



HOW TO

PREPARE FOR NORTHWESTERN

A WEBINAR FOR NEW TRANSFERS
AND THEIR FAMILIES

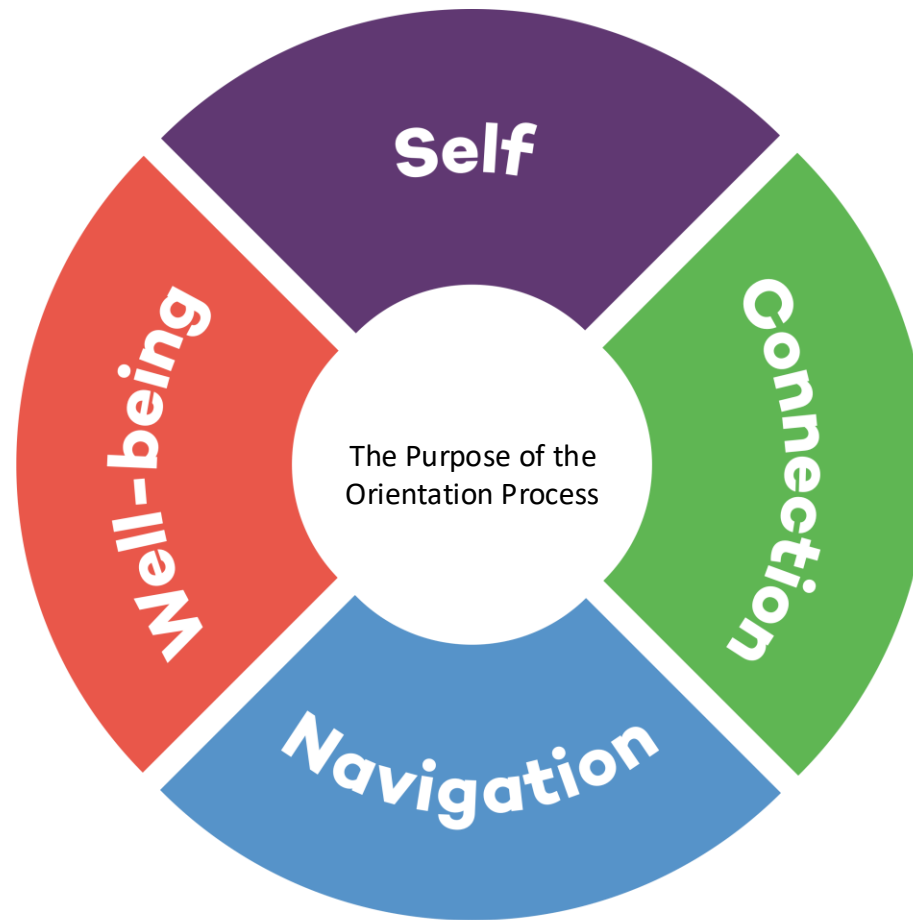
June 17, 2025
7 p.m. CDT

Join this webinar to learn about what to expect from June through September, and how you can prepare for your time at Northwestern! **Registration for this event is recommended.**

In This Session

- New Student Orientation Process
 - Purple Prep
 - Before the Arch
 - Wildcat Welcome
- Families Supporting Their New Student
- Planning Dates
- Current Student Panel
- Q&A

Purpose of Orientation



Your New Student Orientation Process

Northwestern's orientation process consists of three components to successfully launch transfer students into their first year.

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Purple Prep

- **June 5-September 8, 2025**
- Foundational orientation tasks to mark your start as a Wildcat
- Modality: Virtual

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Before the Arch

- **July 14-September 9, 2025**
- Optional opportunities to learn from current students about the emotional and social aspects of your transition
- Modality: Virtual

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Wildcat Welcome

- **International Wildcat Welcome: September 8-9**
 - **Wildcat Welcome: September 9-15, 2025**
 - Take part in campus traditions, build connections, learn to navigate campus, and register for fall classes
 - Modality: In-person, on-campus
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Purple Prep

June 5-September 8, 2025

Foundational orientation tasks to mark your start as a Wildcat

- Purple Prep provides foundational information and includes all summer tasks to complete, with a new set of deadlines each month.
- Tasks range from submitting your housing contract to immunization forms to virtual orientation modules.



Purple Prep

June 5-September 8, 2025



Purple Prep Website

- Find everything you need to know.
- The one-stop location for details about summer tasks and information you need to know prior to starting in the fall



Purple Prep Checklist

- Keep track of requirements
- A personalized tool for managing all your summer tasks



Purple Prep Email

- Delivered the first and third Tuesday of each month, with info on upcoming tasks and noting any updates or changes to your entry

northwestern.edu/purple-prep-transfer

Before the Arch

July-September 8, 2025

- Virtual, optional opportunities to hear from current students about the social and emotional aspects of transition
- Delivered weekly through the Class of 2029 & Incoming Transfers Canvas Course, including videos, webinars, podcasts, and more
- Canvas Course to launch in July
- Prompted to learn more in Purple Prep email





CAESAR 101 FOR TRANSFERS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

7 PM CDT

Zoom link coming soon

STUDENT
**TRANSITION
EXPERIENCES**

*Transfer students register for Fall courses on
Tuesday, August 12, coordinated by each
academic school.*

Wildcat Welcome

September 9-15, 2025

International Wildcat Welcome : September 8-9, 2025

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International Students

- September 7: International student move-in day
- September 8-9: International Wildcat Welcome
- September 9: New student move-in day
- September 10-15: Wildcat Welcome



Wildcat Welcome

September 9-15, 2025

International Wildcat Welcome : September 8-9, 2025

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- Begins when you move to campus
- Programs to build connections with others, learn about Northwestern, and take part in campus tradition



Wildcat Welcome

What to expect during Wildcat Welcome

- New student move-in day (September 9)
- Support from peer mentors:
 - ✓ Peer Adviser (PA)
 - ✓ International Peer Adviser (IPA)
 - ✓ Resident Assistant (RA)
- Build connections through PA Group, Residential area, & social-based programs
- Transfer events
- Campus traditions: March Through the Arch, Class Photo
- Campus tour



Wildcat Welcome

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Timeline for Learning the Schedule

August

Programmatic overview
released

September

Personalized schedule
released



After Orientation

Transition does not end after the first week.

- The Office of Student Transition Experiences continues to support you as a student past orientation.
 - ✓ Twice quarterly emails with important dates, upcoming events, and highlighted resources relevant to important topics that quarter
 - ✓ Additional events and programs each year that will lead you through common experiences, such as learning how to rent housing off campus, leadership building, and celebrating milestones



Family Overview

Office of Family Engagement

- Family Engagement provides resources, communication, and programming for parents and family members.
- We help with the transition of new Wildcat families.
- We support families throughout their students' undergraduate experience.
- We provide training and leadership development opportunities for current students (Family Coordinators & Family Ambassadors).



Family Overview

Communication

- **Family Engagement Website**
 - ✓ bit.ly/NU-Family
- **Parent & Family E-mail List**
 - ✓ <https://go.dosa.northwestern.edu/parentlist/>
- **Family Engagement Email Address:** family@northwestern.edu
- **New Parent & Family Webinar Series**
- **Parent and Family Virtual Resource Guide**
- **Wildcat Family Recap**
- **Official Northwestern University Parents & Families Facebook & Instagram**
 - ✓ www.facebook.com/northwesternfamilies
 - ✓ www.instagram.com/wildcatfamilies



Family Engagement Website

bit.ly/NU-Family



Community Resources

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For Students

For Student Affairs Staff

For Parents & Families

[Family Communication](#)

[Parent & Family Orientation](#)

[Family Weekend](#)

[Prep Talk](#)

[FAQs for Families](#)

[Things to Do: Evanston & Chicago](#)

[Northwestern University Family
Advisory Council](#)

[Student Leaders](#)

[Parent and Family Guide](#)

Family Engagement partners with family members of all undergraduate students to ensure we create a supportive environment to aid in student learning and development. All information for family members, including programs, communication, and resources, can be found in this section.

As your child becomes a Wildcat, you too are becoming a vital part of the Wildcat Community. At Northwestern, we strongly believe that family members provide crucial support for the new experiences a student will encounter during college. The beginning of a college career often brings changes in relationships with family and friends. Welcoming, understanding and adjusting to these changes is an exciting challenge for all involved.



Planning Dates

September

7 International student move-in day

8-9 International Wildcat Welcome

9 New student move-in day

9-10 Parent & Family Orientation

10-15 Wildcat Welcome

16 First day of class

October

17 - 19 Family Weekend

November

24-30 Fall Break

December

8-12 Final Exams

13 Halls close for winter break @ 12pm

Dates are subject to change. View the [Purple Prep website](#) for the up-to-date calendar.

Connect with Your Class

Follow @wildcatwelcome on social media



NU Transfers Instagram

- [Instagram.com/nutransfers2025](https://www.instagram.com/nutransfers2025)

Your Peer Adviser Group

- Coming by August 1



Transfer Student Panel

- Ardith, Class of 2026
 - Hometown: Chicago, IL
 - Major: Biological Sciences
 - Transferred from: University of Michigan
- Lauren, Class of 2026
 - Hometown: Pelham, NY
 - Major: Biomedical Engineering
 - Transferred from: University of Rochester
- Allie, Class of 2026
 - Hometown: Ottawa, IL
 - Major: Biological Sciences
 - Transferred from: University of Colorado Boulder



Q & A

Questions After the Webinar?

Purple Prep Website

Student Transition Experiences

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Family Engagement

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Student Health Insurance

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THANK YOU!

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