

Sample Fall Freshmen Orientation Schedule

See below for a **sample** of your orientation activities. This sample schedule is designed to give you a general idea of orientation activities. Please follow instructions in your confirmation e-mail regarding check-in times/location. You'll receive your official schedule when you check-in to orientation.

Day 1

Time	Event	Description
7:45-9 a.m.	Check-In	Orientation begins at Grant North Residence Hall

Morning session activities are for students and their families. Some sessions are required. All sessions are announced from inside Grant North Residence Hall lobby. An Orientation Leader will escort you to your session.

8:30/8:45 a.m.	Campus Recreation Tours	Start your day by exploring the Student Recreation Center with a short tour of its facilities.
8:15 a.m.	Honors Meeting (required)	This session is for students who have been invited to enroll in University Honors. During this session, students and families will learn more about the Program and meet fellow honors students as well as faculty and staff.
8:15 a.m.	Student Athlete Meeting (required)	This session is for students who will be playing an intercollegiate sport. During this session, students and families will meet with staff from Student-Athlete Academic Support Services.

Student and families need to meet in the Grant North Residence Hall lobby beginning at 9:00 p.m. to catch their bus to the start of the orientation program. An Orientation Leader will escort you on the bus. Students and families will be together for some sessions and separate for others.

9:30 a.m.	Welcome to NIU! ***	Meet other new students, their families, and Orientation staff. The Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management will share insight on student success at NIU. Students and families will also learn how to navigate their way through the orientation experience.
10:10 a.m.	Huskie to Huskie: Small group discussions	You'll meet your orientation leader and other new students during this session. In addition, your leader will review your orientation experience, discuss the New Student Guide, and other share other important information about being a new Huskie.
11:20 a.m.	Academics at NIU ***	A representative from the Division of Academic Affairs will share insight on the hallmarks of a NIU education.
11:40 a.m.	Professor's Perspective***	A NIU faculty member will highlight the classroom experience at NIU. Discussion of faculty expectations and strategies for student success will be shared.
12:20 p.m.	Lunch ***	Lunch is a great time for you and your family to discuss the morning sessions. Orientation staff will be around to answer any questions.
1 p.m.	Northern Neighborhood***	This is a great opportunity for you and your family to learn about NIU resources and services!
1:50 p.m.	Managing College Costs***	The focus of this presentation is to share information with students and families regarding the process of paying for college, including information on tuition, fees, and billing.
2:15 p.m.	The Academic Connection ***	Gain insight of academics and advising at NIU with an overview of academic expectations, the undergraduate curriculum, and students'

		responsibilities. You will also receive your college homework for the day.
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****Indicates sessions you and your family members both participate in.

After the Academic Connection, students and families will follow their own orientation schedule. Dinner time will be the chance for students to reconnect with their families.

Time	Event	Description
3:25-5:45 p.m.	Huskie to Huskie/Transitioning to NIU	Meet up with your orientation leader and small group. You'll learn how to register for classes, important resources, habits, and behaviors are needed for success during your first year at NIU and beyond!
6 p.m.	Dinner	Students will reconnect with their families. This is a great chance to talk about your afternoon experiences and discuss fall class selection.
6:55 p.m.	Student Life at NIU	This session will focus on important student life issues facing college students today.
7:55-10:15 p.m.	Evening Activities	Now that the day is winding down, you'll get an opportunity to relax and learn about other student engagement and activities you can be involved in at NIU. Make sure you wear closed-toe athletic shoes for this portion of the day!
10:15 p.m.	Floor Meeting	Unwind from the day with your Orientation Leader and small group. During this session, you'll finish your college homework and get ready for day 2 activities.

Part of completing the orientation program, is staying overnight in your assigned room in Grant North. After your floor meeting, you can hang out with your new friends on your floor's lobby or downstairs in the main lobby. You cannot leave Grant North for any reason. It's also important that you be on your floor by midnight—you have a busy day tomorrow!

Day 2

6:30 am.	Wake-up Knock!	Time to get up and get ready for day 2!
7-7:45 a.m.	Checkout of Grant North	Follow the instructions of your Orientation Leader to properly checkout of your room and where to store your luggage for the day.
7:15-8:15 a.m.	Breakfast	Follow the instructions of your Orientation Leader who will make sure you get to breakfast on time.
8:30 a.m.	Academic Advising and Registration	Your college has a busy morning planned for you! Follow your Orientation Leader who will make sure you get on the right bus so you're not late. Families do not attend academic advising/registration.
Varies by college	Checkout and OneCard	After you finish advising and registration, your advisor will point you in the direction of the Holmes Student Center. You need to head down to the basement and start the checkout process. In order to finish the day properly, you must checkout. You'll also get your OneCard before you leave for the day!

When students are finished with advising, registration, and checkout, they can meet their families in the Gallery Lounge (first floor) of the Holmes Student Center. Students and families will need to catch a bus back to Grant North to get their luggage and head to the parking lot. Busses will depart from the Holmes Student Center bus turn around. Orientation staff will direct students and families to the correct bus.

Day 2 Optional Activities

When finished with checkout and you've reconnected with your family, you can head to any of the optional activities listed below.

Time	Event	Description
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Student Financial Aid Individual Sessions	Feel free to stop by Student Financial Aid with your family if you have any remaining questions. You can meet individually with a counselor.
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Residence Hall Tours	Want to check out your residence hall before coming back in August? Talk with an Orientation staff member for instructions.
Departing at: 10/10:30/11 11:30/noon	Campus Tours	Come and learn from a current NIU student all of the key locations on campus during this 30 minute tour. Departing from the Holmes Student Center, Gallery Lounge.
11 a.m.-2 p.m.	Visit your Student-Athletic Coordinator	This session is for students who will be playing an intercollegiate sport. Student athletes will need to make arrangements to meet with the Student-Athlete Academic Support Services staff after advising concludes.