

From the Director

Welcome to the University of Michigan. We look forward to meeting you during your orientation program. The University of Michigan has a long tradition of excellence in providing a personal and enriching orientation experience. Your Michigan education begins at New Student Orientation and the program is designed for you to learn about academic expectations and requirements, locate and explore important resources and student services, and meet other new and current students from around the globe.

The Office of New Student Programs is committed to ensuring your successful academic, intellectual and social transition into the University community. We are here to help and provide guidance, to answer your questions, address your concerns and learn from you. We sincerely believe that orientation is a process, not merely an event. Orientation isn't just for new students. We recognize that parents play an integral role in the lives of students and we invite all parents of new students to attend Parent & Guest Orientation. This program is especially designed to address questions and concerns your parents may have about your transition to college, financial aid, campus living, health services, and public safety as well as to acquaint them with the support services available to students.

We look forward to meeting you this summer!

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Student Orientation

After reading this online orientation information, you may sign up for orientation online. We encourage you to register for orientation immediately after reading this information. Also note that students must attend all three days of the program to be eligible to register for classes. Please make your travel arrangements so that you arrive on time. In addition to arriving on time for the first day of your program, do not plan on leaving the program at any time while it is in session or you may have to repeat the program.

Program At-A-Glance

- Summer Half Term Orientation is three days in length
- Summer Half Term Orientation will take place Wednesday, June 24 – Friday, June 26
- The program fee is \$270.75 and will be billed to your student account

During the program you will:

- Learn about academics at the University
- Develop an academic plan with an advisor from your school or college
- Become familiar with the campus, its facilities, and resources
- Meet other incoming students as well as current students
- Experience residence hall life
- Select and register for Summer and Fall 2009 classes

Please answer the following question before you proceed to the next section.

How long is the orientation program?

- 1 Day
- 2 Days
- 3 Days

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Student Expectations at Orientation

We expect students to make their own reservations for orientation (and to make the parent & guest reservations as well). Students are responsible for creating their University of Michigan computing account and password prior to registering for orientation, and to keep this information safe and secure. Students should not share this information with anyone, including their parents, in order to ensure the confidentiality of student records.

We expect students to attend all orientation activities. All sessions during orientation are required and programming is specifically designed to assist students with their academic and social transition to the University. Students may be dismissed from the program without being permitted to register for classes if they have missed activities and are unprepared to register for classes.

We expect students to register for classes with the assistance of the professional academic advisors only, and not their parents or family members. It is our goal for students to build a relationship with their advisors as well as learn the necessary skills to register on their own in future terms.

We expect students to follow all orientation rules, including rules prohibiting alcohol and drug use. Failure to comply with these rules can result in dismissal from orientation without being permitted to register for classes, or legal consequences such as arrests, Minor in Possession tickets and fines, and future appearances in local courts.

I have read the “Student Expectations at Orientation” and agree to comply with it, the rules and policies of the Regents of the University of Michigan as well as all applicable laws and ordinances. I understand that any violations of the aforementioned may result in immediate dismissal from the summer orientation program without being permitted to register for classes, termination of my fall residence hall contract, and further disciplinary action by the University, and/or legal prosecution. **I understand that the illegal use of drugs or alcohol, including underage drinking, is strictly prohibited.**

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Housing Options for Summer Half-Term Students

- ***If You Do Have a Residence Hall Contract for Summer Half-Term***

If you have a Residence Hall contract with University Housing for Summer Half, you may move into Mary Markley Hall at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 23, 2009. All sessions of orientation are required, and due to the tight scheduling for each day, you will be required to eat your meals in South Quad. You will be charged an orientation fee of \$212.75, which covers program costs and eight meals. If you will be staying in Markley during orientation, DO NOT indicate that you will need housing during orientation when registering.

- ***If You Do Not Have a Residence Hall Contract for Summer Half-Term***

If you do not have a Residence Hall contract with University Housing for Summer Half, you may either stay in South Quad or arrange your own housing during orientation. We encourage you to stay in South Quad as this will help you become acquainted with the University and meet other students more quickly. All sessions of orientation are required, evening activities run late, and due to the tight scheduling of each day you will be required to eat all meals in South Quad. If you stay with us, a fee of \$270.75 will be charged to your student account in the summer.

If you wish to stay in South Quad during orientation, simply select the housing option when registering online. If you do not stay with us, you will be charged a fee of \$212.75, which covers program costs and eight meals; you must cover the cost of your own housing. If you decide NOT to stay in South Quad, do not indicate that you will require housing during orientation when registering. Please consider your decision carefully before you register. Once you indicate that you will not be staying in South Quad during the program, we cannot provide a space for you should you change your mind.

Early Arrival Option for Students Staying in South Quad

Check-in time on the first day of your orientation program is 8:00 am. If, due to travel, distance or other circumstances it will be necessary for you to arrive the night before your scheduled orientation date, you may stay in South Quad for an additional \$31.00. You may check into South Quad between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm. You can select early arrival housing on the web by clicking on the appropriate box on the online orientation registration page. We can only provide housing for one night before your scheduled program. If you need to arrive earlier or stay later, it will be necessary for you to make your own arrangements for lodging. You can find a list of available accommodations on the Campus Information Centers website (www.umich.edu/~info) or by contacting our office.

Departing from South Quad

If you will be staying with us in South Quad, and someone is picking you up after your orientation program, it is helpful if you designate a meeting place in advance. We recommend meeting in the Ambatana Lounge located on the east side of South Quad. Your pick-up time

should not occur before your orientation program is over. If you are auditioning for Marching Band, do not make return flight/travel arrangements prior to 7:00 pm as the ending time varies. Most students finish registering for classes by noon on the third day of orientation. Please remember that you are welcome to have lunch before heading home.

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Advanced Placement (AP) Credit

If you specified the University of Michigan as the recipient of your scores at the time you took any AP exams, they will automatically be sent to the University in early July. Even if your orientation is scheduled before your scores are reported to the University, your advisor will be able to work with you to make appropriate course selections. Be sure to mention to your academic advisor which AP exams you have taken.

Placement exams

Placement exams are required if you are either required to take these subjects by your academic unit or if you wish to continue in these subjects. All tests are for placement in University of Michigan courses only. The chemistry and language tests will be administered during the afternoon of the first day of your orientation program. You must complete the Online Writing Assessment at least 5 business days before the start of your orientation. If you are planning to take a math and/or a chemistry course, you must take the math placement test online prior to your orientation program. The online math test will be available after June 2, 2008 and you should complete it at least three days prior to the start of your orientation program.

Please answer the following question before you proceed to the next section.

True or false: If you received AP credit, you do not need to take placement exams.

- True
- False

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Mathematics Exam

The online mathematics placement is used to gauge your level of preparation for calculus. It consists of multiple-choice questions covering algebra and pre-calculus material. Your score on the online test is combined with data from your college admissions test scores (the math subsection of either the ACT or SAT) and your high school grade point average to determine what mathematics course you should take. You will be able to discuss your placement with your advisor when you meet with him or her on campus during your summer orientation program. **The math test will be available beginning June 2, 2009.**

- All first-year students, except students in the School of Nursing, MUST take the math exam regardless of AP credit or intended course selection.

Instructions for taking the online math placement test:

To take the test, you need the following:

- Your unqiusername and password
 - One hour of uninterrupted time. Make sure you eliminate all potential distractions.
1. Read this online orientation information thoroughly.
 2. To take the on-line math test, you will need a computer with a web browser. The most effective browser/operating system combinations are listed below:
 - For Windows: Internet Explorer 6+, Opera 7.5+, Netscape 7.1+, or Firefox 1.5.0.2+. Firefox is recommended.
 - For Macintosh OS X: Safari 1.2.1+, Netscape 7.1+, or Firefox 1.5.0.2+. Firefox or Safari are recommended. Macintosh OS 9 is not supported.
 - For Linux: Firefox 1.5+ or Konqueror 3.3+. Firefox is recommended.
 - The better your Internet connection, the better the test will work.
 3. After June 2, go to <http://ctools.umich.edu>. Log in using your unqiusername and password. Select the "Math Placement" tab on the top of the webpage. Then follow the math placement exam instructions.

If you need a special accommodation, please contact the Office of New Student Programs.

Please note:

- You must take the math placement test before coming to campus. Failure to do this will complicate or delay your course registration.
- You can find more information about the test, and the answers to frequently asked questions about it, on the "Math Placement" site at <http://ctools.umich.edu>.
- The online placement test will take no more than one hour. You may not use a calculator or other resource on the test.

Please answer the following question before you proceed to the next section.

True or False: It is mandatory that all first year students, except students admitted to the School of Nursing, take the math placement exam.

- True
- False

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Chemistry Exam

The chemistry exam is used to assess your knowledge of chemistry as taught in a regular high school chemistry class. It includes fundamental, physical, atomic/molecular and solution concepts. Your score on the math placement exam is a key factor in establishing your final chemistry placement. If you plan to take the chemistry exam, you also must take the math exam to ensure accurate placement. You may not use a calculator on the chemistry exam.

Please answer the following question before you proceed to the next section.

True or false: If you plan to take a chemistry course at the University of Michigan, you must take the online math placement exam prior to the start of your orientation program.

- True
- False

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Language Exams

At orientation we will offer exams in the following languages: French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Latin, Russian, and Spanish. You do not need to take a language placement exam if you are planning to take a course in a language in which you have no previous experience. If you want to take a placement exam for a language other than the ones listed above, call the department directly to make arrangements to take the test after orientation. Please do not schedule one of these exams while you are participating in the program. A list of languages and their corresponding departments can be found on our website, <http://www.onsp.umich.edu/orientation/langdeptcontacts.html>.

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Directed Self-Placement Essay and Questions

All first-year students in LSA, Art & Design, Kinesiology, Music, Residential College, and Nursing must fulfill the First-Year Writing Requirement. To assist students in choosing their first writing course at the University, the Sweetland Writing Center administers the Directed Self-Placement process for all incoming students.

This Self-Placement process is designed to simulate the types of academic writing most often assigned and valued at the University of Michigan. You will be asked to:

1. Read an article of about 10 pages,
2. Write a 750-900 word essay in response to that article, and
3. Answer 10 follow-up questions about your writing experience.

This task will help you judge your own readiness for and comfort with college writing. To get the most out of the Self-Placement process, take the Essay and Questions seriously.

When you meet with your advisor during Orientation, you will look at yourself as a writer based on the Directed Self-Placement Essay and Questions, as well as your prior writing experience, and choose a writing course that will enable you to become more proficient and confident in academic writing.

Once you have chosen your first writing course, your Directed Self-Placement Essay will be forwarded to your instructor to introduce you to him or her as a writer.

*****All students, except those in first-year Engineering and LSA Honors must complete the Online Writing Self-Placement Essay and Questions at least 5 business days before your Orientation date.**

Instructions for completing the Sweetland Writing Center's Directed Self-Placement Essay and Questions:

1. Allow yourself several hours to complete the Online Writing Self-Placement Essay and Questions.
2. To complete the Directed Self-Placement Essay and Questions, you will need a computer with an Internet connection and a web browser. The most effective browser/operating system combinations are listed below:
 - For Windows: Internet Explorer 6+, Opera 7.5+, Netscape 7.1+, or Firefox 1.5.0.2+. Firefox is recommended.
 - For Macintosh OS X: Safari 1.2.1+, Netscape 7.1+, or Firefox 1.5.0.2+. Firefox or Safari are recommended. Mac OS 9 is not supported.
 - For Linux: Firefox 1.5+ or Konqueror 3.3+. Firefox is recommended.
3. Have your UM uniqname and password available.

4. To begin, log in to <http://ctools.umich.edu>, click on the words “New Student Essay and Questions,” and follow the instructions on the screen.

5. Remember that you must upload your Essay and answer the Questions to complete the Directed Self-Placement process.

If you need a special accommodation, please contact the Office of New Student Programs.

Please note:

- You must complete the Online Writing Self-Placement Essay and Questions at least 5 business days before your Orientation.

- You can find more information about the Directed Self-Placement process, and answers to Frequently Asked Questions on the Sweetland Writing Center website: <http://lsa.umich.edu/swc>.

- All questions, comments or concerns regarding the Online Writing Self-Placement should be directed to the Sweetland Writing Center. You may visit the Sweetland Writing Center Website at www.lsa.umich.edu/swc/, send an email to swcinfo@umich.edu, or call 734-764-0429.

Please answer the following question before you proceed to the next section.

True or false: Only first-year Engineering, LSA Residential College and LSA Honors students are exempt from taking the Online Writing Assessment.

- True
- False

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Student Orientation Schedule

Schedule subject to change.

Day 1

8:00 **Check-in**
am *Lobby of South Quad*

9:15 **Welcome and Information**
am **Meeting**

10:30
am **Campus Safety**

11:00
am **Walking Tour**

12:00
pm **Lunch**

1:15
pm **Money at Michigan**

2:00
pm **Placement Exams**

4:45
pm **Dinner**

6:00
pm **Community at Michigan**

7:15 **Summer Theatre Company**
pm **Performance**

*Day One activities will end at
approximately 9:00 pm.*

Day 2

8:30 am **Academics at Michigan**

11:30
am **Lunch**

1:00 pm **Group and Individual
Academic Advising**

5:00 pm **Dinner**

6:45 pm **Michigan Learning
Communities**

7:30 pm **Peer Advising**

Day Two activities officially end at 9:30 pm, however many students enjoy using Wolverine Access to explore class options after Peer Advising. Our orientation leaders will also provide other social activities.

Day 3

8:00 am **Individual Academic Advising
and
Registration for Classes
Begins**

Most students finish registering for classes by noon on the third day of their program.

2:30 pm **Marching Band Auditions**

Students interested in joining the Marching Band are required to audition during Summer Orientation. You will have an opportunity to sign up for an

audition on the first day. A Marching Band representative will meet you in the lobby of South Quad on the last day of your orientation program to walk you to Revelli Hall for your audition. For more information, see the Michigan Marching Band website, mmb.music.umich.edu, or call 734/764-0582.

NOTE: If you plan to audition, DO NOT make return flight arrangements before 7 pm on the third day of orientation.

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Registering for Orientation

Before You Register

Your Academic Unit Assignment

The University of Michigan is comprised of many different colleges, schools and programs, and we refer to these as academic units. The academic unit to which you have been admitted is indicated in the first paragraph of your letter of admission to the University. Students admitted to the Honors Program, the Residential College or who were offered preferred admission to the Bachelor of Business Administration program will receive a second letter directly from those programs. You will be assigned to the advising group for the appropriate academic unit during orientation. It is very important that you register for an orientation program that corresponds to your academic unit.

PLEASE NOTE: It is your responsibility to ensure the accuracy of your academic unit assignment. This assignment will be displayed on the online registration system. If your assignment is not correct, contact both the appropriate academic unit and ONSP prior to registering for orientation to ensure the appropriate change is made. Because academic advising for all units is not available for every orientation program, academic unit changes may necessitate a change in orientation date. In such cases, your new orientation date will be later than the original date for which you registered.

A note for Preferred Admits to the BBA Program: Below you will be asked to verify your academic unit. Your academic unit assignment will appear as the school or college you have been admitted to for your first year at the University.

Changing Your School or College

If you decide to change your school or college after you have registered for orientation you must notify us. Once you have been officially admitted to the new school or college, call our office to ensure that advising is available for that school or college on the date you have selected. If advising is unavailable, one of our staff members will help you choose another date when advising is available.

Verify your Academic Unit Assignment

Your Academic Unit Assignment is:

Is your academic unit assignment correct?

Yes

No

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Special Arrangements

Participants Who Need Special Assistance

The Office of New Student Programs coordinates certain accommodations such as extended time testing and testing assistance, accessible rooms in South Quad, and refrigerators for medication. Please note: There will be walking involved with both the student and parent programs. We do have a wheelchair available. Please mark the appropriate box during web registration, and we will contact you prior to your program to discuss your needs. You may also contact our office directly at 734/764-6413 or by email at onsp@umich.edu to indicate your needs. Because some arrangements take time to complete, please contact us at least two weeks in advance of your assigned date. Accommodations made during orientation do not reflect how those same accommodations will be made during the school year. It is important that students with disabilities contact the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities at 734/763-3000 to discuss school year needs.

Meal Accommodations

Meals during orientation will include a variety of vegetarian and vegan options, so it is not necessary to notify us if you require these meals. If you require kosher meals, please notify us at the time of registration and we will make these available to you. Also, if you have a severe food allergy, dining services can provide a list of ingredients in menu items, but cannot guarantee menu items will not come in contact with food pertaining to allergies. When you register for orientation online, select either “Kosher Meals” or “Food Allergy” under Special Meals, and a member of our staff will contact you to discuss these arrangements.

Please answer the following question before you proceed to the next section.

True or false: If you are a vegetarian, you need to indicate this when your register for orientation.

- True
- False

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Academic Program Information

Comprehensive Studies Program

Students can be selected by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to be a part of the Comprehensive Studies Program (CSP). Students in this learning community have the opportunity to take intensive courses in various first year introductory classes within the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. CSP course sections are smaller than other sections in the same subject, allowing for more one-to-one interaction between the instructor and student. Students also receive academic advising, tutoring and other personal support. While the majority of students in CSP are from the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, students are represented from every undergraduate college. Those selected to CSP must see an advisor from the program during orientation. Other students can affiliate with the program anytime throughout the academic year.

College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

In mid- to late-May the College will mail you an LSA Orientation packet to the permanent address listed on your application. This packet marks the start of Orientation. It will provide detailed instructions to complete online forms and questionnaires. Please read these instructions carefully and complete the online activities prior to your arrival on campus. The packet will also contain materials about courses and academic resources. One of these resources will be a website designed for incoming students; it will answer many of your questions and prepare you for Orientation.

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Parent Orientation

Discuss with your parents whether or not they would like to attend the optional Parent & Guest Orientation program. If your parents would like to come to orientation, ask them which orientation sessions they are available to attend.

If you are not sure whether your parents or guests can attend Parent & Guest Orientation, please do not sign them up for a session at this time. We typically do not experience space limitations with the Parent & Guest Orientation Program; you may sign them up for the program at a later date. You can sign them up by logging back into the Wolverine Access system or contacting our office by telephone at 734-764-6413. If you decide to register a parent or guest at this time and they discover later that they are unable to attend, please contact ONSP to cancel their reservation.

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Steps to Registering for Orientation

1. Read this online orientation information thoroughly.
2. It is strongly recommended that you enable cookies, allow pop-ups, and do not open more than two browser windows at a time.
3. If your parents will be attending Parent & Guest Orientation on the same day as your orientation program, you may register them online. If your parents would like to attend on a different day, please have them call our office after you have completed your registration.
4. When you finish reading the online orientation information you will automatically be directed to the orientation registration main page.
5. Verify that the academic unit assignment displayed on the Orientation Registration page is correct before you select a date. If it is not correct, contact the Office of New Student Programs before completing your orientation registration. Remember, you will only be given dates that correspond to your academic unit.
6. After completing the Orientation Registration page, click the Submit button. Please be patient! Do not click the back button or do any other navigation until the system responds to your request. You will receive immediate feedback if your registration was not accepted, and instructed about what to do next.
7. Important: Once you have completed your registration, remember to logout of Wolverine Access. Logging out is a four step process. First, click the “Log Out” button in the upper right-hand corner of the confirmation page. Then click “Log Out” on the Wolverine Access main page. Third, click the “Logout” button on the logout screen, and finally click “Yes” on the Security Alert screen.

PLEASE NOTE: You have not registered for orientation until you reach the Registration Confirmation page that congratulates you for successfully completing the process. Print this confirmation page for your records. Be sure to verify that the orientation program you registered for displays on the Registration Confirmation page. Once you have submitted the online registration you cannot make additional changes through this website. If you need to make changes, contact the Office of New Student Programs.

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Program Confirmation

You will receive an e-mail confirmation of your assigned orientation date within 24 hours of registering for orientation. This confirmation e-mail will include specific information regarding check-in, parking, and what to bring to orientation. Please print this e-mail and bring it with you to orientation. Do not come to orientation unless you have received a confirmation e-mail with your orientation assignment. We are not able to accommodate walk-ins to the Summer Orientation programs. Also, **DO NOT** make travel arrangements prior to receiving confirmation of your assigned date. The University will not be responsible for the costs of travel arrangements made prior to receipt of your confirmation e-mail.

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Traveling to Orientation by Car

Most students travel to orientation by car. Students who are parking their own vehicles during orientation during the day only should park at the Maynard Street Parking structure located at 324 Maynard Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Parents are encouraged to park at the Kensington Court or Holiday Inn hotels. A shuttle to campus is provided during the orientation program.

Students who will be parking their own vehicles overnight will need to park at the Forest Street Parking Structure. You will need a parking permit to park in this particular structure overnight. [Check the box below and we will e-mail you with more details about overnight parking.](#)

I need parking for Orientation

Complete driving directions and parking information is available on our website at <http://onsp.umich.edu/orientation/directions>

Traveling to Orientation by Plane

Northwest Airlines will provide a discount from any point of origin that Northwest Airlines services in the United States and Canada to Detroit Metropolitan Airport for all new Michigan students and their families attending Summer Orientation. Travel will only be permitted up to three days prior to and three days after your assigned Summer Orientation Program. Discounts are based on availability. Some restrictions apply. For further details and reservations, call Northwest at 800/328-1111 daily between 8:30 am and 8:30 pm ET or visit www.nwa.com. Please refer to the Michigan Orientation Northwest World File Number NY259 when making your reservations.

The University of Michigan is not responsible for delays, cancelled flights, damaged or lost belongings, personal injury or loss of life due to any incident involving Northwest Airlines. As part of this arrangement, and to help offset orientation program costs, the University receives promotional tickets that are used solely for normal University business travel.

Using a Travel Agent

If you purchase your tickets from a travel agent using this discount program, you or your agent must make the reservations through Northwest Airlines. The Office of New Student Programs provides this arrangement with Northwest Airlines as a convenience for new students.

Using a Bidding System for Airline Tickets

ONSP strongly recommends that you do not use airline ticket services that do not allow you to pick specific arrival and departure times. If you cannot choose specific travel times, you may end

up with an itinerary that causes you to miss a portion of the orientation program. You are required to attend the full orientation program, and we may require that you attend another program if you cannot do so. Do not purchase a ticket where the company determines flight times. We will not make any special accommodations, and ONSP will not be responsible for costs associated with attending another orientation program and/or booking another flight.

Getting to Ann Arbor from Detroit Metropolitan Airport

There are many shuttle services and cab companies that provide door to door service from Detroit Metropolitan Airport to South Quad in Ann Arbor. A list of these services will be available online at the Campus Information Centers' website, www.umich.edu/~info.

Other Means of Travel

Ann Arbor is accessible by both Amtrak train service and Greyhound bus. To inquire about train schedules or make reservations, you can call 800/USA-RAIL or 872-7245 or you can book online at www.amtrak.com. The telephone number for Greyhound is 800/231-2222 or you can book online at www.greyhound.com. For directions from the train station or bus depot to South Quad, please contact our office.

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