Sessions to Expect at New Student Orientation

RESIDENCE HALL MOVE IN
Check-in and pick-up your key before heading to your residence hall. Orientation Advisors (OA’s) and Resident Advisors (RA’s) will be on hand to show you to your room.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST AT YOUR MINERVA HOUSE
Visit your Minerva House and enjoy a continental breakfast!

CLASS OF 2025 WELCOME LUNCH
Come and enjoy lunch with the other members of your class!

WELCOME
Join us as members of the Union Administration officially welcome you to the Union Community and your Union College experience. Hear from:
David Harris, President
Fran’Cee Brown-McClure, VP for Student Affairs, Dean of Students
Kate Schurick, Dean of First-Year Students

ORIENTATION ADVISOR MEETINGS
Throughout Orientation you will 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! Our OAs will facilitate conversations and connections among group members and serve as a mentor and friend during your transition to Union.

MEALS WITH YOUR OA GROUPS
Throughout our Orientation Program you’ll have the opportunity to join your OAs and group to check-in during meal times and sample what our dining services has to offer. You’ll need your ID card for meals beginning with meals on Saturday.

CLASS PICTURE
Get ready to say, “Cheese” and be proud to be a member of the Class of 2025 as we take the official class picture for the Class of 2025!

LEARN THE ALMA MATER
We will teach you the alma mater. This is a long-standing tradition at Union. Be sure to practice before coming to campus!

ORIENTATION BINGO
Join the Class of 2025 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.

FLOOR MEETING WITH YOUR RA (for residential students)

INDIVIDUAL ADVISING APPOINTMENTS
Bring your schedule and any questions you want answered. This is your first opportunity to meet your advisor.

MAJORS FAIR LUNCH
Meet with your Orientation Group and learn more about our academic offerings. Talk with professors about major and minor requirements, learn about the many academic departments at Union, and find out about some of the interesting courses offered this coming year.
ACADEMICS AT UNION
Learn what to expect and what is expected of you when it comes to academics at Union. Hear from administration and faculty including:
Michele Angrist, Dean of Studies
Mark Walker, Director of General Education
Kara Doyle, Associate Professor, Department of English
Lynn Evans, Director of National Fellowships/Scholarships
Joe Johnson, Director of Writing Programs

DROP/ADD FOR NEW STUDENTS
If you need to make changes to your class schedule, you'll be able to make those adjustments during this time.

THE INSIDER’S TOUR OF CAMPUS
Join your OA and tour campus! 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!

WHO ARE U? BUILDING A COMMUNITY
Join Amanda Tommell-Sandy, Assistant Director for Health Promotion and Student Wellness; Christa Grant, Assistant Dean for Intercultural Affairs; Mary Simeoli, Title IX Coordinator; and Ryan Ribeiro, Director of Community Standards; in a discussion of resources and services and what it means to be a part of the Union Community.

U AND ME, GET TO KNOW THE TITLE IX OFFICE
Join Mary Simeoli, Title IX Coordinator as she spends some time talking with you about sexual assault prevention, consent, communication, resources, expectations on campus, and how to be a great community member.

IT’S UP TO U, AN INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE TO EXPLORE U
Participate in this interactive experience facilitated by Christa Grant, Assistant Dean of Intercultural Affairs and Dru Alvez, Assistant Director of Intercultural Affairs to explore different aspects of your own identities and how Union supports you and your identities as a member of the Union Community. In addition, you will also learn about programs and initiatives offered by Intercultural Affairs and find ways that you can become involved, supported, and enhance your own cultural competency.

CAMPUS SAFETY
Hear from members of the Campus Safety staff about their role on campus, the services they provide, how they work to enforce rules, regulations and policies on campus, and share personal safety tips and practices with you to keep the Union Community safe.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS
Join Ryan Ribeiro, Director of Community Standards as he shares some details about the Community Standards office. Sometimes students find themselves in positions where they may have violated policy. Specific highlights include some of the obvious things, like underage drinking, any and all drugs, and keeping Union College a smoke-free campus. It's important to remember that students make mistakes sometimes, and it's not the end of the world. The goal of Community Standards is to help students navigate the accountability process, and find ways to ensure that students don't engage in repeat violations of policy.

LIFE AT UNION
Meet with members of 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.
SUSTAINABILITY AT UNION
Join us to hear why Union has been listed in the Princeton Review's Top 50 Green Colleges! You will meet Union's Sustainability Coordinator, Josh Dranoff, and some members of the U-Sustain Committee. You will learn about Union's history in sustainability as well as what we are doing now to reduce our Campus' overall carbon footprint. In addition, see how you can learn about sustainability at Union and get involved to help make Union a greener campus and a leader in the region and nationwide!

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.

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!

PEOPLE, RESOURCES, AND TECHNOLOGY AT SCHAFFER LIBRARY
Meet 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) located in the building.

MINERVA OLYMPICS!
Learn about the Minerva Program and all of the experiences and opportunities available through the houses with a bit of friendly competition. Remember - you don’t have to join your Minerva, you already belong!

WELCOME FROM STUDENT FORUM
Join elected student representatives from of Student Forum to learn about student governance on campus. Join them to learn about their good work and how you can get involved!

WALKING TOUR OF SCHENECTADY (optional & weather permitting)
Join some of our OAs as they head to the Schenectady Greenmarket, the farmers market that takes place on Sunday mornings. Our OAs will also point out some of their personal favorite restaurants and shops on the walk down.

FIRST-YEAR FEST
Join the Class of 2025 for our own mini carnival, enjoy snacks, and have some fun with your classmates before classes officially begin.

AND MORE!