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 Monday, July 8.
- 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 during 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.

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Save the Date for Family Weekend
October 25-27, 2024
To learn more about Family Weekend, SCAN HERE.
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 you can expect during each phase.

Orientation happens in two phases:

PHASE 1 | ONLINE ORIENTATION

Summer Before UChicago

Orientation Emails You’ll receive a variety of emails each week providing important updates, reminders for upcoming deadlines and tasks, and launching the online learning modules. Please make sure you’re checking your UChicago email account to access these emails.

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, to Student Wellness, Living on Campus, and more.

Welcome 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 version on the Orientation website.

Meet Your UChicago Peer Mentor The UChicago Mentoring Program (UCMP) connects incoming students with upper-level mentors to help them transition to the College and the University of Chicago. UCMP provides you with:

• A friendly face who will guide you through the process of transitioning to UChicago.
• Personal connections with current students, including your Peer Mentor and other UCMP mentors.
• Supportive relationships with other group members.
• Information about the University and its community.
• A unique opportunity to learn from the experiences of others.

Virtual Advising You will receive your assigned Academic Adviser by email. It is important for you to have your summer advising requirements. Your adviser will contact you before the end of July to assist you with your summer advising requirements. Your adviser will send you an introductory welcome letter in early July. There will be opportunities to participate in group calls and virtual meetings prior to meeting your Peer Mentor in person during Orientation Week.

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

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 provides new students with an in-depth overview of how the College works.

O-Week Key Dates & Details

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

Check-ins: O-week kicks off on Wednesday, September 26. 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 college events like the Arts of Education Address and the annual Glow Party, and explore a variety of optional and late-night programs to learn more about UChicago and the city.

Programming for Families Family activities like the Orientation Reception, Pre-O-Week events, and Opening Convocation and the Family Reception will take place on Wednesday, September 26. 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 connect with 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.

Those wishing to participate in a Pre-Orientation Program must apply to do so by June 30. 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 term-time housing on Monday, September 23.

The UChicago Mentoring Program (UCMP) connects incoming students with upper-level mentors to help them transition to the College and the University of Chicago. UCMP provides you with:

• An experienced student leader to answer all your questions.
• Personal connections with current students, including your Peer Mentor and other UCMP mentors.
• Student perspectives on being part of the campus and local community.
• Participation in group calls and virtual meetings.
• A friendly face who will guide you through the process of transitioning to UChicago.

O-Week 

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