Your Orientation To-Do List

Please review the list below to ensure you don’t miss anything. Visit orientation.uchicago.edu for more information.

- Create your CNetID and set up Two-Factor Authentication by Friday, May 31.
- Apply for a UChicago Pre-Orientation Program by Monday, June 10.
- Complete pre-registration for your Humanities course between June 17 and 21.
- Submit applicable AP and/or IB scores to the College Board no later than Thursday, June 20.
- Complete all placement tests by Thursday, June 20.
- Submit your official ID Photo by Sunday, June 30.
- Complete the Housing Application by Sunday, June 30.
- Log into your my.UChicago portal and review all personal, emergency, and family contact information by Sunday, June 30.
- Complete the Career Interest Form by Monday, July 8.
- Schedule an appointment with your assigned Academic Adviser between July 22 and August 16.
- Complete round two of class pre-registration between August 19 and 23.
- Complete part one of the online Prevention Modules and all Online Orientation modules by Sunday, September 22.
- Enroll in or waive the University Student Health Insurance Plan (U-SHIP) by Friday, October 18. After that deadline, students who do not take action are enrolled in U-SHIP by default.
- Submit proof of all required immunizations by Friday, October 25.
Welcome to UChicago

We’re excited for you to join our UChicago College community. One of the first steps you’ll take as a Maroon is to complete Orientation. This occurs in two phases. Here, you’ll find an introduction to the process and what is to complete Orientation. This occurs in two phases.

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PHASE 1 | ONLINE ORIENTATION

Orientation emails You’ll receive a variety of emails each week providing important updates, reminders for upcoming deadlines, activities, and launching the online learning modules. Make sure you log in to your UChicago email account to access them.

Online Learning Modules New students are required to complete mandatory online learning modules throughout the summer and into your first quarter. Each module will cover a variety of topics from College Academics, Living on Campus, Athletics, to Student Wellness.

Webinar Series The College hosts multiple webinars featuring various campus partners that connect with the online module content. You can register to attend the sessions live or access the recorded versions on the Orientation website.

Meet Your UChicago Peer Mentor The UChicago Mentoring Program (UCMP) connects incoming students with upper-level mentors to ease the transition to College life. Your Peer Mentor will send you an introductory welcome letter in mid-June. There will be opportunities to participate in group calls and virtual meetings prior to meeting your Peer Mentor in person during Orientation Week.

Virtual Advising You will receive your assigned Academic Adviser by mid-June. Your adviser will work with you on a group advising requirements. Your adviser will help you explore academic interests, plan a program of study for degree completion, assist you in selecting courses for Autumn Quarter, and provide support as you transition to UChicago. If you have an advising-related question prior to June, contact the College Academic Advising Office at collegeadvising@uchicago.edu or 773.702.8615.

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• A friendly face who will guide you through O-Week after getting to UChicago.
• Personal connection with current students, including your Peer Mentor and fellow group members.
• Student perspective on being part of the campus and your community.
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PHASE 2 | ORIENTATION WEEK

Orientation Week Orientation Week began in 1934 to introduce a new class of students to the traditions and community that have made the University of Chicago a unique destination for students from around the world. This multi-day series of events, programs, and meetings provides new students with an in-depth overview of how the College works.

O-Week Key Dates & Details

Move-In: Incoming students have the option to move in on either Tuesday, September 24, or the morning of Wednesday, September 25.

Check-In: O-Week kicks off on Wednesday, September 25. All students are required to check in for Orientation in the morning.

Programming for Students: Students will participate in mandatory programming focusing on campus and community standards, experience signature events like the Aims of Education Address and the annual Glow Party, and explore a variety of optional and side-line programs to learn more about UChicago and the city.

Programming for Families: Family activities like the Orientation Resource Fair, office open house events, and Opening Convocation and the Family Reception will take place on Wednesday, September 25. Other optional programs may take place on Tuesday, September 24.

Pre-Orientation Programs

Incoming students are encouraged to apply for one of the Pre-Orientation Programs that take place the week before O-Week. Each program provides a unique opportunity to meet other members of your class, to help you become more familiar with student and community life, and to begin exploring your areas of interest before the academic year begins.

These welcoming programs to Pre-Orientation Program must apply to do so by June 15. Students selected for participation will be notified by the end of June. If selected, you’ll stay in a temporary housing assignment and move into your permanent housing on Monday, September 22.

Before you join us on campus, you’ll participate in a variety of Online Orientation activities throughout the summer designed to get you prepared and more familiar with UChicago.

In-person Orientation will take place during the weeks leading up to the start of autumn courses. It consists of Pre-Orientation Programs and Orientation Week, known as “O-Week.”