Your Guide to Orientation
Get ready for life as a Maroon.
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.

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**PHASE 1 | ONLINE ORIENTATION**
May to September

**PHASE 2 | ORIENTATION WEEK**
September
PHASE 1
ONLINE ORIENTATION

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.

What You Can Expect in Phase 1

Online Newsletters—You’ll receive a series of e-newsletters. Each one will cover a different topic from College Academics to Student Wellness to Living on Campus and more. Make sure you log into your UChicago email account to access them.

Online Learning Modules—Following receipt of each newsletter, you’ll be asked to complete a mandatory online learning module covering the same topic. All students are required to complete these modules by move-in.

Webinar Series—The College hosts multiple webinars featuring various campus partners that connect with the monthly newsletter and 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 the end of June to assist you with your summer 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.

The UChicago Mentoring Program (UCMP) works to build community by providing incoming students with upper-level mentors to aid in their transition to the College and the University of Chicago.

The benefits to you:
• An experienced student leader to answer all your questions.
• Personally connect with current students, including your Peer Mentor and fellow group members.
• Hear student perspectives on being part of the campus and local community.
• Participate in group calls and virtual meetings.
• A friendly face who will guide you through O-Week after getting to know you all summer.
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.”

**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 19, or the morning of Wednesday, September 20.

**Check-In**—O-Week kicks off on Wednesday, September 20. 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 late-night 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 20. Other optional programs may take place on Tuesday, September 19.

**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.

Those wishing to participate in a Pre-Orientation Program must apply to do so by June 9. 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 18.

**SCAN HERE** to view specific Pre-Orientation Programs and to learn more.
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 Wednesday, May 31.
- Apply for a UChicago Summer Opportunity or Pre-Orientation Program by Friday, June 9.
- Complete pre-registration for your Humanities Sequence course between June 20 and 23.
- Submit your official ID Photo by Friday, June 30.
- Complete the Housing Application by Friday, June 30.
- Log into the my.UChicago portal and review all personal, emergency, and family contact information by Friday, June 30.
- Submit applicable AP and/or IB scores to the College Board no later than Friday, July 14.
- Complete all placement tests by Friday, July 21.
- Schedule an appointment with your assigned Academic Adviser before the deadline of Friday, August 11.
- Complete round two of class pre-registration between August 14 and 18.
- Complete part one of the online Prevention Modules by September 18. Students who fail to complete the modules will have a hold placed on their account for Winter Quarter registration.
- Enroll in or waive the University Student Health Insurance Plan (U-SHIP) by October 13. After that deadline, students who do not take action are enrolled in U-SHIP by default.
- Submit proof of all required immunizations by October 20.
Save the Date for Family Weekend
October 13-15, 2023
To learn more about Family Weekend, SCAN HERE.

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