

# ~ORIENTATION PROGRAM 2017~

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

### Move-in Day Map ([union.edu/moveinmap](http://union.edu/moveinmap))

- 9:00 am RESIDENCE HALLS OPEN  
Check-in and key pick-up will take place at each residence hall. Orientation Advisors (OA's) and Resident Advisors (RA's) will be on hand to show you to your room and help you move in.
- 9:00 – 11:00 am MINERVA HOUSE BREAKFAST  
Visit your Minerva House and enjoy a continental breakfast!  
**Your Minerva House**
- 9:30 – 2:45 pm ORIENTATION CHECK-IN  
Join us and meet with representatives from various departments on campus.  
**Nott Memorial**
- 9:30 – 2:45 pm UNION COLLEGE COMMITMENT TO HONOR DIVERSITY  
While in the Nott, be sure to join with others and sign your class' commitment to honor diversity.  
**Nott Memorial**
- 9:30 – 2:45 pm ID PHOTOS  
Be sure to get your photo taken for your ID Card. Remember, this photo will be with you for the next four years so say, "Cheese!"  
**Nott Memorial**
- 10:00 am STUDENT AFFAIRS PANEL PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS PART I  
Viki Brooks, Director of Religious and Spiritual Life, Campus Protestant Minister  
Chip Mecca, Director of Dining Services  
Tom McEvoy, Associate Dean of Students, Director of Minerva Programs  
Matt Milless, Assistant Dean of Students for Student Activities and Dining Admin.  
Tim Porter, Director of the Bookstore  
Kate Schurick, Dean of First-Year Students  
Susan Manchester, Associate Director of Health Services  
Angela Tatem, Director Kenney Community Center  
**Reamer Campus Center (Auditorium)**
- 11:00 am STUDENT AFFAIRS PANEL PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS PART II  
Amanda Bingel, Director of Residential Life  
Chris Hayen, Director of Campus Safety  
Marcus Hotaling, Director of Counseling Center  
Steve Leavitt, VP for Student Affairs, Dean of Students  
Kate Schurick, Dean of First-Year Students  
Trish Williams, Senior Associate Dean of Students and Director of Student Conduct  
**Reamer Campus Center (Auditorium)**
- 11:30 – 2:00 pm CLASS OF 2021 LUNCH  
Come and enjoy lunch with the other members of your class and invite your family to join you!  
**College Park Hall**
- 11:30 – 1:00 pm LGBTQ & U: A PLACE FOR EVERYONE  
Join the members of Iris House for an introduction to the LGBTQ campus culture and a description of resources and classes which cater to the LGBTQ community. Listen to students and administrators speak about personal experiences and enjoy a delicious lunch.  
**Iris House, 301 Seward Place**



- 8:30 pm            POINTS: DON'T COLLECT THEM ALL  
This session will discuss all of the campus policies as well as the expectations for living in the residence halls. This will be an opportunity to learn the policies and procedures and ask the Residential Life Staff any questions.  
**Davidson/Webster residents report to Memorial Chapel**  
**West residents report to Reamer Campus Center (Auditorium)**  
**Richmond residents report to Olin Center (Auditorium)**  
**Commuters and Transfer students report to Old Chapel**
- 9:15 pm            FLOOR MEETING  
Meet your Resident Advisor (RA) and the other students living on your floor as you learn about the rules of our residential community.            **Residence Halls**  
**Commuters and Transfers report to Old Chapel**
- 10:15 pm            ORIENTATION BINGO  
Join the Class of 2021 at UProgram's most popular event. Come early to get a seat. You could win anything from laundry soap to extra money on your declining to Union gear to an iPad mini. We know you'll be tired but come and hang out. It is far too early to go to bed.            **Reamer Campus Center (Upperclass Dining)**

## **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

- 8:30 – 9:30 am    CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST            **West College (West Dining)**
- 10:00 am            MINERVA EVENT  
Learn about the Minerva Program and all of the experiences and opportunities available through the houses. Remember - you don't have to join your Minerva, you already belong!            **meet in Memorial Chapel**
- 11:00 am            DISABILITIES SERVICES MEETING  
Shelly Shinebarger, Director of Disabilities Services, will meet with students with learning and physical disabilities to discuss accommodations on campus.            **Reamer Campus Center (Rm. 308)**
- 11:00 – 12:30 pm BRUNCH  
Here's another opportunity to get to know more students in the class of 2021. Brunch is a perennial favorite among Union students.            **West College (West Dining)**
- 12:30 – 1:00 pm    ORIENTATION ADVISOR MEETING  
During this hour, you will meet with your OA and orientation group again.            **Your OA Meeting Location**
- 1:00 – 1:45 pm    #ASKME – A SAFER UNION STARTS WITH U  
1:50 – 2:35 pm    Consent is everything - knowing how and when to get it are integral parts of  
2:40 – 3:25 pm    communication with your peers. Meet our Title IX Coordinator, Dr. Kelley, as she spends some time talking with you about expectations on campus, how to be a great community member and above all else, how to #askme.            **Reamer Campus Center (Auditorium)**
- 1:00 – 1:45 pm    DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AT UNION  
1:50 – 2:35 pm    Join members of the division of Diversity and Inclusion for a snapshot of why we are so committed to the values that drive our programs. Learn about some of the signature programs and initiatives you can become involved in to enhance your cultural competency.            **Nott Memorial**  
2:40 – 3:25 pm

- 1:00 – 1:45 pm HONOR CODE  
 1:50 – 2:35 pm Members of the Honor Council will talk with you about our Honor Code. Following  
 2:40 – 3:25 pm the presentation, you will be asked to sign the Union College Honor Code  
**Memorial Chapel**
- 3:30 pm THE INSIDER'S TOUR OF CAMPUS  
 Join your OA and tour campus one last time before classes begin! Learn where your  
 classes are located, important offices to visit, the quickest routes around campus, and  
 student secrets. Did you know about the tunnel between Olin and S&E? It can come  
 in handy on a rainy day!
- 3:30 – 5:00 pm OPEN HOUSE AT THE KENNEY COMMUNITY CENTER  
 Meet the staff of the Community Outreach department, see and hear what other  
 students have done to engage with the local community and beyond. Learn about the  
 many volunteer opportunities for Union students and how you can develop your  
 talents by sharing them with others. There is a place for everyone at the Kenney  
 Center.  
**Kenney Center, 257 Park Place  
 the corner of Park Place and Nott Street  
 between Richmond and College Park Hall**
- 3:30 – 5:00 pm OPEN HOUSE AT THE WICKER WELLNESS CENTER  
 Come check out the wellness center, learn about what they offer, and meet one of the  
 therapy dogs!  
**Wicker Wellness Center**
- 3:30 – 5:00 pm PEOPLE, RESOURCES, AND TECHNOLOGY AT SCHAFFER LIBRARY  
 Have refreshments with members of the Schaffer Library and Information  
 Technology Services staff. Learn about new and recent events, resources, technology,  
 and about additional student service offices (Writing Center, Language Center, Office  
 of National Fellowships & Scholarships) located in the building. **Schaffer Library**
- 5:30 – 6:10 TRUE LIFE: SOCIAL LIFE OF A UNION STUDENT  
 6:15 – 6:50 What is it really like to be a student at Union? Come and find out. Presented by the  
 Orientation Committee  
**Nott Memorial**
- 5:00 – 7:00 pm DINNER  
**West College (West Dining)**
- 7:00 pm BUILDING BUDDIES  
 Remember everyone you met yesterday and earlier today? No? Here's your chance.  
 Join your RA and start getting to know everyone on your floor and in your residence  
 hall.
- 8:15 pm FOUR STAGES OF DRINKING  
 National alcohol speaker, Mike Green, will lead a discussion about the Four Stages of  
 Drinking. This insightful and interactive program is guaranteed to make you think  
 about the role alcohol plays in your life. After several years of presenting at Union's  
 orientation, Mike is still a huge hit and the top program students remember about  
 their orientation experience.  
**Memorial Chapel**
- 9:15 pm OA MEETING  
**Your OA Meeting Location**
- 9:45 pm ALL AROUND U  
 Explore each of the Minerva Houses and enjoy an evening of entertainment. Each Minerva  
 has planned a special event so be sure to visit all of the houses! **Minerva Houses**

## **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

- 8:00 – 9:00 am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST **(this is your last meal before needing your ID card)**  
**West College (West Dining)**
- 8:30 – 10:00 am ID CARD DISTRIBUTION  
Your student ID is one of the most important accessories you will ever have at Union, well that is if you want to be able to eat or get into your residence hall!  
**Reamer Campus Center (Rm. 306)**
- 9:00 – 12:00 pm INDIVIDUAL ADVISING APPOINTMENTS  
Bring your schedule and any questions you want answered. This is your first opportunity to meet your advisor. Don't be late! **Check your packet for the location of your advisor's office and the time of your appointment**
- 11:00 – 2:00 pm BRUNCH **(bring your ID card)** **West College (West Dining)**
- 10:00 – 11:00 am ACADEMICS AT UNION  
11:00 – 12:00 pm ***You must attend one of the three sessions offered***  
12:00 – 1:00 pm Mark Wunderlich, Dean of Studies, will introduce the speakers.  
Mark Walker, Director of Advising will discuss academic advising, course selection, and choosing a major.  
Kara Doyle, Associate Professor, Department of English, will discuss the role of the First Year Preceptorial (FYP) in your course of study.  
Representatives from the Honor Council will discuss academic integrity.  
Minerva Mentors will introduce themselves and explain the service they provide  
We will also introduce you to the Writing Center (Schaffer Library, 2nd Floor).  
**Reamer Campus Center (Auditorium)**
- 1:00 – 3:00 pm DROP/ADD FOR NEW STUDENTS  
If you need to make changes to your class schedule, this is the time to make those adjustments.  
**Nott Memorial**
- 1:00 – 1:45 pm NO OFFENSE  
No Offense Improv is an active, participatory performance and "play" club at Union College that partners with the Theatre and Dance Department. We provide a creative outlet for students with comedic skits, performances, and weekly meetings to play games. You can join Improv Club during Club Expo to see what we're all about and/or come to the Theatre & Dance Annual Open House on Thursday, Sept 7, @ 5:00 p.m. in the Yulman Theatre.  
**Outside the Nott Memorial  
Rain location Yulman Theater**
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm GARNET GOES GREEN  
A brief overview of sustainability at Union followed by a meet and greet with students from Engineers for a Sustainable World, Environmental Club and U-Sustain  
**Olin Auditorium**
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm BEYOND THE BARRIERS  
Throughout your Union career, you will be placed in many different environments that will challenge you to grow as a student and a person. This session provides students with an early opportunity to begin collaboration with peers and practice problem solving methods. Some challenges include (but are not limited to) facial analysis, thought talks, and the art of failing.  
This session will be led by Union's University Innovation Fellows: Lakhena Leang, '18; Talha Janjua, '19; Justin Nguyen, '19; An Nguyen, '18; and Elina Davé, '19.  
**Reamer Center Auditorium**

- 4:30 pm                    OPENING CONVOCATION  
Join the Union Community in celebrating the official opening of the academic year.  
**Memorial Chapel**
- Immediately following                    CAMPUS BARBEQUE  
Join other members of the Union community for a barbeque dinner. Then head down to the First-Year Fest on West Beach!  
**Rugby Field**
- 6:30 –8:30 pm                    FIRST-YEAR FEST  
Join the class of 2021 for our own mini carnival. Take some pics and be sure to look for our special snapchat filter!!  
**West Beach**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**  
CLASSES BEGIN

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

- 4:00 pm                    CLUB EXPO  
Join the student body for a fun-filled, carnival-like evening. Learn about the many clubs and organizations offered at Union. Come and get involved.                    **Hull Plaza**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

- 10:00 am – 1:00 pm                    SAFETY DAY  
Please join us for a training program on personal and fire safety. The Environmental Health & Safety Office is hosting its annual Safety Day with a live mock room burn at 1 PM. You can participate in fire extinguisher training and walk through a smoke trailer. Safety Day T-Shirts will be given to those who participate (supplies limited). Various local and state fire safety, EMS, law enforcement agencies, and private vendors will be on site to answer any of your safety questions. Further details will be posted on the EHS Facebook page, [unionehs](#), or Twitter, [unionlifesafety](#).  
**Outside Reamer Campus Center**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

- shifts will be announced                    JOHN CALVIN TOLL 1799 DAY  
Join us for a day of community service. Members of the Union community, along with our neighbors in Schenectady, will help plant flowers and trees; clean up parks; and participate in a host of other activities. You may contact the Kenney Center at 518.388.6609 for more information.