UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER
SPRING ORIENTATION 2020
January 12–14
Welcome

We are excited to officially welcome you to the University of Rochester! Over the course of your time here, you will explore your academic interests, discover new passions, and meet fascinating people. We hope Orientation will provide you with the necessary tools and information to navigate the many resources offered to you by the University.

We encourage you to take full advantage of the variety of programs and events we have planned to introduce you to campus, help you make new friends, and inform you about all of the opportunities available to you.

We look forward to meeting you and your classmates!

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Sunday, January 12

10 a.m.—4 p.m. • Check-In
First Floor, Susan B. Anthony Residence Halls
Follow the signs to check in with Orientation staff! If you submitted your ID photo ahead of time, you’ll also be able to pick up your ID at check-in.

12–4 p.m. • ID Office Open
If you didn’t submit your ID information electronically via Blackboard prior to coming to campus, make sure to stop by the ID Office to get your photo taken and have your ID printed.

Welcome Dinner
5 p.m. • Feldman Ballroom, Douglass Commons
Join your family, University leaders, and the Orientation staff for a dinner celebration, with a special welcome by Dean of the College Jeffrey Runner. Learn more about life in Rochester and what opportunities await you!

Shuttle to Target
7–9:30 p.m. • Bus leaves from Rush Rhees Library
A shuttle will be going back and forth to Target for you to purchase anything you might need for your first couple weeks in Rochester. The last shuttle will depart from Target at 9:30 p.m., so be sure to plan your trip accordingly. If you miss the last shuttle, you will have to order an Uber or Lyft, or call a taxi service, to return to campus.

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Monday, January 13

Head back to Feldman Ballroom in Douglass Commons this morning to learn about academics, campus life, and to meet your advisor. The programs listed below will all take place in Feldman Ballroom.

In addition, Chase Bank will be outside Feldman Ballroom from 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m. with information on banking and account setup.

8:45–9 a.m. • Orientation Check-In
If you didn’t get a chance to check in for Orientation yesterday, you can do so before breakfast!

9 a.m. • Welcome Breakfast
Join Dean of First-Year Students Marcy Kraus, your academic advisors, and the Orientation staff for a welcome breakfast!

9:30 a.m. • Your Academic Life
Associate Director of the College Center for Advising Services and Coordinator of Transfer Student Advising Kate McKenna, Director of Academic Honesty Greer Murphy, and Writing Placement Coordinator Matt Bayne, will give you an overview of the Rochester Curriculum and important information about how to navigate the academics at the University.

10:30 a.m. • Advisor Meetings
Meet your undergraduate advisor! This will be a time for you to get to know the faculty or staff member who will assist you in course selection and facilitate further discussion about your academic life.

12 p.m. • Lunch with the Deans & Directors
Enjoy lunch with various deans and directors from around campus, including Dean of Students Matthew Burns.

1 p.m. • ODOS Cares
Learn about the CARE Network, Alcohol and Other Drugs education, and the University Student Conduct system with Associate Director of the CARE Network Kaitlin Legg and Assistant Director of Alcohol & Drug Education Ashley Toland.

1:30 p.m. • Getting Involved on Campus
Learn about Rochester traditions, as well as activities and events on and off campus, with the staff from Wilson Commons Student Activities.

Course Registration
2:30–4 p.m. • Room 208 (Computer Lab), Gavett Hall
Now that you’ve learned about navigating academic life at Rochester and met with your advisor, it’s time to register. If you have not signed up for your Spring 2020 classes, staff from the College Center for Advising Services will be available to walk through the registration process with you. Once you’ve registered, the afternoon is yours to relax or take care of errands. Orientation staff will be on hand to help you navigate campus.

Dinner
6 p.m. • Douglass Dining Hall
Use your voucher to check out the variety of food options in Douglass Dining Hall and enjoy dinner with the Orientation leaders before the bus leaves for bowling.

Bowling
7–9 p.m. • Bus leaves from back of Rush Rhees Library
Hang out with the Orientation leaders and staff to learn more about life around Rochester. The bus will leave from the back of Rush Rhees Library at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 14

Breakfast (optional)
8:15–9:15 a.m. • Douglass Dining Hall
Use your meal plan to grab breakfast in Douglass Dining Hall. Feel free to sit with the Orientation staff! We love talking to new students.

One Community
9:30–10:30 a.m. • Room 2-162, Dewey Hall
The University strives to create a community that fosters open and respectful discussion of difficult topics. Listen to stories from several students about the ways in which their various identities have positively and negatively affected their college experiences, presented by the Paul J. Burgett Intercultural Center.
Tuesday, January 14

It’s On Us
10:30–11 a.m. • Room 2-162, Dewey Hall

Our conversations in this program will build upon what you’ve already learned in the mandatory online program, Sexual Assault Prevention. This session, presented by the Title IX Office, will teach you more about being an active bystander and where to go to seek help if you or a friend need it.

Information Sessions

Exchange Student Meet and Greet
11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Room 401, Douglass Commons

Finances and Campus Jobs
11–11:30 a.m.
Room 2-162, Dewey Hall

Undergraduate Research
11:30–12 p.m.
Room 2-162, Dewey Hall

Lunch (optional)
12 p.m. • Douglass Dining Hall

Use your meal plan to join the Orientation staff for lunch in Douglass Dining Hall. Then, the rest of the day is yours to get ready for the first day of classes on Wednesday, January 15.

If you are an international student, make sure to finish lunch in time to catch the College Town Express or Blue Line shuttles over to College Town for your mandatory session at the International Services Office.

Friday, January 17

Design Your Rochester Experience
2:30–3 p.m. • Room 325, Genesee Hall

Explore decisions regarding course selection, majors, internships, and career options through this engaging and interactive session, presented by the Gwen M. Greene Center for Career Education and Connections.

Feeling Successful About Your First Semester
3–3:45 p.m. • Room 325, Genesee Hall

College is different for everybody, but most find it is a big change from high school or their previous institution. The subjects are harder, the classes are bigger, and the professors don’t yet know you. This session, presented by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, will give you some insight on how to maintain (and even improve!) the academic record that helped you get to the University.

Activities Fair
3:30–5 p.m. • Goergen Athletic Center

With more than 90% of students involved in one or more student organizations, it’s now your turn to explore what campus has to offer at this biannual event, presented by Wilson Commons Student Activities.

International Student Orientation
1:30–5 p.m. • International Services Office, College Town

MANDATORY FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL AND EXCHANGE STUDENTS
You must bring your passport, I-20 or DS-2019, and I-94 card with you.

International Students must arrive by 1:30 PM

College Town Express Departures:
12:25 PM • 12:45 PM • 1:05 PM

Exchange students must arrive by 3:30 PM

Blue Line Departures:
2:55 PM • 3:15 PM

Learn essential information on U.S. immigration, employment, travel, taxes, Social Security numbers, and much more about life at the University and in Rochester. Immediately following the program, join International Student Counselor Meredith Doubleday for dinner in College Town! Meet at the entrance to the International Services Office at 5 p.m. to head out as a group.
Upcoming Events

LGBTQ Meet and Greet
January 21 • 4–5:30 p.m. • May Room, Wilson Commons

Join the Paul J. Burgett Intercultural Center and LGBTQ Coordinator Colleen Raimond for a mocktail reception with hors d’oeuvres. This is a great opportunity for you to meet members of the LGBTQ community on campus.

MLK Commemorative Address
January 24 • 6 p.m. • Strong Auditorium

Eddie Glaude Jr., a professor of religion and African American studies at Princeton University, will deliver this year’s Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Address.

King for a Day
January 25 • 8 a.m.–12:30 p.m. • Off-Campus

King for a Day is an annual event hosted by RochesterCares, a city-wide volunteer network. The University of Rochester celebrates this day of community service by sending its own students to various sites around the city of Rochester. Visit rochester.edu/college/rccl/ to learn more.

Rochester Summer Fair
January 29 • 11 a.m.–1 p.m. • Hirst Lounge, Wilson Commons

Make the most of your summer experience! Stop by the Rochester Summer Fair to get more information on summer research, volunteer and internship opportunities, and course offerings on campus, online, and abroad.

Club Rochester
January 31 • 3:30–5 p.m. • Feldman Ballroom, Douglass Commons

Club Rochester is a great place for students, faculty, and staff to meet, eat, and relax. Enjoy free appetizers, beverages, and music at this campus-wide happy hour.

Winterfest Weekend
January 31–February 2

Enjoy winter’s splendor by roasting marshmallows or watching a live ice-carving demonstration at this annual Rochester tradition. Watch fellow students perform, and laugh until you cry at this year’s featured comedian. Winterfest is guaranteed to drive away the winter blahs.

Thank you to the following offices and departments for their contribution to this year’s Spring Orientation program.

Center for Education Abroad
Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning
Center for Student Conflict Management
College Center for Advising Services
Department of Transportation and Parking Management
Dining Services
Event and Classroom Management
University Facilities and Services
Gwen M. Greene Center for Career Education and Connections
International Services Office
Office of Admissions and Financial Aid
Office of the Dean of the College
Office of the Dean of Students
Office of Residential Life and Housing Services
Office of the University Registrar
Parent and Family Relations Office
Paul J. Burgett Intercultural Center
Public Safety
Student Employment Office
Title IX Office
University Counseling Center
University Health Service
University IT
University Parking and Transportation
Wilson Commons Student Activities
Writing, Speaking, and Argument Program
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Office of the University Registrar
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