THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th

9:00am-2:00pm  CHECK IN & RESIDENCE HALL MOVE IN
Check-in and pick-up your key, and student ID 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.

Memorial Field House

9:00am - 2:00pm  BREAKFAST AT YOUR MINERVA HOUSE
Stop by your Minerva House to meet fellow House members, pick up your house swag, and enjoy a light breakfast. You can check out what your Minerva looks like and has to offer while you are there!

Your Minerva House

9:30am - 12:30pm  ACCOMMODATIVE SERVICES ORIENTATION
Come meet the Accommodative Services staff and see our testing and office space. We will explain how the process works, share resources, check out necessary equipment and get to know each other as we start this 2021-2022 year off.

Testing Center in Old Chapel

11:30am - 2:00pm  CLASS OF 2025 WELCOME LUNCH
Come and enjoy lunch with the other members of your class!

Tent on Library Plaza

1:00pm  PARENT AND FAMILY MEET & GREET
Parents and families should have received all the information they need to help support their students during our August Virtual Parent and Family Orientation sessions. Please join us and meet a few members of our College Leadership Team in person. Vice President for Student Affairs, Fran’Cee Brown-McClure; Dean of First Year Students, Kate Schurick; Assistant Dean of Students, Ryan Keytack will be available at this session. They will help to make sure all of your last-minute questions are answered.

Nott Memorial

3:00pm  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

Frank Bailey Field

4:00pm  UNION’S PARENTS AND FAMILY PROGRAM
Parents and Families – join the staff from College Relations, immediately following President Harris’s welcome for the Class of 2025. Meet with the Parent Engagement team and enjoy light refreshments.

Chester Arthur Courtyard

4:00pm  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.

OA Meeting Location posted on your residence hall room door
If you are a commuter, you will receive your location at check-in/the Testing Center at Memorial Field House

5:00pm-6:30pm  DINNER WITH YOUR OA GROUP
Join your OA and group for Dinner. 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. Your OA will direct you to one of 4 locations to get dinner.

6:30pm  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!

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6:45pm    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!   Rugby Field

7:15pm    INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY AT UNION
Hear from our Orientation Student Co-Chairs, Aileen Schatz, Director of the First-Year Experience and Christa Grant, Assistant Dean for Intercultural Affairs as they welcome you and share what it means to be a part of the Union Community.   Memorial Chapel

7:30pm    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.   Memorial Chapel

7:45pm    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. 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.   Memorial Chapel

8:30pm    ORIENTATION BINGO
Join the Class of 2025 at one of Union’s most popular events. 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.   College Park Hall Ballroom

10:00pm   FLOOR MEETING WITH YOUR RA (for residential students)
Your Residence Hall

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8:30am - 9:30am    CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
West College (West Dining)

9:00am - 12:00pm  INDIVIDUAL ADVISING APPOINTMENTS
Bring your schedule and any questions you want answered. This is your first opportunity to meet your advisor.

9:30am    ACADEMICS AT UNION - You will need to attend one of the 3 sessions offered
Learn what to expect and what is expected of you when it comes to academics at Union. Hear from administration and faculty including:
- Michelle Osborn, Interim 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   Reamer Auditorium

9:30am    LIBRARY RESOURCES AT UNION - You will need to attend one of the 3 sessions offered
Have you ever been out and about only to discover that your device needs a charge? If this happens while you’re studying in the library, did you know that you can check out Mac, PC, iPhone, Android, and/or tablet power adaptors? There are lots of resources and services available to you at Schaffer Library. Come learn about some of the other items you can get in the library and - if you act now - find out how you can get some of your textbooks from other libraries around the country/world.   Olin Auditorium
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12:00pm - 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.

Tent on Library Plaza

1:00pm - 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.

Nott Memorial

1:30pm - SCHOLARS WELCOME
This is a mandatory session for students enrolled in the Scholars Program. This session is an opportunity for you to meet other students in the program and meet and hear from the director of the program, Derek Zuckerman, Ph.D.

Visual Arts 204

2:00pm - 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!

Begin at your OA Meeting Location

4:00pm & 5:00pm - IT’S UP TO U (rotation)
Making sure our Union community is safe, healthy, and well is everyone’s responsibility. This session will explore expectations, rights, responsibilities and strategies to support safe and respectful communities. Together we'll be talking about healthy relationships, consent, and bystander intervention as it relates to gender-based misconduct, drugs and alcohol, and other health and wellness topics.

Amanda Tommell-Sandy, M.S., Assistant Director for Health Promotion & Student Wellness
Mary F. Simeoli, J.D., Title IX Coordinator & Interim Director of Equal Opportunity; CDO

Memorial Chapel

ORIENTATION ADVISOR MEETING & MINERVOLYMPIC PREP (rotation)
Meet with your OA group & pick up supplies for MinervOlympics.

OA Meeting Location

6:00pm - DINNER

West College

7:00pm - DISCOVER THE U JOURNEY
Dean K. will kick off the keynote with an intro of The U Journey and what it means for your time at Union. We’ll provide the experiences but you’ll choose your own adventure. And have some serious fun in the process.

College Park Hall Ballroom

7:15pm - FIRST-YEAR STUDENT TO FIRST-YEAR SUCCESS ORIENTATION KEYNOTE
Orientation is just the start of your first year experience! Hear about making the most of your college experience, starting with your first year!

College Park Hall Ballroom

9:00pm - ROBERT CHANNING MIND READER
Be amazed and entertained with Robert Channing’s mind-boggling show! No matter who you are, Robert’s show is absolute amazement. Even the most discriminating audiences and the biggest skeptics love the anticipation and speak of the excitement long after the show is over.

Memorial Chapel
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th
8:30am - 9/11 MEMORIAL
Flag Pole at West Beach
9:02am  20th anniversary of 9/11 memorial with Faith Leaders
9:30am - CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
West College (West Dining)
9:30am & 10:30am  SUSTAINABILITY AT UNION (rotation)
Memorial Chapel
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!
9:30am - 9:50am LIFE AT UNION (rotation)
Reamer & Olin Auditoriums
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.
10:15am - 11:30am  MINERVOLYMPICS OPENING CEREMONY
Rugby Field
Join your orientation group to mark the official start of the MinervOlympic games! Get a chance to show off your team and house spirit and learn about the Minerva Program. Remember, you don't have to join your Minerva, you already belong!
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2:00pm  ORIENTATION ADVISOR MEETING
OA Meeting Location
It's time to regroup with your OA before the afternoon’s activities.
2:30pm - 5:00pm OPEN HOUSE AT THE KENNEY COMMUNITY CENTER
Kenney Center, 257 Park Place
Located at the corner of Park Place and Nott Street between Richmond and College Park Hall
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.
2:30pm - 5:00pm OPEN HOUSE AT THE WICKER WELLNESS CENTER
Wicker Wellness Center
Come check out the wellness center, learn about what they offer, and meet one of the therapy dogs!
2:30pm - 5:00pm PEOPLE, RESOURCES, AND TECHNOLOGY AT SCHAFFER LIBRARY
Schaffer Library
Welcome to Schaffer Library! Join us for a quick tour of the library building, meet our amazing librarians, and learn about some of the awesome resources and services that are available to all Union students.
5:00pm  DINNER
West College (West Dining)
6:00pm - 9:00pm MINERVOLYMPICS!
Rugby Field
Let the games begin! As an orientation group, you’ll compete both as a team and as part of your Minerva House to acquire points in a variety of different challenges and activities. Which house will be our inaugural champion?!
9:00pm  MINERVOLYMPICS CLOSING CEREMONY
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Come together for the presentation of awards and to celebrate the official end of the competition with music, food and fun! Rugby Field

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th
8:30am - 9:00am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST West College (West Dining)

10:00am 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 favorite restaurants and shops on the walk down.

11:00am THE SCOOP ON UNION THEATRE AUDITIONS
How do auditions work at Union? If you are eager to find out about how to be involved in a Union Theatre production--or perhaps just curious about the department, come share some space with the chair of Theatre and Dance, Randy Wyatt, who will answer questions and let you know about protocol to be involved in our theatre, dance, and film/musical/immersive production components this year. Yulman Theatre’s Studio A

11:00am-1:00pm BRUNCH West College (West Dining)

1:00pm & 1:45pm AN INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE TO EXPLORE THE POWER WITHIN U
Facilitated by the professional staff (Christa Grant, Dru Alvez and Nadiyah Roberts-Green) of the Office of Intercultural Affairs. This interactive experience offers an opportunity for first-year students to learn about the role each of us can play in contributing to an inclusive community at Union College.

2:30pm LEARN ABOUT STUDENT FORUM & INTRO TO U ENGAGE
Join elected student representatives from Student Forum to learn about student governance on campus. Join them to learn about their good work and how you can get involved! Memorial Chapel, Reamer Auditorium & Olin Auditorium

3:15pm MINERVA PROCESSION FOR CONVOCATION
Join your OA and Minerva Student Leaders for the procession into Convocation. Rugby Field

4:00pm OPENING CONVOCATION Library Plaza

5:30pm CAMPUS WIDE BBQ DINNER Tent on Library Plaza

6:45pm ORIENTATION HIGHLIGHTS
Meet your OA as we head to Messa Rink to see a few highlights from the past few days of Orientation! Meet your OA at your group location

7:15pm - 9:00pm FIRST-YEAR FEST
Join the Class of 2025 for our First-Year Fest, enjoy snacks, and have some fun with your classmates before classes officially begin. West Beach

*Please note that the schedule is subject to change. Any changes/updates will be posted on Union.edu/firstyear.
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