a little site seeing.

6:15 p.m.  Parent & Family Downtown Springfield Adventure! [Parent/Family/Guests]
Parents and families, Springfield has many neat shops and restaurants. Explore what Springfield has to offer https://downtownspringfield.org/ or https://visitspringfieldillinois.com/LocationSearches/EatAndDrink?id=Local. Enjoy your evening. We will see you tomorrow morning back down in the PAC Concourse.

6:15 – 7 p.m.  Dinner with the Orientation Team, Student Union, [Student Session]
Have dinner with your classmates and Orientation Leaders. This meal is included in your Orientation Fee

7:10 – 8:30 p.m.  Sexual Harassment/Assault/Bystander Awareness Training, [Student Session]
Students will complete an online sexual harassment/assault/bystander awareness training as mandated by the University of Illinois system.

7 – 9:15 p.m.  Student Overnight Housing Check-in, Founders Residence Hall Desk
Students can check into their overnight orientation housing assignment.

7:30 – 10:30 p.m.  Evening Fun. [Student Session]
Looking for something a little quieter and low key? There will be board games, TV, and snacks in the Residence Hall.

Day 2: June 10, 13, 17, 19, 24; August 19

7 a.m.  Final Wake-up Call and Student Check-out.
Leave luggage at FRH Classroom to be secured until program ends

7:30 – 8 a.m.  Student Breakfast with the O-Team
This meal is included in your Orientation Fee.

8 a.m. – 3 p.m.  Union Food Studio, UIS Student Union (Union), 1st Floor.
Cash and major credit cards are accepted. Open until 3 p.m., M-F during the summer.

8:05 – 9:35 a.m.  Living & Learning in a Community, [Student Session]
UIS is a diverse community of learners. What does UIS expect of community members?

9:35 a.m.  Parents & Students meet up. Public Affairs Center, 1st Floor Lobby in front of bookstore.

9:50 – 11:45 a.m.  Resources for Student Success: Information Sessions [Student/Parent/Family/Guest]
Learn more about resources UIS has that your students can utilize to ensure their success. Follow your orientation group letter and attend these morning sessions.

Campus Technology: ITS Services and Resources to Help Students Succeed ITS Services and Resources to Help Your Student Succeed - ITS offers a host of resources and services to faculty and students to enhance
teaching and learning. Come see and learn about the software, equipment, workshops, and applications available to students. We will answer questions about what software is available for free, what equipment is available for checkout, does your student need to buy a laptop, is a tablet better than a laptop, does your student need a printer, and more!

START NOW: Planning Your Career & Getting Experience through Student Employment: Due to competition in the marketplace, it's important for students to begin planning their career when they first get to campus instead of when they are seniors. Learn how to begin strategizing how to gain what employers want most...relevant experience! We'll inform you about opportunities associated with student employment, internships, and part-time jobs and how those experiences can jumpstart your competitiveness prior to graduation by obtaining relevant experience.

Student Success Tool Box: This session will help students and parents understand the variety of academic services available to help students succeed. Speakers include an Academic Advisor, Learning Support Services Coordinator, and the Coordinator for Testing Services. The information will help familiarize parents with each of these areas of campus and the support these areas offer students.

Why Involvement Matters...Stories from Students and The Offices That Have Supported Them: Hear from several student leaders about campus engagement opportunities and how it has contributed to their student experience at UIS. There will be opportunities to ask questions of students and staff.

OR

Take care of Business. We will have OLs designated to take families to various offices. More details will be available in future schedule updates.

i-Card not open on Saturday, June 13 and 27.

Students Note** @11:45 Meet your OL in the Studio Theatre Lobby to leave for your next sessions which includes lunch which is included in your Orientation Fee.

11:55 a.m. – 3:05 p.m. Students: Get It Done [Student Session]
Students will go with their OL as they have lunch, meet their advisor, register for classes, learn how to find events on campus, and talk about their KickStart experience.

12 – 2:50 p.m. Parent/Family/Guest Workshops
Lunch: This meal is included in your Guest Fee.

What Faculty Members Want Parents to Know. Union, Ballroom. [Parents, Family, Guests Session]
Faculty members will share their experiences teaching first-year students and what it takes for students to be successful and meet the expectations held by university faculty members.

Mindset and Metacognition: The Keys to College Success. Union, Ballroom. [Parents, Family, Guests Session]
Faculty members will discuss how to encourage academic growth in your student as well as focus on valuable practices that lead to student success. These will be important tools as your student transitions to the different demands of college courses. This will also be helpful for you to know to help your student to overcome common academic setbacks.

Parenting an Adult College Student. Union, Ballroom. [Parents, Family, Guests Session]
Faculty members will explore the excitement and challenges that come with launching your child. We will engage in a discussion surrounding how to adapt to the changes in your family and parent-child relationships to best support your adult-child in their academic career.

3:05 p.m. Meet up with Your Student. Student Union. Ballroom.

3:10 – 3:25 p.m. Closing: What is Next? Student Union, Ballroom. [Student/Parent/Family/Guest Session]

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Student-Athlete Information Session
This is a required session for all Student Athletes. During this session the Director of Academic Support Services for Athletics will help new student-athletes understand the
academic expectations (including advising, NCAA requirements, and the Supervised-Study Program), and the academic support services available at UIS. Student-Athletes will have the opportunity to turn in insurance paperwork, immunizations, and check their status with the NCAA Eligibility Center at the end of this session. Go Stars! Session offered June 17, 19 and August 19.

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Parents, & Family Members of Student-Athletes Athletics Information Session for Parents of Athletes
This session will explain the requirements and services unique to UIS student-athletes. Topics will include insurance coverage and sports medicine protocols, academic advising and support services for student-athletes, financial aid and athletic scholarship processes, and education on pertinent NCAA rules. Strongly suggested session for parents of all new student-athletes. Session offered June 17, 19 and August 19.

4:30 – 5 p.m. Student-Athletes Collect Luggage — FRH
Depart for home, safe travels!