~ORIENTATION PROGRAM 2016~
This schedule is subject to change several times before September. Please check back periodically to see what is new.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

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

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<td>9:00 am</td>
<td>RESIDENCE HALLS OPEN</td>
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<td>Check-in and key pick-up will take place at each residence hall. Student volunteers will be on hand to show you to your room and help you move in.</td>
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<td>MINERVA HOUSE BREAKFAST</td>
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<td>Visit your Minerva House and enjoy a continental breakfast!</td>
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<td>ORIENTATION PACKETS</td>
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<td>Members of the orientation committee will distribute orientation packets to all new students.</td>
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<td>UNION COLLEGE COMMITMENT TO HONOR DIVERSITY</td>
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<td>While in the Nott, be sure to join with others and sign your class’ commitment to honor diversity.</td>
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<td>9:30 – 2:45 pm</td>
<td>ID PHOTOS</td>
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<td>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!”</td>
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<td>STUDENT AFFAIRS PANEL PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS</td>
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<td>Amanda Bingel, Director of Residential Life</td>
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<td>Angela Tatem, Director Kenney Community Center</td>
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<td>11:30 – 2:00 pm</td>
<td>CLASS OF 2020 LUNCH</td>
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<td>Come and meet the other members of your class!</td>
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<td>LGBT &amp; U: A PLACE FOR EVERYONE</td>
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<td>Join the members of Iris House for an introduction to LGBT campus culture and a description of resources and classes which cater to the LGBT community. Hear real students and administrators speak about personal experiences and enjoy a delicious lunch.</td>
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<td>1:00 – 1:30 pm</td>
<td>WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ACADEMIC LIFE AT UNION</td>
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<td>Therese McCarty, VP for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty</td>
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1:00 – 2:30 pm  PARENTS’ 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 Center Aud.

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.

Becker Career Center Conference Room

3:00 pm  WELCOME
Join us for the official opening of the orientation program and a special welcome to the Class of 2020!
Stephen Ainlay, President
Therese McCarty, VP for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty
Matt Malatesta, Vice President for Admissions, Financial Aid, and Enrollment
Steve Leavitt, VP for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Kate Schurick, Dean of First-Year Students

Memorial Chapel

3:45 pm  TIME TO SAY GOOD-BYE TO YOUR FAMILY
Don’t worry, the fun is about to begin!!!!

3:45 pm  PARENT RECEPTION
Join the College Relations 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

6:30 pm  CLASS PICTURE
Say, “Cheese” and be proud to be a member of the Class of 2020! While there, we will teach you the alma mater. Once you have learned it, we will serenade President and Mrs. Ainlay.

Nott Memorial

7:30 pm  AUTHOR OF SUMMER READING
The author will join our Orientation Program and talk with the Class of 2020. We will make arrangements for you to get a copy of the book over the summer.

Memorial Chapel

8:30 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
10:30 pm  ORIENTATION BINGO
Join the Class of 2020 at UProgram’s most popular event. Come early to get a seat. You could win anything from laundry soap to Union gear. We know you’ll be tired but come and hang out. It is far too early to go to bed.

Upperclass Dining

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
9:00  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  ACCOMMODATIVE SERVICES MEETING
Shelly Shinebarger, Director of Student Support Services, will meet with students with learning and physical disabilities to discuss accommodations on campus.

308 Reamer Center

11:00 – 12:30 pm  BRUNCH
Here’s another opportunity to get to know more students in the class of 2019. Brunch is a perennial favorite among Union students.

West Dining

12:30 – 1:30 pm  ORIENTATION ADVISOR MEETING
During this hour, you will meet with your OA and orientation group again. Here, you will team up in groups to discuss your NCT summer task prompts.

Your Minerva House

1:30 – 2:30 pm  SEXUALITY AND THE SOCIAL SCENE AT UNION
A discussion with staff members and your peers relating to healthy decisions around sexual behavior. Topics will include safer sex practice, sexual assault, consent, and building a safer community.

College Park Hall

1:30 – 2:30 pm  DIVERSITY AT UNION
We are unique individuals, all contributing to our campus community. Everyone brings something to the table. Come explore Union’s rich diversity.

Nott Memorial

3:40 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!

College Park Hall

3:40 – 5:00 pm  HONOR CODE
Members of the Honor Council will meet with new students in small groups. Your OA will let you know when it is your turn to attend. Following the presentation, you will be asked to sign the Union College Honor Code Affirmation.

Old Chapel

3:40 – 5:00 pm  STEM@U
In 1845, Union became the first liberal arts college to offer engineering. STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) are still important, vibrant, and popular areas of study on our campus. After you sign the Honor Code, stop by to see some of the exciting research that has taken place on campus. You will notice that research in these fields lends itself to design thinking, entrepreneurship, and innovation. Be sure to meet our University Innovation Fellow at the exhibit!
3:40 – 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

3:40 – 5:00 pm PEOPLE, RESOURCES, AND TECHNOLOGY AT SCHAFFER LIBRARY
Have coffee and refreshments with members of the Schaffer Library and Information Technology Resources staff. Learn about new and recent events, resources, and technology, or make suggestions of your own.

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 Dining Hall

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

9:30 pm ALL AROUND U
Union’s very own “First Night!” 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 6

8:00 – 9:00 am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (this is your last meal before needing your ID card)
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!

Dean of Students Office

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 Dining Hall
10:00 – 11:00 am  ACADEMICS AT UNION
You must attend one of the two sessions offered  Reamer Center Aud.
Mark Wunderlich, Dean of Studies, will introduce the speakers.
Sarah Watkins, 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.
We will also introduce you to the Writing Center (Schaffer Library, 2nd Floor).

11:00 – 12:00 pm

1:00 – 1:30 pm  UNION COLLEGE CHORALE MEET AND GREET
Do you love to sing? Come to Emerson Auditorium in the Taylor Music Center to meet other first-years who share your love of music making. We'll start with some warming-up to dust off the cobwebs from summer, then have an informal chat to talk about the upcoming performances and this year's choir tour to ????. You'll have to come to find out where. The Union College Chorale is open to all students regardless of experience level. This ensemble meets 2.5 hours per week and performs several times per year on campus and around the capitol region. The chorale recently performed in Montreal and Puerto Rico.

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  UNION SCHOLARS INFORMATION SESSION (first year Union Scholars only)
All first year students who have been accepted into the Union Scholars Program must attend this meeting. This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow Scholars and learn more about Scholars' activities for the fall term. Maggie Tongue, Director of the Scholars Program, will discuss the requirements and expectations for scholars during their four years at Union, and ask scholars for input on trips and speakers for the coming year.

4:30 pm  OPENING CONVOCATION
Join the Union Community in celebrating the official opening of the academic year.

Immediately following  CAMPUS BARBEQUE
Join other members of the Union community for a barbeque dinner. Then head Convocation down to the First-Year Fest on West Beach!

6:30 – 8:30 pm  FIRST-YEAR FEST
Join the class of 2020 for our own mini carnival.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
CLASSES BEGIN

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY and FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 and 9
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 Center Atrium
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
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.  Rugby Field

TBA
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 our 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). The Schenectady County Sheriff will be on hand with the Fatal Vision DWI Simulator and K-9 Team. Fire and personal safety are very important concerns at Union College and we want you to be educated and prepared if an unfortunate event occurs. (rain date September 21)  Outside Reamer Campus Center

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15
1:00 – 4:00 pm  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.