Day One

Arrive On Campus
8–10:30 a.m.
Parking Lot 63, east of the Maple-Willow-Larch Residence Halls
When you arrive on campus, your first step will be to get your parking permit from orientation staff. You may register for overnight housing at this time as well. Please follow orientation signs.

Orientation Registration
8–10:30 a.m.
0020 Hixson-Lied Student Success Center
You may customize your arrival time to fit the activities you plan to attend on Day One.

Mapping Your Orientation
8:30, 9, 9:30 or 10 a.m.
0101 Carver Hall
Cyclone Aide Advisers will provide an overview of your orientation experience to help you get the most out of your visit and identify which sessions target your individual questions and concerns.

ISUCard
8 a.m.–4 p.m.
8–10:30 a.m. Sunday
0530 Beardshear Hall
To obtain your ISUCard, bring your driver’s license (or other photo ID) and your university identification number. Your ISUCard is your permanent student identification card.

If you accepted your offer of admission on AccessPlus, you created a permanent password. It is very important you bring this password to orientation. You will need your password to obtain your ISUCard, establish your Net-ID/Iowa State email address, and register for classes.

Net-ID/Iowa State Email Registration
8 a.m.–4 p.m.
192 Parks Library
After you receive your ISUCard, register for your Net-ID/Iowa State email address. Decide on a professional user name prior to getting your Net-ID/email address. Or, register prior to orientation at asw.iastate.edu.

University Billing and U
9–9:25 a.m. or 9:30–9:55 a.m.
South Ballroom, Memorial Union
The university bill (UBill) is the source for communicating university charges to students electronically via AccessPlus. Learn about payment plans, how to pay your UBill, how to set up third party access, and utilizing financial aid toward UBill charges.

Financial Aid Overview
10–10:50 a.m. or 11–11:50 a.m.
South Ballroom, Memorial Union
Financial Aid will provide information on financial aid programs and processes so students and families are prepared to make informed decisions about their options. An overview of the FAFSA, types of financial aid, steps required to secure aid and planning resources will be discussed.

Financial Aid Walk-in Service
8 a.m.–4 p.m.
8 a.m.–noon Sunday
0210 Beardshear Hall
Many of your financial aid questions can be answered by attending the Financial Aid Overview session. If you have specific questions about your financial aid, meet with a financial aid adviser at this time.

Residence Hall Tours
10–11 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Campanile Room, Memorial Union
After a short presentation, residence hall tours of representative rooms in Oak-Elm, Larch, Geoffroy, Buchanan and Helser will be available. Wallace and Wilson residents will stay in the Campanile Room for an interactive session about their community. Students assigned to halls that are not available for tours are still welcome to attend the presentation and, if they choose, go on a tour of a neighboring building. They can also visit with the Department of Residence at the Resource Fair.
Sororities and Fraternities
10–11 a.m.
Maintenance Shop, Memorial Union
Iowa State sorority and fraternity student leaders and staff will present the benefits of sorority and fraternity membership which include academic excellence, civic engagement, leadership, friendship, and social justice. The session will cover why students choose to join, how to join, and what the experience will be like after joining a sorority or fraternity.

Campus Walking Tour
10–11 a.m.
Memorial Union Fountain
Meet at the fountain outside of the Memorial Union for a guided walking tour of campus.

Parks Library Tour
11:15–noon (Monday–Friday)
198 Parks Library
Learn about the library's collections and services. Enjoy a tour of the library, including the famous Grant Wood murals.

Lunch on Your Own
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Lunch is available for purchase at the Union Drive Marketplace in the Union Drive Community Center, MU Market & Cafe, and other areas in the Memorial Union. Some dining areas on campus may be closed on Sundays; local restaurants will be open. Hours of dining locations can be found at dining.iastate.edu. Guests with special dietary needs are encouraged to discuss options prior to orientation by contacting ISU Dining at dining@iastate.edu or 515 294-3812.

Arrive at University Welcome
Prior to 12:45 p.m.

University Welcome
1–1:30 p.m.
Important information about your two-day orientation program will be highlighted.
After the University Welcome, both students and family members attend college meetings. You are escorted to a variety of activities throughout the afternoon. At times students and family members are separated. Please plan to reunite with your family on the first floor of the Union Drive Community Center at 5 p.m.

Academic College Meeting and Activities
1:30–5 p.m.
Learn more about your academic program at Iowa State. Attendance is required in order to register for classes on Day Two. This session includes important information about selecting your fall courses, registering for classes, graduation requirements, and your Day Two advising appointment.

Dinner
5–6 p.m.
Union Drive Community Center (UDCC)
Cyclone Aides will join you to answer your questions while you experience the Union Drive Marketplace for dinner.
If you purchased the meal and room package, the cost of dinner is included in the package. If you did not purchase the package, dinner offers an orientation rate of $10.75 per person ($8.25 for youth ages 4–9; no charge for children age 3 and under).

What You Need to Know
6:15–8 p.m.
Students - South Ballroom, Memorial Union
Family members - Sun Room, Memorial Union
In these sessions designed specifically for either students or family members, you will learn “need to know” information, including the services provided by the Dean of Students Office and the Department of Public Safety.
You will also meet with other new students and interact in a small group and share in some humor as current students address your questions regarding living on campus, roommates, money management, academic support services, leaving home, and more.

Munch and Mingle
8–8:45 p.m.
Memorial Union Food Court
Students and families meet to wrap up the day, enjoy light refreshments, discuss the student’s fall class selections, and make plans for Day Two.
Evening Recreation
9–10:30 p.m.
Meet on the mezzanine level of Willow Residence Hall

Students can enjoy volleyball, basketball, Ultimate Frisbee, or board games. Please wear closed-toe athletic shoes if you plan to participate in sporting activities.

Day Two

Check out of Willow Hall
Before 8 a.m.

Breakfast on Your Own
7–8 a.m.

Breakfast can be purchased at several locations on campus, including the Maple-Willow-Larch Commons (convenience items), the Memorial Union (hot and convenience items) and the Union Drive Community Center (full, hot breakfast).

Advising Appointments
8 a.m.–3 p.m.
Scheduled by colleges

During this time, you will meet with an academic adviser and register for your fall classes. Your advising appointment information is provided during the College Meeting on Day One.

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ISUCard
8 a.m.–4 p.m.
0530 Beardshear Hall

If you were unable to obtain your ISUCard on Day One, be certain to do so today. You’ll need to bring your driver’s license (or another photo ID) and your university identification number to get your ISUCard.

Net-ID/Iowa State Email Registration
8 a.m.–4 p.m.
192 Parks Library

If you have not already registered for your Net-ID/Iowa State email, be certain to do so today. Register for your Net-ID/Iowa State email address after getting your ISUCard.

Key Topics for Family Members
8:15–10 a.m.
Sun Room, Memorial Union

Learn about the Thielen Student Health Center, the logistics of residence hall move-in, how to select a meal plan, as well as an overview of AccessPlus, transportation, and campus safety.

A faculty and adviser panel will also discuss classroom expectations and your student’s academic experience.

How to Survive Being New at ISU
9 a.m.–10 a.m. or 11 a.m.–noon
205 Carver Hall

Meet other new students while reviewing resources that will support and enrich your experience at Iowa State. Learn survival tips and discuss the details of college life, including move-in day, getting along with a roommate, selecting a meal plan, parking, health care, safety and more.

Financial Aid Overview
10–10:50 a.m.
South Ballroom, Memorial Union

See Day One for session description.

Campus Walking Tour
10–11 a.m.
Memorial Union Fountain

See Day One for session description.

Families in Transition
10:15–11:15 a.m.
Gallery Room, Memorial Union

Sending your student to college is a huge transition, and one that typically comes with both excitement and anxiety. Student Counseling Service will facilitate a discussion addressing some of the most common questions and concerns about your student’s transition to Iowa State. Whether you’ve sent multiple students to college or are doing it for the first time, this session is for you!

Parks Library Tour
11:15 a.m.–noon (Monday - Friday)
198 Parks Library

See Day One for session description.

Resource Fair
11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
Great Hall, Memorial Union

Come and browse! Campus and community representatives provide materials about programs, activities, and services at Iowa State. Students can register for Destination Iowa State.
Sororities and Fraternities
1–2 p.m.
Maintenance Shop, Memorial Union
See Day One for session description.

Recreation Services Facilities Self-Guided Tour
1–3 p.m.
State Gym and/or Lied Recreation Athletic Center
Tour the recreation facilities at State Gym or Lied Recreation Athletic Center. Stop by the front service desk to pick up a tour handout and explore at your own pace.

Dean of Students Open House
1–2:30 p.m.
Student Services Building Lobby
Join the Dean of Students Office (DSO) leadership staff for this informal drop-in event providing individual assistance and consultation for anyone wishing to learn about academic resources, personal support, accommodations and leadership opportunities while they are here on campus for orientation and throughout their time at Iowa State.

Important notes

Overnight accommodations
Meal and room packages that include staying in Willow Hall and dinner at Union Drive Marketplace may be purchased during your visit to Iowa State. No advance reservations are needed.
To purchase your package, stop by the Maple-Willow-Larch Conference Desk between 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Day One.

Navigating campus
For those who are able, walking is the primary way of exploring campus. Please wear comfortable shoes and make sure you dress for the weather, including an umbrella for each student and guest!
The CyRide orange route (#23 bus) is available to take you to your orientation activities. This route is fare-free for visitors. Please see your orientation map for stop locations.
Download the Next Bus app for easy riding during orientation.

CyRide hours:
7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
7:40 a.m.–1:30 p.m. (Sundays)
The CyRide orange route (#23) runs every 15 minutes.

University Billing and U
1:00–1:25 p.m.
South Ballroom, Memorial Union
See Day One for session description.

Residence Hall Tour
2–3 p.m.
Campanile Room, Memorial Union
See Day One for session description.

Cy’s Sibs
Cy’s Sibs is hosted for rising 5th–9th graders who are siblings of students participating in orientation.
Siblings begin their adventure at 12:15 p.m. on Day One at the Souls Family Visitor Center in the Memorial Union and reunite with their family at 5 p.m. on the ground floor of the Union Drive Community Center.
Pre-register at least one week prior to orientation. Visit admissions.iastate.edu/orientation/during/cys_sibs_form.php to register. For questions, contact the Office of New Student Programs at 515 294-5492 or nsp@iastate.edu.

Changing your major
Orientation programming is specific to your major. It’s important to let us know if you would like to switch your major prior to orientation, so we can provide you with the best possible orientation content. If you decide to change your major, please update us at admissions.iastate.edu/forms/change_application.php.