

~ORIENTATION PROGRAM 2017~

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Move-in Day Map (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 PACKETS
Members of the orientation committee will distribute orientation packets to all new students.
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 Administration
Tim Porter, Director of the Bookstore
Kate Schurick, Dean of First-Year Students
Angela Stefanatos, 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
Melissa Kelley, Title IX Coordinator
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 meet 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

- 1:00 – 1:30 pm **WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ACADEMIC LIFE AT UNION**
 Jennifer Fredricks, Dean of Academic Departments and Programs
 Strom Thacker, Stephen J. and Diane K. Ciesinski Dean of Faculty , VP for Academic Affairs
 Mark Wunderlich, Dean of Studies
Memorial Chapel
- 1:00 – 2:30 pm **FAMILY TEA IN THE LIBRARY**
 The library is a haven for students during the academic year. Parents of incoming students are invited to join us for tea and to get acquainted with the people, space, and services that are here for students while they are away from home.
Schaffer Library
- 1:30 - 2:10 pm OR **INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS (two programs)**
 2:15 – 2:55 pm Lara Atkins, Director of International Programs, will discuss the great opportunities Union provides abroad.
Reamer Campus Center (Auditorium)
- 1:30 - 2:10 pm OR **THE BECKER CAREER CENTER: THE ROAD AHEAD (two programs)**
 2:15 – 2:55 pm It is never too early to get started! Bob Soules, Director, Stanley R. Becker Career Center, will discuss programs and services available to students throughout their four years at Union as well as ways parents can get involved with the center.
Old Chapel
- 3:00 pm **WELCOME**
 Stephen Ainlay, President
 Matt Malatesta, Vice President for Admissions, Financial Aid, and Enrollment
 Kate Schurick, Dean of First-Year Students
Memorial Chapel
- 3:30 pm **TIME TO SAY GOOD-BYE TO YOUR FAMILY**
 Don't worry, the fun is about to begin!!!!
- 4:00 pm **PARENT RECEPTION**
 Join the College Relations staff for an informal reception to learn more about your role in the Union community and enjoy some refreshments before heading back home!
Abbe Hall
- 4:00 pm **ORIENTATION ADVISOR MEETING**
 Get together with the members of your orientation group and meet your Orientation Advisor (OA). This will be your family for the next few days!
Location posted on your residence hall room door
If you are a commuter, location is in your orientation packet
- 5:00 – 6:30 pm **PIZZA AND WINGS DINNER**
 Pizza and wings are a favorite among Union students. We hope you like them as well!
College Park Hall
- 6:45 pm **FROM YESTERDAY TO TODAY, THE HISTORY OF UNION COLLEGE**
 Join us for the official opening of Orientation and a special welcome to the Class of 2021! President, Stephen C. Ainlay, will take us on a journey through the 222 years of Union's history providing highlights of the spectacular accomplishments of our alumni/ae and a glimpse into our promising future.
Memorial Chapel
- 7:45 pm **CLASS PICTURE**
 Say, "Cheese" and be proud to be a member of the Class of 2021! While there, we will teach you the alma mater. Once you have learned it, we will serenade President and Mrs. Ainlay.
Nott Memorial

- 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 report to Richmond
- 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 communication
2:40 – 3:25 pm 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
2:40 – 3:25 pm 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
- 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 Affirmation.
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
6:15 – 6:50 **TRUE LIFE: SOCIAL LIFE OF A UNION STUDENT**
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 **MINERVA EVENT** **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**
- 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 both a student and a contributor to the community. This session is designed to be an early opportunity to begin collaboration with peers and practice problem solving methods. Some challenges include (but are not limited to) facial analysis, hand molding and the art of failing.

Led by Union's University Innovation Fellows (UIF): Luke McCaffrey, Arielle Singer
Reamer Campus 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. **West Beach**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

CLASSES BEGIN

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY and FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 and 8

9:00 am – 5:00 pm POSTER SALE

Do you need decorations for those neutral colored walls in your new room? Come to the poster sale and find the art you've been looking for. **Reamer Campus Center (Atrium)**

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.