2022 UIS January Orientation
Thursday, January 13

8 a.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 winter break

8:30 – 9:15 a.m.  Residence Life, Homer Butler Commons
The Residence Life Office will be open if you need to ask them questions about the housing deposit and application/contract.

8:30 – 9:25 a.m.  Orientation Help Desk/Check-in, Public Affairs Center (PAC) 2nd Floor Lobby
Students will check in by their last name
Orientation staff can help direct you around campus or answer questions about the Orientation program.

•  Campus Tours: departing from Public Affairs Center (PAC) 2nd Floor Lobby
  at 8, 8:15, 8:25* – need to keep an eye on time to be back PAC C/D at 9:30 for Welcome

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  UIS Bookstore, 1st Floor Public Affairs Center. Open 9-3, all this week

Prairie Star Welcome
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  Prairie Star Welcome! Public Affairs Center (PAC), Conference Room C/D
[Student/Parent/Family/Guest Session]
Welcome & Introduction
Academic Expectations at UIS: An Overview
University Bursar
Making Financial Aid Work for Student Success

10:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.  Student Track [Student Sessions]
Students will meet current classmates and orientation leaders to get questions answered; learn more about what it means to be a member of the university community, academic requirements, meet with an advisor and an overview of how to use UIS technology. Students will also pick up their i-Card (university identification card). Lunch is included in the student schedule.

10:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.  Parent Track [Parent/Family/Guest Sessions]
Parents will attend sessions by faculty on topics about differences between college and high school/faculty and classroom expectations, and the college student transition. Lunch is included in the parent schedule.

4:55 – 5:15 p.m.  Closing: What’s Next. Public Affairs Center (PAC), Conference Room C/D
[Student/Parent/Family/Guest Session]
10:30 – 11 a.m. **Orientation Group Meeting**
Students will meet with their orientation leaders and classmates, learn more about UIS, and have an opportunity to ask questions.

11:05 – 11:40 a.m. Lunch: Students. Union, Food Studio
Your orientation nametag will be your $10 meal voucher for your lunch. If your meal is more than $10, you will need to have additional cash or a credit card to pay the balance. Sit down and enjoy time with other students. **Please note: on Saturdays: June 12 and 26 the Food Studio will be closed, boxed lunches will be available.**

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Living & Learning in a Community**
*Introduction to sharing a space in a community of learning on a diverse campus.*

1:30 – 3 p.m. **Rising Stars: The ABC’s of Student Success**
*In this session, students will work with faculty and professional advisors on their first semester course schedule.*

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. The Academic Success Plan
- Difference between Gen Ed/Major Requirements
- Math Sequence
- Institutional/UIS GPA
- Academic Success plan
- Advise U Demonstration

2:35 – 3:05 p.m. UIS Technology
UIS Technology (Webmail, Canvas, Zoom): Students will learn more about accessing campus technologies.

3 – 3:15 p.m. **UIS Id Center**
Students who submitted their photo online will pick up their i-Card.

3:15 – 3:45 pm. **Orientation Group Meeting**
Students will learn more about their classmates and have an opportunity to ask questions about what they learned during the day.

3:45 – 4:45 p.m. **Campus Tour/Schedule Tour**
Bring your class schedule with you as Orientation Leaders give you a tour of campus and help you find your classrooms.
**Parent Track**

10:35 – 10:45 a.m.   Parent/Family Break

10:45 – 11:20 a.m.  What Faculty Members Want Parents to Know
Our 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.

11:25 a.m. – 12 p.m.  Mindset and Metacognition: The Keys to College Success
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.

12:05 – 12:40 p.m.  Lunch: Parents/Family Members/Guests, Student Union, Food Studio
Your orientation nametag will be your $10 voucher to purchase your lunch. If your meal is more than $10, you will need to have additional cash or a credit card to pay the balance. Please note: On Saturdays: June 12 and 26 the Food Studio will be closed, boxed lunches available.

12:50 – 1:30 p.m.  Understanding Your Student’s Transition and Student Panel
A discussion about common student academic, personal, and social adjustment topics. Recommendations will be given for how parents can best support their students and increase their likelihood of success in college.

1:35 – 3:30 p.m.  Parent Information Sessions: Student Health and Safety at UIS (PAC)

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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.

3:40 – 5:05 p.m.  Resources for Student Success (PAC)

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Campus Technology: ITS Services and Resources to Help Students Succeed - ITS offers a host of resources and services to faculty and students to enhance teaching and learning. 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!

Career Development & 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 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 jump start 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.