HOW TO PREPARE FOR NORTHWESTERN

AN OVERVIEW FOR THE CLASS OF 2026 AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Hosted by The Office of Student Transition Experiences and Family Engagement

Northwestern University
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Purpose of Orientation

The Purpose of the Orientation Process

- Self
- Well-being
- Connection
- Navigation

How to Prepare for Northwestern
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   - Foundational orientation tasks to mark your start as a Wildcat.
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   - September 12-19, 2022
   - International Students: September 8-19
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   - Modality: In-person, on-campus
Purple Prep

May 3-September 11, 2022

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 immunizations form to virtual orientation modules.
Purple Prep

May 3-September 11, 2022

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-weekly 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.
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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.
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Before the Arch

Mid June-September 11, 2022

- Virtual, optional opportunities to hear from current students about the social and emotional aspects of transition.
- Delivered weekly through the Class of 2026 Canvas Course, including videos, webinars, podcasts, and more.
- Class of 2026 Canvas Course to launch in June.
- Prompted to learn more in June 7’s Purple Prep email.
Wildcat Welcome

September 12-19, 2022
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Take part in campus traditions, build connections, learn to navigate campus, and register for fall classes.

• Begins when you move to campus.

• Programs to build connections with others, learn about Northwestern, and take part in campus traditions.

• Advising and fall quarter course registration during this orientation component.
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International Students
• September 8: International student move-in day
• September 9-12: International Student Orientation
• September 12-19: Wildcat Welcome
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What to expect during Wildcat Welcome

• New student move-in day (September 12)
• Support from peer mentors:
  • Peer Adviser (PA)
  • International Peer Adviser (IPA)
  • Resident Assistant (RA)
• Build connections through Peer Adviser 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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• 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

- Parent & Family E-mail List
  ➢ go.dosa.northwestern.edu/parentlist/

- New Parent & Family Webinar Series

- Family Engagement (FE) Emails

- Parent and Family Guide

- Wildcat Family Recap

- Official Northwestern Families Facebook Page
  ➢ www.facebook.com/northwesternfamilies
Dean of Students Website > Families

https://www.northwestern.edu/studentaffairs/dos/families/index.html
Planning Dates

September
8 International student move-in day
9-12 International Student Orientation
12 New student move-in day
12-13 Parent & Family Orientation
12-19 Wildcat Welcome
20 First day of class

November
4-6 Family Weekend
24-27 Thanksgiving Break

December
5-10 Final Exams
10 Halls close for winter break

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 2026 Facebook Group
• Facebook.com/groups/NU2026

Class of 2026 Finsta
• Instagram.com/northwestern2026

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

• Ryley Boddekker-O' Connor
• Rishi Gollerkeri
• Nico Moralez
• Lauren Black
THANK YOU!

Find all information at northwestern.edu/purple-prep