

2024 UIS Guide Stars New Student Orientation

First-year and Freshmen/women Transfer Students

January 11

Taking Care of Business: *Optional Activities, before the Welcome*

Have questions or need to visit an office for assistance? First time on campus and want a tour?

See what is happening before Orientation starts.

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| 9 – 10:15 a.m. | Campus Tours: Public Affairs Center (PAC), 2 nd Floor Atrium Approximately 50 minutes, departing at 9, 9:15, 9:30 a.m. |
| 9 – 10:15 a.m. | Office of Financial Assistance, Public Affairs Center (PAC), 2 nd Floor Atrium Staff members are available for short consultations with students and parents/guardians. |
| 9 – 10:15 a.m. | University Bursar Information Table, Public Affairs Center (PAC), 2 nd Floor Atrium Staff members from the Bursar's Office will be available to answer questions about billing, payment plans, authorized payers and more. |
| 9 – 10:15 a.m. | Residence Life, Public Affairs Center (PAC), 2 nd Floor Atrium A Residence Life staff member will be available to answer questions about the housing deposit or application/contract and housing exemptions for students who will be commuting. |
| 9 – 10:15 a.m. | Office of Disability Services (ODS), Public Affairs Center (PAC), 2 nd Floor Atrium Do you have questions about the services ODS provides, or the documentation required? Stop by our office, meet our staff, and get your questions answered. |
| 9 – 10:15 a.m. | Parking Services, Public Affairs Center (PAC), 2 nd Floor Atrium Have your questions answered and learn more about parking hangtags and fees. |
| 9 – 10:15 a.m. | Campus Opportunity Fair, Public Affairs Center (PAC), 2 nd Floor Atrium Looking to learn more about campus services and meet UIS staff members and current students, stop by these tables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brookens Library • Campus Recreation • Career Development Center • Information Technology Services • Learning Hub/Writing Center |
| 9 – 10:15 a.m. | i-Card Office Open, University Hall Building, room 1004 Pick up your UIS ID card (iCard) if you submitted your photo online. Didn't upload your photo to the iCard site? No problem! Get your photo taken and leave with your card within 15 minutes. Please bring proof of ID to pick up your card (driver's license, State or Federal ID, passport). |
| 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. | UIS Bookstore, 1 st Floor Public Affairs Center (PAC). Special Hours for Orientation |

Orientation Check-in

9 – 10:25 a.m. Orientation Help Desk/Check-in, Public Affairs Center (PAC), 2nd Floor Atrium

The Orientation Team can help direct you to offices and will have campus maps available.

Prairie Star Welcome

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Prairie Star Welcome! [Student/Parent/Family/Guest Session]

Welcome & Introduction

Chancellor Welcome

Academic Expectations at UIS: An Overview

University Bursar

Making Financial Aid Work for Student Success

11:35 a.m. – 4 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, and meet with an advisor, learn more about UIS technology, register for classes and have some fun with their classmates. Lunch is included in the student schedule.

11:35 a.m. – 4 p.m. Parent Track [Parent/Family/Guest Sessions]

Parents will attend sessions led by UIS professors on topics about differences between college and high school/faculty and classroom expectations, and the college student transition. Afternoon sessions will feature presentations from staff members from several student service areas important to student success including: Health and Counseling Center Services on Campus, Campus Safety and Student Success, Career Development & Student Employment, Campus Technology, Student Success Tool Box

Library Tour

Commuting to Campus

Living On Campus

. Lunch is included in the parent schedule.

4 p.m. Families/Guests/Students meet up & depart for home.

4:30 – 5 p.m. Orientation & Admission staff available to answer questions, UHB Admission Lobby