

**PURPLE**



**2021 TRANSFER STUDENTS**



# Welcome, transfer students!



QUESTIONS?

THE OFFICE OF NEW STUDENT EXPERIENCE IS YOUR STARTING POINT.

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# Stay on top of summer tasks—here's how

You'll receive your first Purple Prep email the first week of June, letting you know the website and checklist are live.

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## PURPLE PREP WEBSITE

### **Find everything you need to know.**

The Purple Prep for Transfers website is the one-stop location for details about your summer tasks and other information you need to know prior to starting in the fall.

[northwestern.edu/purple-prep-transfer](https://northwestern.edu/purple-prep-transfer)

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## PURPLE PREP CHECKLIST

### **Keep track of requirements.**

Accessible on the Purple Prep website, your personalized checklist is a dynamic tool for managing all your summer to-dos, tracking your progress as you check off tasks. Opt in to weekly texts if you want frequent reminders and updates.

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## PURPLE PREP EMAILS

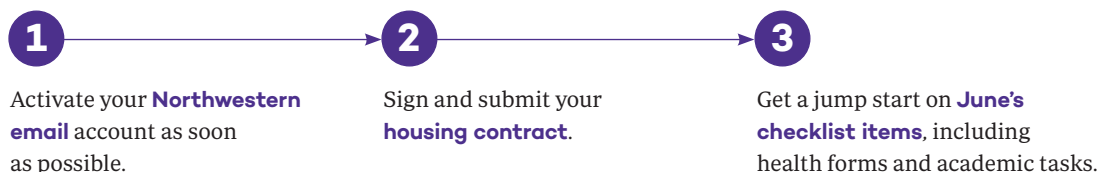
### **Get monthly updates and reminders.**

Find a Purple Prep email in your Northwestern inbox on the first Tuesday of each month, reminding you what to focus on in the month ahead and noting any changes. Any updates to Northwestern's entry process due to health and safety guidelines will be highlighted in these emails.

*The safety of our students is our highest priority. All dates and programs in this booklet and on the Purple Prep website are subject to change as Northwestern follows local, state, and federal health directives and guidelines.*

# Purple Prep tasks to do now

To help you get started, here are your first Purple Prep checklist items.



## University email account

If you haven't activated your Northwestern email account, do so at [umail.northwestern.edu/activate](mailto:u.northwestern.edu/activate).

Your @u.northwestern.edu account is where you'll receive all official communication from Northwestern. You are responsible for reading and responding to messages in a timely way, so be sure to check this account frequently.

Instructions for activating your NetID were included in your acceptance message and admission materials. If you have not yet activated it, follow the prompts at [northwestern.edu/login](http://northwestern.edu/login). Your NetID must be activated before you can activate your email account. Remember that your email password is not the same as your NetID password.

## Housing contract

Once your housing deposit is paid, you're ready to explore campus housing options and sign the housing contract, due on June 1 at 5 p.m. CDT. (If you commit to Northwestern after June 1, submit the contract within two weeks of committing.) Housing is not assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so the time of your submission is not considered as long as you meet the deadline.

The housing contract is where you will indicate your housing and roommate preferences. Learn more about the contract, campus residences, roommate selection, and the move-in process on the Purple Prep website.





## CAESAR student account

CAESAR is packed with tools for

- updating your personal profile
- paying tuition and fees
- tracking financial aid
- managing classes and grades, plus other tasks

Log in to the system at [northwestern.edu/caesar](https://northwestern.edu/caesar) with your NetID and password (you must have activated your NetID to log in).

### GUEST ACCESS

Your student account is where you'll find all your Northwestern bills, so CAESAR is also how your authorized guests can access your account and make payments on your behalf.

As federal law prohibits Northwestern from sharing your student account information without your permission, *we strongly recommend that you give a parent or guardian guest access to your account.*

### BILLS AND PAYMENTS

The first bill for fall quarter is generated on August 10; the payment is due September 1. Verify your permanent address and bill delivery preferences by August 8 via the Profile tile on CAESAR.

## Academic tasks

The Purple Prep checklist includes your school-specific summer tasks. Review the checklist to see these tasks, and visit the Purple Prep website to find helpful information about getting started at your school.

Transfer students participate in virtual advising and registration during the summer—learn more on your school's page on the Purple Prep website. You will register for fall courses in late August.





# Important events

Keep these events in mind as you plan for fall.

## **International Student Orientation SEPTEMBER 11–12**

ISO is mandatory for those with F-1 or J-1 immigration status and is encouraged for others who think they may find it helpful. Register on the Wildcat Welcome Information Form (due at the end of June) in your personalized checklist.

## **New student move-in SEPTEMBER 13–14**

In August, you will learn of your residence assignment and select your move-in time. Find up-to-date information on the move-in process on the Purple Prep website.

## **Parent and Family Orientation SEPTEMBER 13–15**

This program helps parents and family members of incoming undergraduate students learn about Northwestern. Your family's program date will coincide with your move-in day.

## **Wildcat Welcome new student orientation SEPTEMBER 13–20**

This program prepares you for life at Northwestern. You'll get to know fellow transfer students and learn more about building on your past college experience to be successful here. No off-campus commitments should be scheduled during this time. Please contact New Student Experience for guidance about scheduling for an off-campus job.

## **Fall-quarter classes begin SEPTEMBER 21**

## **Fall-quarter final exams DECEMBER 6–10**

Most students learn of their fall exam schedule when receiving course syllabi at the start of the quarter; exams are scheduled throughout the last week of the quarter. Students depart campus after completing exams or by noon on the last day of exam week.

**The full academic calendar will be posted on the Purple Prep website when available.**









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# Support and resources

Become familiar with these resources before arriving on campus.  
Learn more about them on the Purple Prep website.

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## New Student Experience

NSE is your first stop as you begin to navigate the University over the summer. NSE organizes communications for all incoming students, the Wildcat Welcome student orientation, the peer adviser program, and other initiatives that help you adjust to and thrive at Northwestern throughout the year. If you're not sure where to find answers—or even what your question is—contact NSE.

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## AccessibleNU

ANU supports and empowers students with disabilities by collaborating with the Northwestern community to ensure equal access to fully participate in the academic learning environment. Students with disabilities (including attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, anxiety, depression, learning differences, Crohn's disease, and chronic migraines) may be interested in learning more about ANU and the accommodation process.







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## Counseling and Psychological Services

CAPS offers numerous mental health resources to students. Before arriving on campus, consider how you will maintain your emotional and mental health during your first year at Northwestern. Creating a plan is highly recommended. For assistance over the summer, students and their families are encouraged to set up a phone consultation with CAPS at 847-491-2151.

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## Student Enrichment Services

SES, the go-to resource for first-generation, lower-income, and DACA/undocumented students, offers programs and services specifically tailored to help you thrive at Northwestern. Students will have the opportunity to meet the SES staff and student community during Wildcat Welcome.

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## Campus health updates

The Purple Prep website and emails will include updates as health and safety guidelines evolve throughout the summer. Visit Northwestern's COVID-19 and campus update website for further information about safety procedures, health monitoring requirements, and community health measures.

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## Parent and family information

Your parents and family members are part of the Wildcat community, too! Family members can join the family email list to ensure they receive timely information throughout your time at Northwestern. Find instructions for signing up on the Purple Prep website, along with information about September's Parent and Family Orientation.

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# Connect with your class

Start meeting classmates even before  
you arrive on campus.

## **FOLLOW WILDCAT WELCOME ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

For insider tips from current students, updates on what's happening on campus, and what to expect when you arrive, follow [@wildcatwelcome](#).



## **INCOMING TRANSFERS FACEBOOK GROUP**

Chat with others and have your questions answered by students on the Wildcat Welcome board of directors. You can find other students from your region, classmates in your Northwestern school, and more. This group is spam free and run by the University.

[facebook.com/groups/NUtransfers2021](https://facebook.com/groups/NUtransfers2021)

## **YOUR PEER ADVISER GROUP**

In late July, you'll hear from your peer adviser (PA), a current student who also transferred to Northwestern and who can be an outstanding resource as you navigate differences from your prior institution. Your PA group, consisting of a small number of incoming transfer students with similar concentrations, can be a great support system for you throughout your time at Northwestern.







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