

# UIS Guiding Stars: New Student Orientation

## Online Degree Majors\*

\*events in **bold** are required for first-year (freshmen and freshmen transfer) students

**Wednesday, January 8, 2025**

**Sign in and establish your UIS Zoom account.** Go to <http://uis.zoom.us> and click on Sign In. You will use your "NetID" and "password" to login. If you already have a Zoom account see the [Zoom article on Account Consolidation](#).

These sessions are best accessed through the desktop/laptop application. You can use your smartphone, but some functionality in the program will be lost. Some sessions will require you to have your camera on and participate in activities. Make sure you are someplace you feel comfortable turning on your camera and quiet enough where you can be heard and hear the sessions.

Read more about [feedback settings on Android and IOS](#) if you do not have access to a computer.

### Virtual Resource Fair

9 – 10 a.m. Several offices that provide support and resources for our online degree majors will host a virtual Zoom room to answer questions and discuss how they serve you as an online degree major. All you need to do is visit their Zoom room.

Office that have been invited: UIS Learning Hub, Career Development Center, IT Helpdesk, Disability Services, Brookens Library, and PNC Bank.

### Orientation Help Desk

9 – 9:30 a.m. Orientation Help Desk (Optional for students – only if you have questions)  
*The Director of New Student Orientation will be happy to answer any questions about Orientation, Advising, and Registration. This is optional, if you do not have questions, it is not necessary to login.*

### Program

**10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Prairie Star Welcome! (mandatory for first-year students; parents & family are welcome to attend)**

Welcome & Introduction  
Academic Expectations at UIS: An Overview  
University Bursar  
Making Financial Aid Work for Student Success

11:35 a.m. – 12 p.m. Break

**12 – 12:30 p.m. UIS Technology (mandatory for first-year students)**

*Assistant Director of Client Services Information Technology and Instructor, Kara McElwrath will show students three important applications they will use while at UIS. Webmail, Canvas, and Zoom.*

12:30 – 1:25 p.m. Lunch Break

*Take a break, but keep an eye on the time for our next session at 1:30 p.m. CT*

**1:30 – 3 p.m. Rising Stars: The ABC's of Student Success. (mandatory for first-year students)**

*In this session, students will work with faculty and professional advisors on their first semester course schedule, learn about academic plans, and register for classes.*

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Course Registration Helpdesk. (Optional for students– if you need registration assistance)  
*Staff members from the Records & Registration Office will be available on-call to answer any questions you have about course registration. When you enter this Zoom room you may be in the waiting room to start to maintain confidentiality.*

**4:30 – 5:15 p.m.**

**First Year Check In (mandatory for students)**

*As we wrap up your virtual orientation, this is a check-in to see how things went and to answer any remaining questions and talk about next steps.*