~ORIENTATION PROGRAM 2018~
This is a tentative schedule and will be updated throughout the summer.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
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 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
Jim Meagher, Director of Dining Services
TBA, Class Dean for Class of 2021, 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 2022 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
1:00 – 1:30 pm  WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ACADEMIC LIFE AT UNION  
Strom Thacker, Stephen J. and Diane K. Ciesinski Dean of Faculty, VP for Academic Affairs  
Therese McCarty, Interim 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  THE BECKER CAREER CENTER: THE ROAD AHEAD (two programs)  
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.  
Reamer Campus Center (Auditorium)

2:15 – 2:55 pm  INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS (two programs)  
Lara Atkins, Director of International Programs, will discuss the great opportunities Union provides abroad.  
Reamer Campus Center (Auditorium)

3:00 pm  WELCOME  
David Harris, 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  FAMILY 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!  
Memorial Field House

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, please check in at the Nott for your location

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  CHALLENGING THE CULTURE OF CRUELTY: UNDERSTANDING AND DEFEATING RACE AND CLASS INEQUITY IN AMERICA  
Tim Wise is among the most prominent anti-racist writers and educators in the US. Drawn from his latest book, *Under the Affluence: Shaming the Poor, Praising the Rich and Jeopardizing the Future of America*, Wise examines the ways in which American politics and culture serve to rationalize inequalities on the basis of class and race  
Memorial Chapel
7:45 pm  CLASS PICTURE
Say, “Cheese” and be proud to be a member of the Class of 2022! While there, we will teach you the alma mater. Once you have learned it, we will serenade the Harris family.  
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 and Transfers report to Old Chapel

10:15 pm  ORIENTATION BINGO
Join the Class of 2022 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 3
8:30 – 9:30 am  CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
West College (West Dining)

9:40 am  SUSTAINABILITY AT UNION
Come and learn about the many ways Union College is involved in sustainability and how you can get involved.  
Memorial Chapel

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  BE SMART, BE U
1:50 – 2:35 pm  This session will cover the mental, physical, and social effects of alcohol and other
drug use, as well as the use of protective strategies to lower personal risk. Students
will engage in discussion on how they can become an informed member of the
community, allowing them to make the healthiest decisions for themselves. Students
will develop personalized strategies on how to respond to situations involving alcohol
and/or other drug use.
Memorial Chapel

1:00 – 1:45 pm  DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AT UNION
1:50 – 2:35 pm  Join members of the division of our Diversity and Inclusion team 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

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 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)

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
Located at 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

5:00 – 6:00 pm  LIFE AT UNION
6:00 – 7:00 pm  Meet with the Orientation Team to learn about life at Union. You will have an
opportunity to ask questions of the student leaders and learn what you need to know
to be successful at Union.
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  SPEAK ABOUT IT
This performance-based prevention program aims to promote healthy sexuality and relationships; inform students about the realities of sexual assault; provide tangible strategies for bystander intervention; and connect Union students to campus and community resources relevant to sexual violence prevention, response, and education.    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 4
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!

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 Union email for a message from Mark Wunderlich, dean of studies

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  Terese McCarty, Acting 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.

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.

3:00 – 4:00 pm  GARNET GOES GREEN
A brief overview of sustainability at Union followed by a meet and great with students from Engineers for a Sustainable World, Environmental Club and U-Sustain.
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: Marina DeLuca, ’20, Samantha Kruzshak, ’19, Ha An Nguyen, ’20, J.P. Elmblad, ’20.

Reamer Campus Center (Auditorium)

5:00 – 7:00 pm  DINNER
Don't forget your ID and then join us for First-Year Fest after dinner.

West Dining Hall

6:00 – 8:00 pm  FIRST-YEAR FEST
Join the class of 2022 for our own mini carnival. Take some pics and be sure to look for our special snapchat filter!!

West Beach

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
CLASSES BEGIN

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
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 ??
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, unionlifesafty.

Outside Reamer Campus Center

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 (tentative)
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.