2024 UIS Guiding Stars: New Student Orientation
For First-Time and Transfer First-Years

★June 14 ★ June 18 ★ June 22 ★ June 24

Orientation Check-in
8 – 9:55 a.m. Orientation Check-in, Student Union, West Entrance
Pick up your nametags, schedules, and more. Orientation staff members will be available to walk students and families to other offices.

Financial Assistance Consultations
8 – 9:50 a.m. Financial Aid Appointments, Office of Financial Assistance
Students & Families will meet with FA staff for short consultations about their aid notification. The Office of Financial Assistance will be reaching out to students to schedule their appointment before their orientation date. Please check your personal email for communications from the Office of Financial Assistance

Taking Care of Business:
Have questions or need to visit an office for assistance? First time on campus and want a tour? See what is happening between your Financial Assistance appointment and before Orientation starts. Take advantage of this time to get things done.

8:15 – 9:50 a.m. Campus Tours: Student Union, North Entrance
Approximately 40 minutes, departing at 8:15, 8:30, 8:45, 9 (last tour)

8:30 – 9:50 a.m. Residence Hall Showroom Tour, Student Union North Entrance
Approximately 20 minutes, departing at 8:30, 8:45, 9, 9:15, 9:30 (last tour)

8:30 – 9:50 a.m. University Bursar Information Table, Student Union, 1st Floor
Staff members from the Bursar’s Office will be available to answer questions about billing, payment plans, authorized payers and more.

8:30 – 9:50 a.m. Immunization/Health Insurance Questions, Human Resources Building (HRB), Room 64
Staff members will be available to answer questions about immunizations and student insurance. (Staff members will not available June 24)

8:30 – 9:50 a.m. i-Card Office Open, University Hall Building (UHB), 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).

8:45 – 9:45 a.m. Office of Disability Services (ODS) Open House, Human Resources Building (HRB), Room 64
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. Ask for a Star Guide to take you to the office (last departure 9:30 a.m.)

8:45 – 9:50 a.m. Parking Services, Student Union, West Entrance
Have your questions answered and learn more about parking hangtags and fees.

8:45 – 9:50 a.m. Campus Opportunity Fair, Student Union, 2nd Floor
Looking to learn more about campus services and meet UIS staff members and current students. Representatives from a number of UIS offices will be available.
Prairie Star Welcome
9:55 – 11:05 a.m. Prairie Star Welcome! Ballroom, Student Union [Student/Parent/Family/Guest Session]
Welcome & Introduction
Academic Expectations at UIS: An Overview
University Bursar
Making Financial Aid Work for Student Success

11:10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Rising Stars: 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.

11:10 a.m. – 4:30 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. Lunch is included in the parent schedule.

4:35 p.m. Closing [Student/Parent/Family/Guest Session]
 Families/Guests/Students meet up, Ballroom, for closing announcements and final questions.

4:55 p.m. Say Goodbye