HOW TO PREPARE FOR NORTHWESTERN
A WEBINAR FOR THE CLASS OF 2027 AND THEIR FAMILIES

May 10, 2023
7 p.m. CDT
In This Session

- New Student Orientation Process
  - Purple Prep
  - Before the Arch
  - Wildcat Welcome
- Families Supporting Their New Student
- Planning Dates
- Connect with Other New Students
- Current Student Panel: Reflecting on your summer transition
- Q&A
Purpose of Orientation

The Purpose of the Orientation Process

Self

Well-being

Connection

Navigation

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

1. **Purple Prep**
   - May 3-September 10, 2023
   - Foundational orientation tasks to mark your start as a Wildcat
   - Modality: Virtual

2. **Before the Arch**
   - Mid July-September 10, 2023
   - Optional opportunities to learn from current students about the emotional and social aspects of your transition
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3. **Wildcat Welcome**
   - September 11-18 & 23, 2023
   - International Students: September 7-18 & 23
   - Take part in campus traditions, build connections, learn to navigate campus, and register for fall classes
   - Modality: In-person, on-campus
Purple Prep

May 3-September 10, 2023

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.
How to Prepare for Northwestern

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

northwestern.edu/purple-prep

Purple Prep Checklist
• Keep track of requirements
• A personalized tool for managing all your summer tasks

Purple Prep Email
• Get bi-monthly updates and reminders
• Delivered the first and third Tuesday of each month, with info on upcoming tasks and noting any updates or changes to your entry

May 3-September 10, 2023
Purple Prep

May 3-September 10, 2023

**ASAP**
- Activate your Northwestern email account

**June 1**
- 5 p.m. CDT
- Submit your housing contract
  *Parent/Guardian task for those under 18

**June 1**
- Submit disciplinary disclosure form;
  submit SAT/ACT score reports

**Schedule time to review tasks for the summer with your family**
Before the Arch

Mid July-September 10, 2023

• Virtual, optional opportunities to hear from current students about the social and emotional aspects of transition
• Delivered weekly through the Class of 2027 Canvas Course, including videos, webinars, podcasts, and more
• Class of 2027 Canvas Course to launch in July
• Prompted to learn more in Purple Prep email
Wildcat Welcome

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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

• Advising and fall quarter course registration during this orientation component
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International Students
• September 7: International student move-in day
• September 8-11: International Student Orientation
• September 11-18 & 23: Wildcat Welcome
Wildcat Welcome

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What to expect during Wildcat Welcome

• New student move-in day (September 11)

• Support from peer mentors:
  ✓ Peer Adviser (PA)
  ✓ International Peer Adviser (IPA)
  ✓ Resident Assistant (RA)

• Build connections through PA Group, Residential area, & social-based programs

• Academic advising & fall quarter course registration

• Campus traditions: March Through the Arch, Wildcat Dash, Class Photo

• Campus tour
# Wildcat Welcome

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## Timeline for Learning the Schedule

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Transition does not end after the first week.

- The Office of Student Transition Experiences continues to support you as a student past orientation.
  - Monthly cohort 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
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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

• 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 Page
  ✓ https://www.facebook.com/northwesternfamilies
  ✓ Facebook has disabled our page – if you work for Facebook, we need your help!
## Planning Dates

### September
- 7 International student move-in day
- 8-11 International Student Orientation
- 11 New student move-in day
- 11-12 Parent & Family Orientation
- 11-18, & 23 Wildcat Welcome
- 19 First day of class

### October
- 20-22 Family Weekend

### November
- 22-26 Fall Break

### December
- 4-9 Final Exams
- 9 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

Class of 2027 Finsta
• Instagram.com/northwesternu2027

Your Peer Adviser Group
• Coming in July/August
Student Panel

• Olivia Alexander
  • Hometown: Little Rock, AK
  • Major: Journalism & American Studies

• Jhil Patel
  • Hometown: Bartlett, IL
  • Major: Economics & Theater

• Davida Valley
  • Hometown: Lawrenceville, GA
  • Major: Communication Studies
THANK YOU!

Find all information at northwestern.edu/purple-prep