

ONCYTE ORIENTATION 2024

Welcome to Iowa State University!

IMPORTANT NOTES



ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

Students who would like to request accommodations for orientation should contact Student Accessibility Services at least two weeks in advance. Please contact SAS by calling 515-294-7220 or e-mail accessibility@iastate.edu.

Family members and guests who would like to request accommodations for orientation should contact New Student Programs at least two weeks in advance. Please contact New Student Programs by calling 515-294-0801 or e-mail nsp@iastate.edu.



CAMPUS TRANSPORTATION

Please wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. For those who are able, walking is the primary way of exploring campus. The fare-free CyRide orange route (#23) runs every 5-15 minutes and is available to take you to your orientation activities.



NET-ID REGISTRATION

If you have not already set up your university email account/ Net-ID or need assistance, visit it.iastate.edu/netid or contact the IT Solution Center at 192 Parks Library or 515-294-4000.



GET YOUR ISUCARD

You are encouraged to submit a photo for your ISUCard isucard.iastate.edu, your permanent university identification card, prior to coming to orientation. You can also stop into the ISUCard Office during orientation to have your photo taken and walk out with your ISUCard.

Visit the photo submission webpage photo.isucard.iastate.edu and follow the guidelines carefully if you would like to submit a photo. Be sure to submit it at least two business days before coming to campus.

Bring your University ID number and a valid state or federal issued photo ID, such as a passport or driver's license, in order to pick up your card at the ISUCard Office in 0530 Beardshear.



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: ONCYTE ORIENTATION DETAILS

- OnCyte Orientation is a one and half day experience. Academic advising will take place on Day Two. If you and your family would like to stay in Ames before or after your visit, make sure to discuss overnight accommodation options. New students' overnight accommodations at Maple Residence Hall are complimentary. Additional guests can stay at an affordable rate. Cashless payment accepted. Students can reserve their rooms at Maple Residence Hall through the "Orientation Housing" tab of the StarRez Housing Portal. Guests wishing to stay at Maple Residence Hall can make arrangements during Maple Hall Check-In. We recommend new students stay on campus while guests stay at local hotels. To explore area hotels, visit discoverames.com.
- Review the schedule (iastate.edu/admission-and-aid/new-student-programs/orientation) ahead of time to choose which sessions are most important for you to attend the morning of Day One. Customize your arrival time to meet your needs.
- Complimentary parking is available in Lot 63, near Maple-Willow-Larch Residence Halls. Once you arrive, pick up your parking pass to display in your car.
- Programming at OnCyte Orientation is specific to your academic college. If you change your program of study (major) please contact New Student Programs to reschedule.

Complete program of study (major) changes:

Summer Entry Students: apps.admissions.iastate.edu/forms/change_application.php

Fall Entry Students: apps.admissions.iastate.edu/myaccount/new/manage_applications.php
- All students should complete the ALEKS math placement assessment before orientation. math.iastate.edu/academics/undergraduate/aleks
- You may choose to bring a laptop to use in the evenings as you explore course registration options.

UNIVERSITY CONTACTS

New Student Programs

5530 Memorial Union
2229 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa 50014-7163

515-294-0801
nsp@iastate.edu
iastate.edu/admission-and-aid/new-student-programs/orientation

To make the most of your orientation, download the **Iowa State Guides App** on the App Store or Google Play.



DAY ONE

Day One is all about setting down your unique path. In the morning, you'll have the opportunity to choose your own adventure. Some sessions are offered at multiple times so that you can choose what matters most to you.

In the afternoon, you'll attend **required programming**, built for new Cyclones to get ready for the transition to Iowa State and your academic college. During this time, your family members and guests can participate in a special session designed for them.

In the evening, you'll have the opportunity to connect with fellow new Cyclones during optional programming.

Events marked with  represents required activities.

ARRIVAL

PARKING

Lot 63

Orientation parking is available in Lot 63. When you arrive on campus, stop at the parking tent near the entrance of Lot 63, north of the Maple-Willow-Larch Residence Halls, to receive your orientation parking pass.

8:00-10:00 AM

ORIENTATION CHECK-IN

*0020 Hixson-Lied
Student Success Center*

Pick up your orientation materials at 0020 Hixson-Lied Student Success Center between 8:00-10:00 am on Day One. You may customize your arrival time to fit the activities you will attend on Day One.

8:00 AM-9:00 PM

MAPLE HALL CHECK-IN

Maple-Willow-Larch Conference Desk

Staying overnight on campus? Check-in for your stay. New student overnight accommodations are complimentary. Additional guests can stay at an affordable rate. Students can reserve their rooms at Maple Residence Hall through the "Orientation Housing" tab of the StarRez Housing Portal

8:00 AM-4:00 PM ISUCARD

SUN (8:00-10:30 AM) 0530 Beardshear Hall

Be sure to bring your non expired State or Federal issued photo ID, such as a Passport, Drivers License, Identification Card, Learners Permit, or Military ID, in addition to your university identification number, to get your ISUCard.

8:30-9:00 AM

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0101 Carver Hall

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10:10–10:50 AM	CAMPUS WALKING TOUR <i>Memorial Union West Terrace</i>	Meet a Cyclone Aide on the West Terrace outside the Memorial Union for a guided walking tour of campus.
10:15–11:00 AM	FIRST-YEAR HONORS PROGRAM ORIENTATION <i>1151 Jischke Honors Building</i>	Students accepted into the First-Year Honors Program are invited to learn about the Honors program, Honors course offerings, and opportunities for personalizing their Iowa State careers.
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11:00 AM–NOON	CYCLONE MARCHING BAND <i>140 Simon Estes Music Hall</i>	Learn about the Cyclone Marching Band. Visit cyclonemarchingband.iastate.edu for more information.
11:00 AM–12:30 PM	MEET THE ISU CHOIR CONDUCTORS <i>111 Simon Estes Music Hall</i>	Drop by to learn about choir opportunities and receive information on choir registration.
11:00 AM–12:30 PM	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN <i>The Memorial Union Food Court The Hub Union Drive Marketplace</i>	You can use your orientation meal ticket or purchase lunch at several locations, including the Memorial Union Food Court, the Hub, and Union Drive Marketplace. Some spots are closed on Sundays; local restaurants will be open. We encourage guests with special dietary needs to discuss options before orientation by contacting ISU Dining at diningrd@iastate.edu or 515-294-3812. Check dining.iastate.edu for hours, menus, and locations. Cashless payment accepted.
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PARKS LIBRARY TOUR
198 Parks Library

Learn about the library's spaces, collections and services. Enjoy a tour of the library, including the famous Grant Wood murals.



12:45-2:45 PM

BEING NEW AT ISU - STUDENT PROGRAM
Sun Room, Memorial Union

In this **required** session, join Cyclone Aides for an exciting session about life as a Cyclone. You will learn about campus life and involvement, safety and wellness, money management, next steps, and so much more. Compete with your team in the Ultimate Cyclone Challenge and put your knowledge to the test!



12:45-2:45 PM

KEY TOPICS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS
Great Hall, Memorial Union

In this session for family members and guests, you will learn about health and wellness, living on campus, selecting a meal plan, transportation, and campus safety. Hear from Cyclone Aides about how they made the most of their first six weeks on campus and how you can support your Cyclone in making the most of theirs.



3:00-5:00 PM

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS
Locations vary based on College. See below for details:

Experience a welcome to your academic college and learn about your academic program. Attendance is **required** in order to register for your classes on Day Two. This session includes important academic information about selecting your fall courses and registering for classes.

*0127 Curtiss Hall
1148 Gerdin Business Building
0101 Design
2055 Hoover Hall
1210 LeBaron Hall
1001 Troxel Hall*

*Agriculture and Life Sciences
Ivy College of Business
Design
Engineering
Human Sciences
Liberal Arts and Sciences*

5:00-6:00 PM

DINNER
Union Drive Marketplace

Cyclone Aides will join you to answer your questions while you experience Union Drive Marketplace for dinner. You can use your orientation meal ticket or purchase dinner at an orientation rate of \$11 per person. Cashless payment accepted.

6:15-7:30 PM

EVENING RECREATION
Lied Recreation Center

Students can enjoy volleyball, basketball, soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, or board games. Please wear closed-toe athletic shoes if you plan to participate.

7:30-8:30 PM

THE SCOOP
*Maple-Willow-Larch
Third Floor Commons*

Wrap-up your day by getting the scoop and enjoying ice cream, board games, and casual conversation with other new students and the Cyclone Aides. Hang out and have fun.



On Day Two, we'll make sure you're ready to start the year off right. You'll meet with an academic advisor to register for classes and answer your questions about course registration. Be sure to stop by the resource fair and attend any of the optional sessions you might've missed on Day One.

6:30-9:00 AM	BREAKFAST <i>Union Drive Marketplace Clyde's</i>	You can use your orientation meal ticket or purchase breakfast at Union Drive Marketplace at an orientation rate of \$11. Cashless payment accepted. Clyde's, featuring We Proudly Brew Starbucks, located in the Union Drive Community Center is also an option for breakfast on the go.
▶ 8:00 AM-NOON	ACADEMIC ADVISING APPOINTMENT AND COURSE REGISTRATION <i>Various Locations</i>	During this time, you will meet with an academic advisor and register for your fall classes. Your advising appointment information is provided during College Connections on Day One.
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10:00 AM-NOON	MULTICULTURAL STUDENT AFFAIRS OPEN HOUSE <i>Multicultural Center, Memorial Union</i>	Stop by the Multicultural Center in the Memorial Union to learn about the resources and opportunities offered by Multicultural Student Affairs and their affinity spaces.

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ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

8:00 AM–5:00 PM	IOWA STATE MEMORY MAKER	Download the Scavify app to participate in this exCYting photo scavenger hunt through campus! Learn about Iowa State history and traditions while snapping some iconic photos. If you complete the hunt, come to the New Student Programs office in 5530 Memorial Union to claim your prize!
8:00 AM–4:00 PM SUN (8:00 AM–NOON)	FINANCIAL AID DROP-IN SERVICE <i>0210 Beardshear Hall</i>	Many of your financial aid questions will be answered during the Financial Aid Overview session. If you have specific questions about your aid, meet with a financial aid advisor at this time
8:30 AM–1:00 PM	INFORMATION STATION <i>Ground Floor Lobby, Beardshear Hall Second Floor, Memorial Union</i>	Have questions? Need directions? Want more information? Stop by one of the information stations.
MON–FRI (9:00 AM–12:30 PM)	VISIT THE ISU BOOK STORE <i>First Floor, Memorial Union</i>	Prepare for your first day of class with textbooks and technology at the ISU Book Store in the Memorial Union. Learn how to access your textbooks with the Immediate Access program. Find your required computer at TechCyte with the Major Success program, including your free Microsoft Office 365 software. New students get a free T-shirt! Visit isubookstore.com/hours for full store hours.
9:30 AM–12:30 PM	RECREATION SERVICES SELF-GUIDED TOUR <i>State Gym</i>	Tour the recreation facilities at State Gym. Stop by the front service desk to check-in and explore at your own pace.
10:00 AM–NOON	ADMISSIONS DROP IN <i>Enrollment Services Center, First Floor</i>	Do you have questions for admissions? Stop by to talk with an admissions counselor.