

International Student Orientation & Welcome Week Fall 2026

Orientation: August 13 & 14 at the [Payne Family Native American Center \(NAC\)](#)

Thursday, August 13 (Required) *Some minor changes may happen during the orientation.

9:00 – 9:30 AM Check in for orientation & complimentary continental breakfast

(1st Floor Lounge in the Payne Native American Center (NAC))

9:30 –10:30 AM Welcome Sessions (NAC Room 105)

- Welcome & Introduction from Global Engagement Office (GEO) staff members
- Welcome by University of Montana (UM) Administrators - Vice Provost Shara Tscheulin
- Overview of Schedules for International Student Orientation & Lunch Options (Koko)
- Self-Introduction & Ice-Breaking Activity

10:30– 10:40 AM: Break into 2 groups and have a little break in between sessions

10:40 AM - 11:40 AM 2 separate groups: University Center (UC) and Library Tours (rotate)

*5-minute walking time in between, 25 minutes for each tour

- Group 1: UM Library (10:45–11:10) then UC (11:15 - 11:40) Leader: Mars
- Group 2: UC (10:45-11:10) then Library (11:20-11:40) Leader: Mariah

11:40 – 1:00 PM Lunch Break: Leaders: Mars & Mariah

([The Lodge Dining Center](#) (I-House Managers) or [The University Center Market](#) or elsewhere)

**Griz Card Help: Griz Card Office is located on the 1st floor of the University Center (UC). If you couldn't get the Griz Card during this time, you can still go back there during lunch or next week. They open from 10am to 2pm M-F during summer.*

1:00 – 2:00 PM Info Session (NAC 105)

- [Campus Safety & Resources](#) – Chief Brad Griffin, UMPD (1:00 -1:20 PM)
- [Student Advocate Resource Center](#)– Aislinn Addington, SARC Director (1:20 – 1:40 PM)
- [Dining Services](#) - Trail Bundy (1:40 – 2:00 PM)

2:00 – 2:45 PM Campus Life & Support and Get Involved – Koko, NAC 105

Global Partner, ISA, I-House, Bear Necessities, Branch Center, Chi Alpha, InterVarsity, & Other Program, Events, Clubs, Student Involvement, How to make friends, cultural anchor survey and engagement discussion

2:45 – 3:00 PM Break

3:00 – 4:00 PM Visa Regulations 101 Important!

(Please bring your passport & I-20 or DS-2019, and health insurance) – Bodhi, NAC 105

This is a very important orientation session to your visa status and regulations and health insurance in the U.S.

4:00 – 5:00 PM Free Time!

Have fun at the Oval, browse around the campus, or finish any necessary tasks!

5:00 PM – Meet @ Grizzly Statue on the oval to walk over to [International House \(I-House\)](#) - Bodhi

**This is optional! You can also go to I-House on your own. The address is 659 South 5th St. E.*

5:30 – 7:30 PM Welcome Dinner at International House (I-House)

*Hosted by Global Engagement Office



Meet @ Grizzly Statue!

Friday, August 14 (Required)

**Please remember that we may have minor changes to the schedule, but we will inform you whenever it happens.*

9:00 – 9:30 AM Check in for orientation & complimentary continental breakfast (NAC 1st Floor)

9:30 – 10:20 PM Information Session (NAC 105)

- **Culture Shock & Adjustment – Prof. Udo Fluck**

10:20 – 10:30 AM Break

10:30 – 10:45 AM Walk to Curry Health Center (634 Eddy Avenue)

10:45 – 11:15 AM Presentation about Curry Health Center & Wellbeing Program (Kayli Julius/Liv Wilson)

**Learn how to use available services, understand how health insurance works, and explore the Wellbeing Program along with other support options.*

Curry Health Center Tour – Kayli Julius/Liv Wilson (11:15 AM – 11:45 AM)

**Immunization Appointment Time (11:45 – 12:00 PM):*

This is only for the students who need to schedule the immunization appointment.

12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch on Your Own

1:00 – 1:30 PM – Academic Expectations & Campus Resources (Nathan Domitrovich, NAC 105)

**You will learn about UM's academic code of conduct and helpful resources across campus to help you academically succeed from Nathan Domitrovich, Director of the Undergraduate Advising Center*

1:30 – 4:00 PM – Academic & Program Meetings and Course Registration Advising

- *Academic Advising & Registration (degree-seeking & sponsor undergraduate students, Nathan & Staff, NAC 014 (basement computer lab)*
- *Exchange Student Information (for ISEP & partner exchange students, NAC 105 then NAC 014)*

**If you still need to finalize your course registration, the Undergraduate Advising Center's staff will help you at the computer lab, NAC 014. Some meetings may be shorter than other meetings. If you are done with your course registration, you can leave earlier after the group meeting.*

**Even if you cannot finalize your course registration here, you will have time all next week to register for courses.*

5:00 PM – Optional Downtown Excursion: Meet @ Grizzley Statue!

Meet at the Griz Statue on the oval. We may take the bus and/or walk to explore downtown Missoula! Dinner will not be provided, but you are free to purchase from various vendors downtown.

Saturday, August 15

- **9:30 AM – 12:00 AM – Optional Farmers Market Excursion**
 - **Meet at the International House (659 South 5th Street East)** to walk downtown and check out [Missoula's historic farmer's market](#) with local vendors from all over western Montana! (Recommended to bring but not required: a pair of sun glasses, a hat, sun screen, a shopping bag if it's sunny))
- **12:30 PM – 3:00 PM – Optional Guided Shopping Excursion**

- **Meet at the International House.** The orientation Assistants will travel with you via the free Mountain Line Bus System to buy supplies for your room, SIM card for your mobile, groceries, etc. Because you'll be using the bus, you may want to limit your purchases to what you can comfortably carry.

Sunday, August 16

FREE DAY! Relax and explore Missoula!

Monday, August 17 (Official Move-In Day for All UM New Students)

- **9 AM – 4 PM – Linen rental return to Global Engagement Office (GEO) at International Center (by August 18)**
- **1 PM – 6 PM Big Sky Experience Check-In** @ Mansfield Mall, Between the University Center & Mansfield Library
Check in anytime between these five hours to get started for your Big Sky Experience. You will receive your name tag and small group assignment, some awesome swag, and a UM t-shirt, and important information about the week.
- **4 PM – 6 PM BEAR Fair on the Oval**
Students, their parents and families are invited to peruse the iconic BEAR Fair (Be Educational, Active and Recreational), where you have the opportunity to learn about more than 90 different student groups, academic departments, and support services.
- **5 PM – 7 PM First Meal at The Lodge**
Campus Dining has an amazing dining experience planned for incoming students and their families in UM's brand-new, world class dining center. Join them for UM's much-anticipated First Meal of the academic year, featuring wonderful, chef-crafted local food and produce from their on-campus garden. The evening's lineup will include the UM Marching Band, our playful mascot, Monte, and more!
**Incoming students may use their dining plans to gain admission to the event; parents or family members that accompany a new student will be admitted free!*

[UM Big Sky Experience](#) (BSE: UM New Student Orientation & Fun Activities):

Monday, August 17 – Friday, August 21

Website: <https://www.umt.edu/orientation/additional-information/schedules/>

Register [here](#) by 8 AM on August 10.

This is a great opportunity to meet new domestic (American) students.

**You can also finalize your course registration with your advisor, explore UM campuses and Missoula, go shopping, or prepare for the upcoming semester during this week. You want to visit your classrooms before the semester starts, so you will be familiar with those locations.*

Thursday, August 20, 9 AM - 12 PM (I-House): Join as a **guest** international student for one of the BSE site activities, "Making International Friends".

Monday, August 17 – Tuesday, August 18: Linen set return to the Global Engagement Office Front Desk in the International Center

Monday, August 24: Fall 2026 Semester Begins! 😊