

Spring Term Orientation

Welcome to the University of Michigan! This is an exciting and challenging time for you, and we have planned an orientation program to help make your transition into the U-M as smooth and successful as possible. As a new student, you must participate in orientation. Orientation is a chance to begin preparing for life at the University and offers you the opportunity to:

- Learn about academic requirements at the University of Michigan
- Develop an academic plan with an advisor from your school or college
- Become familiar with the campus, its facilities, and resources
- Meet other new and current students
- Select and register for Spring and Fall 2009 classes

After reading this information, you will sign up for orientation online. If you have decided not to attend the University of Michigan, we would appreciate you notifying the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at (734) 764-7433.

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Program Check-In & Fees

Check-in for the orientation program will be in the foyer of the Angell Hall Auditoriums. Angell Hall is located at 435 S. State St., between S. University Ave. and E. William St.

Enter Angell Hall at the main entrance off State St. (the entrance with the columns), and proceed straight to the glass doors that say “Angell Hall Auditoriums.” Travel down one flight of stairs, and follow the signs to the Angell Hall Auditoriums. There are two check-in times, contingent upon your decision to take a placement exam:

- Students NOT TAKING a placement exam should arrive for check-in at 9:00 a.m.
- Students TAKING a placement exam should proceed directly to the exam site at 8:00am. Placement exams will begin promptly at 8:15 a.m. (see Language Placement Exam Information for further details). Students should then come to the check-in tables outside of Angell Hall Aud. D upon completion of the exam (approximately 9:30-9:45 a.m.).

Orientation Program Fee

There is a \$103.00 charge for the orientation, which will be billed to your student account in May. Please do not send this fee in advance.

Please answer the following question before you proceed to the next section.

If you are taking a placement exam, you should take the placement exams prior to checking in for orientation.

- True
- False

Submit

Participants with Disabilities

ONSP will coordinate any arrangements you need while on campus. Services provided include special testing and testing assistance, wheelchair accommodations, and a refrigerator for medications. Mark the appropriate box on the web registration form. We will contact you prior to your orientation session to discuss your needs.

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Residence Hall and Housing Information

Spring term orientation students who have residence hall contracts may move into their assigned residence hall on Sunday, May 3 after 5:00 p.m. We are unable to provide housing to students during orientation. Should you need to stay overnight before or after your orientation program, please make arrangements prior to your arrival on campus. For hotel information, visit the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau website: www.annarbor.org.

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Registering for Orientation

1. Read the online information thoroughly.
2. When you finish reading the online orientation information you will automatically be directed to the orientation registration main page.
3. Verify that the academic unit assignment displayed on the Orientation Registration page is correct before you select the Spring Term Orientation date. If it is not correct, contact the Office of New Student Programs before completing your orientation registration.
4. After completing the Orientation Registration page, click the Submit button. Please be patient! Do not click the back button or do any other navigation until the system responds to your request. You will receive immediate feedback if your registration was not accepted and will be instructed about what to do next.
5. Important: Once you have completed your registration, remember to logout of Wolverine Access. Logging out is a four step process. 1) click the "Log Out" button in the upper right-hand corner of the confirmation page, 2) click "Log Out" on the Wolverine Access main page, 3) click the "Logout" button on the logout screen, and 4) click "Yes" on the Security Alert screen.

Please Note: You have not registered for orientation until you reach the Registration Confirmation page that congratulates you for successfully completing the process. Print this confirmation page for your records. Be sure to verify that the orientation program you registered for displays on the Registration Confirmation page. Once you have registered online you cannot make additional changes through this web site. If you need to make changes, contact the Office of New Student Programs at onsp@umich.edu or 734/764-6413.

Confirmation of Assigned Session

You will receive an e-mail confirmation of your assigned orientation date within 24 hours of registering for orientation. This confirmation e-mail will include specific information regarding check-in, parking, and what to bring to orientation. Please print this e-mail and bring it with you to orientation.

Verify your Academic Unit Assignment

Your Academic Unit Assignment is:

Is your academic unit assignment correct?

- Yes
- No

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Program Schedule (subject to change)

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:15 am - 9:30 am	Language Placement Exams	Various Locations
9:00 am - 9:45 am	Check-in & MCard	Outside of Angell Hall, Aud. D
9:45 am - 10:35 am	Welcome & General U-M Information	Angell Hall, Aud. D
10:35 am - 11:45 am	Central Campus Tour	Central Campus
11:45 am - 12:45 pm	Lunch & Student Panel	Michigan Union Kuenzel Room
12:45 pm - 1:00 pm	Travel to Advising	Leave from Union
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Advising/Registration	Within Academic Unit

Optional Afternoon Activities

After you have completed academic advising, we encourage you to take advantage of these activities if time permits.

- Office of Financial Aid Walk-In Advising
2011 Student Activities Building
Available until 4:30 pm
- Housing Information Office
1011 Student Activities Building
Available until 5:00 pm
- North Campus Tour and U-M Bus System Training
Depart from outside of Angell Hall, Auditorium D
5:00 – 6:00 pm. Tour departs promptly at 5:00 pm

Note: Please be advised that you should plan on participating in required orientation activities until 5:00 pm. Optional activities continue until 6:00 pm.

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f Your Name, Address, Social Security Number or Date of Birth is Incorrect

If your address is incorrect you can update it online using Wolverine Access. You will be given an opportunity to view your address when you sign up for orientation online, using your username and password. To change your address, go to Wolverine Access (<http://wolverineaccess.umich.edu>) and click on “Student Business”. After logging in with your username and password, you will see Addresses and Phone Numbers links under the heading “Campus Personal Information”. The system allows you to set separate current and permanent addresses and phone numbers. Maintaining up to date contact information is your responsibility, and we recommend updating your address and phone number every term when you register for classes.

If your name, Social Security number or date of birth is incorrect, you must write a letter to the Registrar and enclose proof of the correct information. Send letters to: Office of the Registrar, 500 S. State St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1382 or FAX to 734/936-3148. For more information, call 734/764-6280.

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Determining if You Must Take a Language Placement Exam

All students in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, as well as students in the Residential College, Honors Program, or the Comprehensive Studies Program are required to take the Language Placement Exam, if you have ever taken a language, **regardless** of previous credit received. If you have NO previous language experience, you do not need to take a placement exam.

Students in the School of Kinesiology are also required to take a language placement exam if they have ever taken a language, regardless of previous credit received. If you have NO previous language experience, you do not need to take a language placement exam.

Students studying Piano or Voice Performance, Musical Theatre, or Theatre Performance (Acting) in the School of Music, Theatre & dance are required to take a language placement exam. Other students in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance are not required to take a language placement exam, but are encouraged to do so.

Students in the School of Education (SOE) who will be continuing their studies in a world language, or who are seeking teacher certification for a world language, are required to take the language placement exam. SOE students who do not intend to take language courses at Michigan are not required to take the placement exams

Students in the College of Engineering are not required to take a language placement exam, but they may receive academic credit for the exam.

Students in the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene program are not required to take a language placement exam.

Based on the information above, do you need to take a Language Placement Exam?

Yes

No

Language Placement Exam Information

Please read the following information very carefully. The placement exam schedule determines your check-in time, and it is imperative that you know when and where the exams are offered.

Placement exams in the following languages will be offered during orientation: German, French, Hebrew, Italian, Latin, Russian, and Spanish.

Your arrival time for orientation is contingent upon whether or not you are taking a placement exam. If you are *not* taking a placement exam, you will check-in at 9:00 a.m. (see Program Check-In for further information)

If you *are* taking a placement exam, the exams will be from 8:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. on the morning of your orientation session. You will then check-in to the program upon completing your exam. Orientation check-in begins at 9:00 a.m., and you will be given ample time to check-in upon completing your exam. **Please Note: You should go directly to the exam site on your orientation date. Plan to arrive at the exam by 8:00 a.m.** There is limited parking close to the testing site, so allow yourself enough time to find and park in the city structures.

Do not be late! Late arrivals will not be allowed to take these exams and will have to make alternate arrangements to do so following the completion of their orientation program.

The **Spanish placement exam** will be administered in room 1449 Mason Hall.

The **French placement exam** will be administered in room 1448 Mason Hall.

The **Hebrew, Italian, and Russian exams** are all administered in the same room, 1460 Mason Hall.

For all three Mason Hall rooms, you will enter through Angell Hall. Angell Hall and Mason Hall are connected. Enter Angell Hall through the main entrance on S. State Street (the entrance with the columns). Proceed straight to the glass doors that say “Angell Hall Auditoriums.” Travel down one flight of stairs and proceed through the set of doors, towards the Angell Hall Auditoriums. Once you are through the doors, you will proceed down a long corridor, next to the window overlooking a computing site. At the end of the corridor, you will go up 3 steps and then turn left into Mason Hall. Take the first stairway on your left (through a set of doors) and proceed up to the first floor. All three rooms will be located on this Mason Hall first floor corridor.

German Exam Location: The German Exam will be in the Language Resource Center, 2001 Modern Languages Bldg. (MLB). The MLB is located on the corner of Thayer and Washington Streets, right next to the Burton Tower. Use the southwest entrance to the MLB. Go up one flight of stairs and turn left. The Language Resource Center will be halfway down the hall, on the right.

(Please see http://www.umich.edu/~info/mapsAndDirections.html#anchor_centralCampus for a detailed map)

Latin Exam Location: The Latin exam will be administered in Room 2115A Angell Hall. Enter Angell Hall through the main entrance off State St. Go up one flight of stairs to the second floor. Turn left toward the Department of Classical studies. The classroom is halfway down on your right-hand side, directly across from the departmental office.

Exams for Other Languages

If you want to take a placement exam for a language other than the ones listed above call the department directly to take the test after orientation (see next page).

Would you like to take a placement exam for a language other than the ones listed above?

- Yes
- No

To take a language exam for one of the following languages, please contact the department directly to arrange to take a placement exam after orientation.

Contact Information for Foreign Language Departments

Arabic	Near Eastern Studies, 764-0314
Armenian	Near Eastern Studies, 764-0314
Chinese	Asian Languages & Cultures, 764-8286
Czech	Slavic Languages & Literatures, 764-5355
Dutch	Germanic Languages & Lit., 764-8018
Greek	Classical Studies, 764-0360
Hindi	Asian Languages & Cultures, 764-8286
Indonesian	Asian Languages & Cultures, 764-8286
Japanese	Asian Languages & Cultures, 764-8286
Korean	Asian Languages & Cultures, 764-8286
Ojibwa	American Culture, 763-1460
Persian	Near Eastern Studies, 764-0314
Polish	Slavic Languages & Literatures, 764-5355
Portuguese	Romance Languages & Lit., 764-5344
Punjabi	Asian Languages & Cultures, 764-8286
Quechua	Latin American/Caribbean Studies, 764-0553
Sanskrit	Asian Languages & Cultures, 764-8286
Serbo-Croatian	Slavic Languages & Literatures, 764-5355
Swedish	Germanic Languages & Lit., 764-8018
Tagalog	Asian Languages & Cultures, 764-8286
Tamil	Asian Languages & Cultures, 764-8286
Thai	Asian Languages & Cultures, 764-8286
Tibetan	Asian Languages & Cultures, 764-8286
Turkish	Near Eastern Studies, 764-0314
Ukrainian	Slavic Languages & Literatures, 764-5355

Urdu Asian Languages & Cultures, 764-8286
Vietnamese Asian Languages & Cultures, 764-8286
Yiddish Germanic Languages & Lit., 764-8018

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Mathematics Placement Exam

The online mathematics placement exam is used to gauge your level of preparation for calculus. It consists of multiple-choice questions covering algebra and pre-calculus material. Your score on the online test is combined with data from your college admissions test scores (the math subsection of either the ACT or SAT) and your previous high school and college work to determine what mathematics course you should take. You will be able to discuss your placement with your advisor when you meet with him or her on campus during orientation. **The Mathematics Placement Exam will be available after April 1, 2009 and must be completed by May 3, 2009.**

If you need a special testing accommodation, please contact the Office of New Student Programs.

- All incoming freshmen, except freshmen entering the School of Nursing, are required to take the math placement exam, regardless of AP credit or intended course selection.
- All transfer LSA students are strongly encouraged to take the math placement exam if there is *any* possibility that you will *ever* take a U-M math course.
- If you are a freshman and you plan to take chemistry at the University of Michigan, you are required to take the chemistry placement exam. This exam is not offered during spring orientation, however it is offered June through August. Call ONSP (734-764-6413) for chemistry exam dates and times. In order to take the chemistry exam, you **must** have completed the math placement exam online prior to your spring orientation date.

Instructions for taking the online math placement test:

To take the test, you need the following:

- Your unqname and eight digit U-M ID number (your U-M ID number can be found on your letter of admission)
 - Set aside an hour of uninterrupted time. Make sure you eliminate all potential distractions.
1. To take the online math test you will need a computer with a web browser. The most effective browser/operating system combinations are listed below:
 - a. For Windows: Internet Explorer 6+, Opera 7.5+, Netscape 7.1+ or Firefox 1.5.0.2+ Firefox is recommended.
 - b. For Macintosh OS X: Safari 1.2.1+, Netscape 7.1+, or Firefox 1.5.0.2+ Firefox or Safari are recommended. Macintosh OS 9 is not supported.
 - c. For Linux: Konqueror 3.3+, Firefox 1.5+ Firefox is recommended.

2. Open your web browser and go to the math placement website:
<http://prep.math.lsa.umich.edu/placement/> for information and instructions for how to take the placement test.

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Writing Placement

All first-year students in LSA, Art & Design, Business, Kinesiology, Music, and Nursing must fulfill the First-Year Writing Requirement. The Online Writing Assessment is used to help you assess your readiness for college-level writing and to choose an appropriate writing course your first term. When you meet with your advisor, you will discuss the writing course recommended for you based on your responses. **You must complete this Online Writing Assessment by Sunday, April 24.**

- All freshmen, except those in first-year Engineering, and LSA Honors, must complete the Online Writing Assessment before attending orientation.

Instructions for completing the Online Writing Assessment:

1. Go to <http://ctools.umich.edu>
2. Select "Log In" in the top-right corner. Log in using your username and password.
3. Select "*New Student Writing and Questions*" in the blue toolbar in the top-left of the screen
4. Follow the instructions listed on this page to complete the Online Writing Assessment tasks.

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Driving Directions & Parking for Orientation

Driving directions to Angell Hall for Spring Orientation can be found on the ONSP website at: www.onsp.umich.edu/orientation/directions/angel_hall.html

For students who wish to drive to orientation, parking will be available at the city parking structures. The most convenient structure is on Maynard Street, between East William and East Liberty. Cost is 80 cents per hour. For printable maps, visit <http://www.umich.edu/~info/mapsAndDirections.html> We strongly encourage you to print out this map and bring it with you if you are unfamiliar with campus. The Maynard Street parking structure is indicated on the map with a VP logo at A3 on the map grid. Angell Hall is located at B4 on the map grid.

Transportation from the Airport

Detroit Metropolitan Airport is located approximately 45 minutes from Ann Arbor. There are many shuttle services and cab companies that provide door to door service from Detroit Metropolitan Airport to Ann Arbor. A list of these services is posted on our website, www.onsp.umich.edu/orientation/directions/airport.html.

Accommodations

If you need accommodations during your orientation program, you must make arrangements yourself. There are many hotels in Ann Arbor, most within a few miles of central campus. Visit www.annarbor.org for information about area hotels.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Is orientation optional?

What is a UM ID number and where can I find it?

What do I need to do before attending orientation?

What can I do on Wolverine Access before coming to orientation?

Can parents/guests come to orientation?

Can I visit the campus before orientation?

What time should I arrive for orientation?

Where should I live?

What resources are available for students with children?

What resources are available for student veterans?

Is orientation optional?

Orientation is a requirement for all undergraduate students, regardless of class standing. Failure to attend orientation would prevent you from registering for classes and keeping your seat in the entering class.

What is a UM ID number and where can I find it?

Each student is assigned a University of Michigan Identification Number (UM ID), which is used to access his/her records. It can be located on your letter of Admission and will be on your MCard (ID Card), which you will receive at orientation.

What do I need to do before attending orientation?

Prior to attending orientation you should do four things:

1. Determine whether or not you need to take a placement exam.
2. Take the online Wolverine Access tutorial which will teach you how to use the U-M's course registration system. This tutorial can be found on the web at http://www.onsp.umich.edu/wolverine_access/onspwatutorial5.html
3. Take the online math placement exam if necessary.
4. If you are a freshman, take the Online Writing Assessment

What can I do on Wolverine Access before coming to orientation?

Wolverine Access is the internet gateway for all student business, such as orientation registration, academic records, and financial information. Students should consult Wolverine Access to confirm that all personal information is correct. Incorrect information can be changed online or by contacting the Office of the Registrar. Although the course registration link appears on Wolverine Access, students are prevented from registering for courses until they complete their academic advising. Students should, however, begin to review the course catalog information provided on Wolverine Access. Students can also view financial aid packages through Wolverine Access prior to attending orientation.

Can parents/guests come to orientation?

ONSP does not offer a parent & guest orientation during the Spring Orientation program. Parents/guests may come to the Welcome and Information meeting at the beginning of orientation but the rest of the session, including academic advising and course registration, is for students only. Information for parents can be found online at www.parents.umich.edu.

Can I visit the campus before orientation?

A campus tour is provided during Spring Orientation. If you would like to see the campus before orientation, you can schedule a campus tour through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Information regarding these tours can be found at <http://www.admissions.umich.edu>

What time should I arrive for orientation?

Arrival time is dependent upon whether or not you must take a language placement exam. Placement exams begin at 8:15 (sharp!) and you should arrive by 8:00 a.m. If you are not required to take a language placement exam, you may arrive at 9:00 a.m.

Where should I live?

The Housing Information Office can assist you with your housing arrangements. Options include University-owned residence halls, apartments, and family housing space, as well as non-University owned houses, apartments, co-ops, etc. Visit www.housing.umich.edu or call (734) 763-3164.

What resources are available for students with children?

There is a comprehensive website to assist students with children. Visit www.studentswithchildren.umich.edu for information about financial resources, social support, housing, and more.

What resources are available for student veterans?

There is a comprehensive website to assist student veterans. Visit www.vets.umich.edu for information about the Student Veterans Assistance Program, the U-M chapter of Student Veterans of America, or other important resources to help your transition.

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Important Dates for Spring Term 2009

Residence hall move in for orientation participants	May 3 (After 5:00 pm)
Spring Term Orientation and Course Registration	May 4
Classes Begin (Spring Half Term)	May 5
Memorial Day (holiday)	May 25
Classes End	June 19
Study Days	June 20-21
Examinations	June 22-23
Spring Half Term Ends	June 23

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Important Phone Numbers

(all numbers are in the 734 area code)

Undergraduate Admissions (<i>Credit Evaluations</i>)	764-7433	http://umich.custhelp.com
Campus Information Centers	764-INFO (4636)	Email: info@umich.edu
Financial Aid	763-6600	Email: financial.aid@umich.edu
International Center	764-9310	Email: icenter@umich.edu
Office of New Student Programs (<i>Spring Orientation</i>)	764-6413	Email: onsp@umich.edu AOL IM: ONSPInfo Yahoo IM: ONSPInfo
Services for Students with Disabilities	763-3000	Email: sswdoffice@umich.edu
Student Financial Operations (<i>Student Accounts</i>)	764-7447 or 877/840-4738 (Toll-free)	Email: um-sfo@umich.edu
University Health Service	764-8320	
University Housing	763-3164	Email: housing@umich.edu
Campus Operator	764-1817	

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Have more questions about your first year at Michigan?

Email onsp@umich.edu or visit us online at:

- www.onsp.umich.edu/transfer_students
Includes advice from former transfer students, and links to important transfer student resources
- www.onsp.umich.edu/incoming_freshmen
- www.onsp.umich.edu/international_students

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