2022 UIS Summer Orientation
First-year and Freshmen Transfer Students

8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Union Food Studio, UIS Student Union (Union), 1st Floor.
Cash and major credit cards are accepted. Open Monday-Friday.
  o Note: The Food Studio is closed Saturday, June 11 and 25.

8 – 9:25 a.m. Orientation Check-in and Help Desk, Student Union, West Entrance,
Orientation Leaders (OLs) can help direct you around campus or answer questions about the Orientation program.
  • Campus Tours: departing from Student Union, North Entrance Lobby at 8, 8:20 a.m.*
    last tour departs at 8:20.
  • FRH Showroom Tour: departing from Student Union, North Entrance, Lobby: 8, 8:15, 8:30, 8:45, 9* last group departs at 9 – need to keep an eye on time to be back at 9:30 for Welcome.

8:30 – 9:15 a.m. Residence Life, 1st Floor, University Hall Building
A Residence Life staff member will be available if you need to ask them questions about the housing deposit and application/contract

8:30 – 9:15 a.m. Office of Financial Assistance, 1st Floor, University Hall Building
Staff members are available for short consultations with students and parents/guardians this morning.

8:30 – 9:15 a.m. Immunization Drop-Off/Health Insurance Questions, 1st Floor Student Union
Students & Parents can drop off student immunization records. Staff members will be available to answer questions about immunizations, student insurance.

8:30 – 9:25 a.m. Campus Opportunity Fair, 1st Floor North Entrance and Student Leadership Center
Several UIS offices will have representatives available to discuss the resources and services that they provide to support student success and well-being. Feel free to visit the tables before the Welcome this morning.

8:30 – noon Office of Disability Services Open House, 80, Human Resources Building (HRB), East Campus
Learn more about services and accommodations that ODS offers students and how to register for their services.

8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. UIS Offices Open on June 13, 16, 21, and August 15.
Offices are closed on Saturdays June 11 and 25.

Prairie Star Welcome

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Prairie Star Welcome! Ballroom, Student Union [Student/Parent/Family/Guest Session]
Welcome & Introduction
Academic Expectations at UIS: An Overview
Summer Scholars Program
University Bursar
Making Financial Aid Work for Student Success

10:30 a.m. – 4:55 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. Lunch is included in the student schedule.

10:30 a.m. – 4:55 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.

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.  UIS Bookstore, 1st Floor Public Affairs Center.
* Special Hours for Orientation

11:05 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Campus Opportunity Fair. Student Union, 1st Floor North Entrance, Student Leadership Center
Several UIS offices will have representatives available to discuss the resources and services that they provide to support student success and well-being. Feel free to visit the tables while you are eating lunch.

5 p.m. Students meet up with Parents. Student Union, Ballroom

5:05 – 5:20 p.m. Closing: What’s Next. Student Union, Ballroom. [Student/Parent/Family/Guest Session]

5:30 – 6 p.m. Living Learning Community Showcase. Student Leadership Center, 1st Floor Student Union
Learn more about how our Living Learning Communities (LLC) support our student’s success. Representatives from Leadership for Life, Necessary Steps, Stars, and the Nursing Pathway Program will be available to discuss benefits of the program and how to apply for the LLC.

5:30 – 6 p.m. FRH Showroom Tour: groups departing from Student Union, 1st Floor Lobby
- 5:30 p.m.
- 5:45 p.m. last tour

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Campus Tours: departing at from Student Union 1st Floor Lobby
Student Track

10:30 – 11 a.m.  Orientation Group Meeting, Various Locations.  
   Students will get to know their orientation leaders and classmates 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 11 and 25 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 UIS Core Values and learning more about sharing a space in a community of learners on a diverse campus

1:30 – 4 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 scheduling, learn more about Major and General Education requirements and how to start their four-year Academic Plan.

Honors:  June 11, 13, 16, 21 only

Freshmen: June 11, 13, 16, 21 and June 25

4:05 – 5 pm.  Orientation Group Fun  
   Students will have an opportunity to have some fun and get to know some of their classmates.
10:35 – 10:45 a.m. Parent/Family Break

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

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Lunch: Parents/Family Members/Guests
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Understanding Your Student’s Transition and Student Panel. Union, Ballroom
A discussion around 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.

3:15 – 3:25 p.m. Parent Break

3:25 – 4:50 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. 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!

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 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.