

# 2024 UIS Guiding Stars: New Student Orientation For First-Time and Transfer First-Years

★ June 14 ★ June 18 ★ June 22 ★ June 24

## Orientation Check-in

**8 – 9:55 a.m.**      **Orientation Check-in, Student Union, West Entrance**  
Pick up your nametags, schedules, and more. Orientation staff members will be available to walk students and families to other offices.

## Optional Activities, before the Welcome - Taking Care of Business:

*Have questions or need to visit an office for assistance? First time on campus and want a tour? See what is happening between your Financial Assistance appointment and before Orientation starts. Take advantage of this time to get things done.*

- 8 – 9:50 a.m.      **Financial Assistance Consultations**  
Financial Aid Appointments, Office of Financial Assistance  
Students & Families will meet with FA staff for short consultations about their aid notification.
- 8 – 9: 50 a.m.      University Bursar Information Table, Student Union, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Staff members from the Bursar’s Office will be available to answer questions about billing, payment plans, authorized payers and more.
- 8 – 9:50 a.m.      Residence Life Office Information Table, Student Union, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
This is a great time to ask questions about on-campus housing and the housing contract process.
- 8:15 – 9:50 a.m.      Campus Tours: Student Union, North Entrance  
Approximately 40 minutes, departing at 8:15, 8:30, 8:45, 9 (last tour)
- 8:30 – 9: 50 a.m.      Residence Hall Showroom Tour, Student Union North Entrance  
Approximately 20 minutes, departing at 8:30, 8:45, 9, 9:15, 9:30 (last tour)
- 8:30 – 9: 50 a.m.      i-Card Office Open, Student Affairs Building, room 30 East Campus  
Pick up your UIS ID card (iCard) if you submitted your photo online. Didn’t upload your photo to the iCard site? No problem! Get your photo taken and leave with your card within 15 minutes. Please bring proof of ID to pick up your card (driver’s license, State or Federal ID, passport).
- 8:45 – 9:50 a.m.      Office of Disability Services (ODS) Open House, Human Resources Building (HRB), Rm 109  
Do you have questions about the services ODS provides, or the documentation required? Stop by our office, meet our staff, and get your questions answered. Ask for a Star Guide to take you to the office (last departure 9:30 a.m.)
- 8:45 – 9:50 a.m.      Parking Services, Student Union, West Entrance  
Have your questions answered and learn more about parking hangtags and fees.
- 8:45 – 9:50 a.m.      Campus Opportunity Fair, Student Union, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Looking to learn more about campus services and meet UIS staff members and current students, stop by these tables:
- Brookens Library, BRK
  - Campus Recreation
  - Career Development Center
  - Diversity Center/Women’s Center/Gender & Sexuality
  - Learning Hub/Writing Center
  - Student Life/Greek Life

- Office of Engaged Learning  
(Internships/Study Away)
- Information Technology *(not available June 22)*

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.           UIS Bookstore, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Public Affairs Center (PAC).  
Special Hours for Orientation

9:55 – 11 a.m.           Late Check-in, Student Union, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Information Desk.

## **Prairie Star Welcome**

**9:55 – 11:05 a.m.       Prairie Star Welcome! Ballroom, Student Union [Student/Parent/Family/Guest Session]**  
Welcome & Introduction  
Academic Expectations at UIS: An Overview  
University Bursar  
Making Financial Aid Work for Student Success

**11:10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.   Student Track [Student Sessions]**  
Students will meet current classmates and orientation leaders to get questions answered; have lunch together, learn more about what it means to be a member of the university community, academic requirements, and meet with an advisor, learn more about UIS technology, register for classes and have some fun with their classmates.

**11:10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.   Parent Track [Parent/Family/Guest Sessions]**  
Parents will attend sessions led by UIS professors on topics about differences between college and high school/faculty and classroom expectations, and the college student transition. Afternoon sessions will feature presentations from staff members from several student service areas important to student success. Lunch is included in the parent schedule

4:35 p.m.               Closing: Families/Guests/Students meet up, Ballroom

4:55 p.m.               Say Goodbye and Questions