HOW TO PREPARE FOR NORTHWESTERN
A WEBINAR FOR THE CLASS OF 2028 AND THEIR FAMILIES

May 9, 2024
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
• Current Student Panel
• Q&A
Purpose of Orientation

The Purpose of the Orientation Process
Northwestern’s orientation process consists of three components to successfully launch students into their first year.

1. **Purple Prep**
   - May 6-September 16, 2024
   - Foundational orientation tasks to mark your start as a Wildcat
   - Modality: Virtual

2. **Before the Arch**
   - July 8-September 16, 2024
   - Optional opportunities to learn from current students about the emotional and social aspects of your transition
   - Modality: Virtual

3. **Wildcat Welcome**
   - September 17-22, 2024
   - International Wildcat Welcome: September 16-17
   - 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
* May 6- September 16, 2024
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* Foundational orientation tasks to mark your start as a Wildcat
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* • Purple Prep provides foundational information and includes all summer tasks to complete, with a new set of deadlines each month.
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* • Tasks range from submitting your housing contract to immunization forms to virtual orientation modules.
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Purple Prep

May 6-September 16, 2024

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
Before the Arch

July 8 - September 16, 2024

- Virtual, optional opportunities to hear from current students about the social and emotional aspects of transition
- Delivered weekly through the Class of 2028 & 2024 Transfers Canvas Course, including videos, webinars, podcasts, and more
- Canvas Course to launch in July
- Prompted to learn more in Purple Prep email
Wildcat Welcome

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International Students
• September 15: International student move-in day
• September 16-17: International Wildcat Welcome
• September 17: New student move-in day
• September 17-22: Wildcat Welcome
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
What to expect during Wildcat Welcome

- New student move-in day (September 17)
- 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, Class Photo
- Campus tour
Wildcat Welcome

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Timeline for Learning the Schedule

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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
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
  ✓ 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
  ✓ www.facebook.com/northwesternfamilies
Family Engagement Website
bit.ly/NU-Family

Partnering with Family Members to Support Their Students

Parents & Families

Families

Family Communication
Parent & Family Orientation 2023
Prop Talk
Family Weekend
FAQs For Families
Things to do: Evanston & Chicago
Northwestern University Family Advisory Council (NUFAC)
Student Leaders

The Dean of Students Office and the area of 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.
**Planning Dates**

**September**
- 15 International student move-in day
- 16-17 International Wildcat Welcome
- 17 New student move-in day
- 17-18 Parent & Family Orientation
- 17-22 Wildcat Welcome
- 24 First day of class

**November**
- 8-10 Family Weekend
- 28-Dec 1 Fall Break

**December**
- 9-14 Final Exams
- 14 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 2028 Instagram
• Instagram.com/2028northwesternu

Your Peer Adviser Group
• Coming by August 1
Student Panel

• **Levy, Third Year**
  • Hometown: Lexington, KY
  • Major: Economics and Creative Writing

• **Loretta, Third Year**
  • Hometown: Dallas, TX
  • Major: Political Science

• **Omar, Third Year**
  • Hometown: East Stroudsburg, PA
  • Major: Computer Science

• **Sophia, Third Year**
  • Hometown: Mantua, NJ
  • Major: Communication Sciences & Disorders
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Q & A
Questions After the Webinar?

**Purple Prep Website**

**Student Transition Experiences**
transition@northwestern.edu

**Family Engagement**
family@northwestern.edu

**Residential Services/Move-In**
housing@northwestern.edu

**Student Health Insurance**
student.insurance@northwestern.edu
THANK YOU!

Find all information at northwestern.edu/purple-prep