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CY'S ORIENTATION GUIDE

Preparing for your adventure.



TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR
ORIENTATION, DOWNLOAD

IOWA STATE GUIDES

**IOWA STATE
UNIVERSITY**

So now you're a

Cyclone.

Your orientation adventure begins! We are pleased to introduce you to Iowa State University's orientation resources.

YOUR ORIENTATION INTRODUCTION

Through **required** online orientation, you will learn about Iowa State's campus, discover essential resources, meet virtually with an academic advisor, and register for your first semester of classes. We recommend completing online orientation as soon as possible after **May 24** and no later than **June 20**. Check your email for instructions when online orientation opens on **May 24**.

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

1. Start by reviewing your orientation options. Decide if you'd like to visit campus for OnCyte Orientation in addition to completing the required online orientation this summer.
2. Take the ALEKS math placement assessment at least two weeks prior to your academic advising appointment.
3. Complete required online orientation and schedule your virtual academic advising appointment.
4. Attend your virtual academic advising appointment and register for your first-semester classes.
5. Experience OnCyte Orientation if you choose. Be sure to register if you plan on coming for OnCyte Orientation.
6. Sign up for Destination Iowa State, a student-only kickoff experience held the Thursday – Saturday before classes begin!

Make the
most of it.

ONCYTE ORIENTATION

Orientation in person: As an added bonus, we invite you to attend an optional OnCyte Orientation. This one-day event held throughout the month of June is designed for Cyclones who would like to experience campus, prepare for their Iowa State adventure, and connect with other Cyclones in person. (Learn more on pg. 5.)

To maximize your experience, plan to complete the required online orientation and course registration before attending OnCyte Orientation. Register today to reserve your preferred date! These sessions are specific to your academic college, so if you change your major after you register, please contact us at nsp@iastate.edu to discuss your options.



Online Orientation.



Online orientation is your hub of information to succeed as a Cyclone. You'll learn about the Cyclone essentials like paying for college, student resources, health and wellness, campus involvement, safety, living and dining on campus, diversity and inclusion, navigating campus, and academic resources.

COMPLETING ONLINE ORIENTATION

Watch your email on **May 24** for your link to complete online orientation. We recommend completing online orientation as soon as possible and following the instructions to set up your academic advising appointment which will be held in June. Be sure to complete online orientation no later than **June 20** to avoid any delays getting you registered for courses. Completing online orientation is required to register for classes.

LEARN ABOUT YOUR MAJOR AND COLLEGE

Online orientation will include great information about your major and academic college, as well as prepare you for your first semester of classes at Iowa State.

Orientation programming is specific to your major. It's important to let us know if you would like to switch your major prior to orientation so we can provide you with the best possible orientation content. If you decide to change your major, please let us know at apps.admissions.iastate.edu/forms/change_application.php.

THE FINAL STEP

You'll know you have completed online orientation when you pass the final quiz with a score of 70 percent or higher and earn your CYtificate of Completion.

VIRTUAL ACADEMIC ADVISING

Be sure to follow all instructions in the Academics and Course Registration module of online orientation. This section will guide you through scheduling your advising appointment and preparing for course registration. At your scheduled time, you will meet virtually with your academic advisor to plan out your first semester of classes. An amazing academic adventure lies ahead for you!

Throughout orientation you will meet Cyclones who will share their Iowa State story. What will your story be?

FAMILY ORIENTATION

Any member of your support network is invited to experience online family orientation – designed with them in mind. Follow the instructions sent in May to check it out.

SET UP YOUR NET-ID

You will use your Net-ID to access many University resources – from online orientation to your University email. If you haven't already, register for your Net-ID before orientation at it.iastate.edu/resources/newstudent. For additional assistance or questions about this process, call the IT Solution Center at 515 294-4000 or email solution@iastate.edu.

ALEKS: REQUIRED MATH PLACEMENT ASSESSMENT

All new students are required to complete the online ALEKS mathematics and statistics placement assessment through AccessPlus. ALEKS assesses your abilities and places you in the appropriate course. Visit math.iastate.edu/academics/undergraduate/aleks/placement.

You cannot be registered for a math or statistics course if you have not completed ALEKS. In addition to placement, ALEKS offers learning modules to help you brush up on math skills you may have forgotten.

Begin ALEKS early and invest at least two hours into the assessment. Plan to take ALEKS at least two weeks prior to online orientation, which allows you time to review your first attempt, work on the relevant learning modules, and retake the assessment if you are not satisfied with your results. The assessment may be completed up to five times. Your score will be recorded on AccessPlus at the bottom of your "current student info" tab. Final scores will be submitted to Iowa State three days prior to orientation.

For information on how to complete the assessment refer to math.iastate.edu/academics/undergraduate/aleks.

(Technical note: If you are asked for a course code, simply click cancel. There is no code needed.)

Note: Students who have a documented disability should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services at 515 294-5197 for testing accommodations.

ACCESSIBILITY

To ensure online orientation is a great experience for all Cyclones, online orientation is compatible with assistive technology and software programs. All videos contain closed captioning, which sometimes needs to be enabled on individual videos.

LEARNING COMMUNITIES

A learning community organizes students with similar academic or career interests into small groups so they can learn together, support each other, and develop new friendships. Ask your academic advisor about opportunities for you to join a learning community, or visit lc.iastate.edu.

Tips for online orientation

START EARLY

Give yourself enough time so you do not have to rush through online orientation. You want to make sure you can soak it all in. Plan to set aside 4-8 hours for online orientation.

KEEP A NOTEPAD AND PEN NEARBY

There might be important information, phone numbers, or dates you want to write down for later.

TAKE BREAKS

We save your progress at the end of each section, so take a break, drink some water, and grab a snack!

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

At the end of online orientation, we will give you the New Student Checklist, a great tool for figuring out what you need to do next!

REFER BACK TO IT

Online orientation will be available to you through your first six weeks at Iowa State in case you need to refer back to it for more information.

ASK QUESTIONS

Reach out to us at nsp@iastate.edu if you have questions as you go through orientation. We are here to help!

PREPARE FOR ACADEMIC ADVISING

Make sure to review all videos, checklists, documents, and websites and complete any worksheets in the Academics & Course Registration section before your advising appointment.



OnCyte Orientation.

This optional one-day event, held throughout the month of June, is designed for students who would like to experience campus, attend helpful sessions, and connect with other Cyclones in person.

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For more information about what to expect during OnCyte Orientation, including the schedule of events and to-do list, download the Iowa State Guides app on your mobile device and select "OnCyte Orientation." This app also features a campus map, transportation information, dining options, and much more to help make your OnCyte Orientation experience smooth and exCyting!

DINING OPTIONS

A variety of meal and snack options are available for purchase on campus. Please check dining.iastate.edu for campus dining locations and their hours. See thinkames.com for local restaurant information.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

Meals for guests with special dietary needs are available at Friley Windows. Please contact ISU Dining at dining@iastate.edu or 515 294-3812 to make arrangements prior to orientation.

FACE COVERINGS

Face coverings should be worn at all times, except in dining areas while seated.

SCHEDULE

Check out the full schedule of events at admissions.iastate.edu/orientation.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: ONCYTE ORIENTATION DETAILS

- For your safety and for the safety of all guests and staff, face-coverings that cover the nose and mouth are required at all times on campus – inside of buildings and outside. Face shields are not approved.
- We will be promoting physical distancing and reduced seating capacity throughout OnCyte Orientation. Your family is welcome to attend these programs. You should limit your guests to two or fewer at all indoor sessions.
- OnCyte Orientation is a one-day experience. If you and your family would like to stay in Ames before or after your visit, explore area hotels at thinkames.com.
- To maximize your experience, be sure to complete online orientation and virtual course registration prior to attending OnCyte Orientation. Academic advising services and offices not listed on the orientation schedule will not be available. Many offices are looking forward to connecting with you virtually – please schedule an appointment.
- Complimentary parking is available in Lot 63, near Maple-Willow-Larch Residence Halls. If you have a state-issued medical permit, please see staff in the parking area to pick up a hangtag before parking in medical stalls on campus.
- Review the schedule (admissions.iastate.edu/orientation) ahead of time to plan an arrival time that meets your needs.
- Programming at OnCyte Orientation is specific to your academic college. If you change your major (apps.admissions.iastate.edu/forms/change_application.php), please contact us to reschedule.



CONNECT WITH CYCLONE AIDES

Engage with Cyclone Aides, your orientation leaders, who are experienced current students ready to help you navigate your orientation adventure. Be on the lookout for red polos to guide you!

REGISTER FOR ONCYTE ORIENTATION

Register now for OnCyte Orientation at admissions.iastate.edu/orientation/reservation_welcome. You'll select from options available to your academic college.

PICK UP YOUR ISUCARD

Before orientation, submit your photo at photo.isucard.iastate.edu. Stop by the ISUCard Office to pick up your preprinted ISUCard. Be sure to bring your non expired State or Federal issued photo ID, such as a Passport, Driver's License, Non-Driver Photo ID, Learner's Permit, Military ID, or Tribal Card, in addition to your university identification number, to obtain your ISUCard. If any special circumstances exist, please contact the ISUCard Office for document review. Find more details at isucard.iastate.edu.

NAVIGATING CAMPUS

Please wear comfortable shoes. For those who are able, walking is the primary way of exploring campus.

The CyRide Orange Route (#23) bus is available to take you to your orientation activities. This route runs every 10-15 minutes and is fare-free for visitors.

ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS WITH DOCUMENTED DISABILITIES

Many services are available to assist students and visitors during orientation. Please make your request at least two weeks prior to your scheduled orientation visit, or as early as possible. Accommodations may include (but are not limited to):

- Map showing automatic/accessible doors, elevators, restrooms, and accessible parking spaces (see fpm.iastate.edu/maps)
- Alternative formats for printed information (please request in advance)
- Sign language interpreters or captionists (please request in advance)
- FM systems for hearing-impaired visitors
- Wheelchair for temporary assistance
- Information concerning eligibility for accommodations and services is available for students with disabilities, including those with learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, captioning, interpreting, facilities access, classroom and/or housing and dining accommodations. Visit sas.dso.iastate.edu to learn about necessary documentation to establish eligibility and schedule a virtual visit with Student Accessibility Services (SAS) staff by calling 515 294-7220 or contacting accessibility@iastate.edu.

YOUR ORIENTATION PACKING LIST

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Your session confirmation
- Photo identification to pick up your ISUCard
- Your student ID number and AccessPlus login information
- A copy of your financial aid offer letter (if you applied for aid)
- Informal clothing
- Umbrellas
- Cell phone charger
- Face coverings for everyone



Destination Iowa State.

KICKSTART YOUR ADVENTURE BEFORE CLASSES BEGIN.

We're saving a seat for you! 

REGISTER NOW FOR DESTINATION IOWA STATE

Thursday – Saturday before classes begin.

Visit apps.admissions.iastate.edu/destination/registration.php to register.

CYCLONE ADVENTURE STARTS HERE

Discover all that Iowa State has to offer at Destination Iowa State. Take the next step in your transition to Cyclone life. This action-packed event takes place prior to the start of classes and provides you with an opportunity to:

Make Connections.

Team up with fellow new students and take on the adventure together. Journey through Iowa State with your Team Leader, an experienced upper-class student.

Explore Campus.

Travel throughout campus and discover your new favorite café, study nook, or hammock spot.

Prep for Classes.

Find your classrooms, learn about technology, and set your mind towards academic success.

Experience Traditions.

Create Hilton Magic, find Lancelot and Elaine, and meet Cy.

Join Cyclone Nation.

Become a part of the Iowa State Community and take advantage of the Cyclone Nation network.



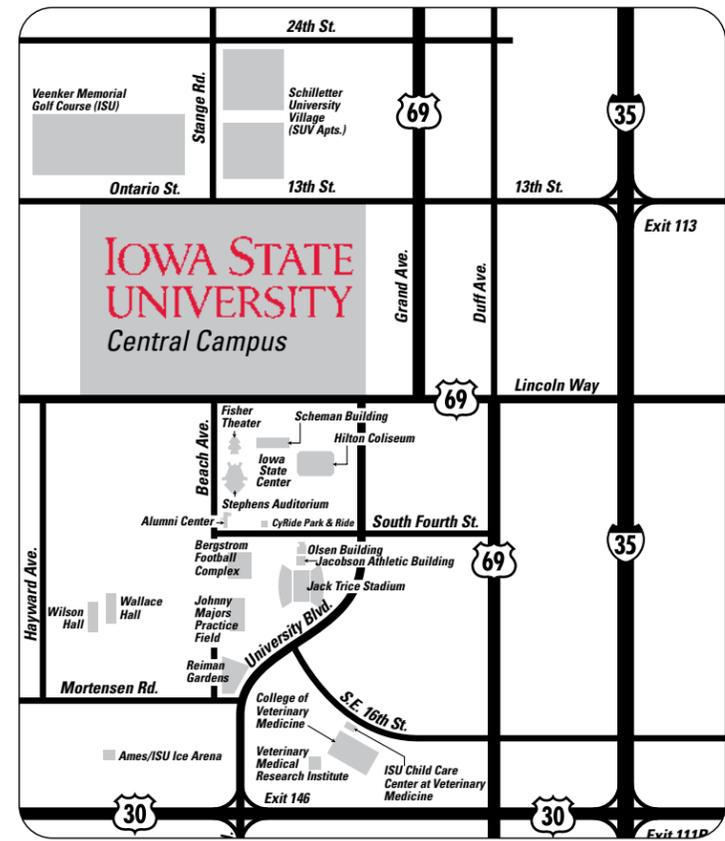
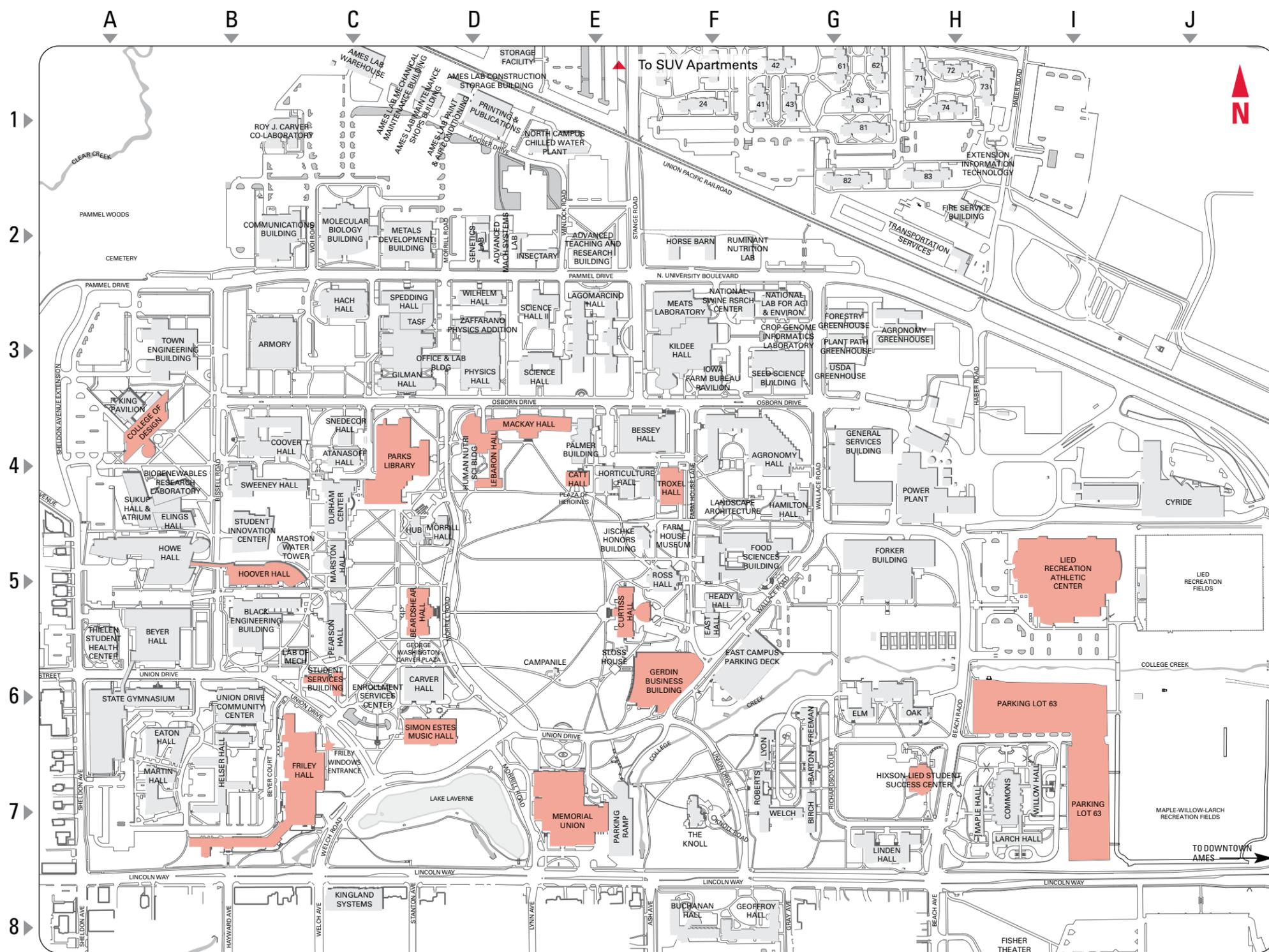
IOWA STATE PRINCIPLES OF COMMUNITY

Iowa State University uses six ideals to create community:

- Respect
- Richness of Diversity
- Purpose
- Cooperation
- Freedom from Discrimination
- Honest and Respectful Expression of Ideas

diversity.iastate.edu/connect/principles

RICHNESS OF DIVERSITY RESPECT
FROM DISCRIMINATION PURPOSE
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RESPECTFUL EXPRESSION
OF IDEAS
PRINCIPLES OF COMMUNITY COOPERATION



DIRECTIONS TO ORIENTATION

- > From Interstate 35, take Exit 111B, labeled "30 West," and travel west on U.S. Highway 30 to Exit 146, labeled "University Boulevard/ISU."
- > Take Exit 146 and turn right (north) onto University Boulevard. Continue on University Boulevard past Jack Trice Stadium and the Iowa State Center to Lincoln Way. Lincoln Way will be the fourth stoplight on University Boulevard.
- > Turn left (west) onto Lincoln Way. Iowa State University will appear on your right.
- > Continue driving west on Lincoln Way. At the first stoplight, turn right (north) onto Beach Road. You will see Parking Lot 63 on your right and orientation staff who will provide you with parking information.
- > Maps, directions, and accessibility information are available online at admissions.iastate.edu/visit/directions.php.

ORIENTATION PARKING

Parking for orientation is available in Lot 63, east of the Maple-Willow-Larch Residence Halls.

GENDER-INCLUSIVE RESTROOMS

For the location of gender-inclusive restrooms on campus, visit tinyurl.com/ISURestrooms.

UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS

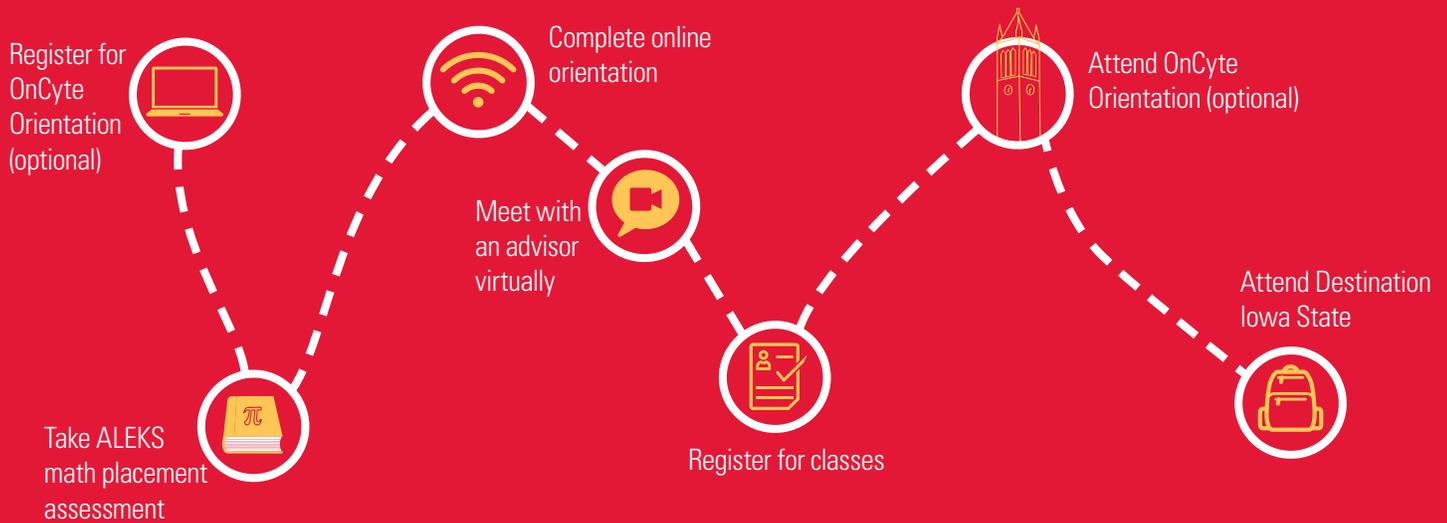
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Agronomy Greenhouse.....G3	Carver Hall.....D6	Farm House Museum.....F5	Helser Hall.....B7	King Pavilion.....A3	Meats Laboratory.....F2	Plaza of Heroines.....E4	Speding Hall.....C3	Veterinary Medicine.....*
Agronomy Hall.....F4	Catt Hall.....E4	Fire Service Building.....H2	Hilton Coliseum.....*	The Knoll.....F7	Memorial Union.....E7	Power Plant.....H4	State Gymnasium.....A6	Wallace Residence Hall.....*
Alumni Center.....*	Cemetery (ISU).....A2	Fisher Theater (Iowa State Center).....H8	Hixson-Lied Student Success Center.....H7	Laboratory of Mechanics.....C6	Metals Development Building.....C2	Printing and Publications Building...D1	Stephens Auditorium (Iowa State Center).....*	Welch Residence Hall.....D7
Ames Intermodal Facility.....*	College of Design.....A4	Food Sciences Building.....F5	Hoover Hall.....B5	Lagomarcino Hall.....E3	Molecular Biology Building.....C2	Reiman Gardens.....*	Student Innovation Center.....B5	Wilhelm Hall.....D2
Ames Lab (TASF).....D3	Communications Building.....B2	Forestry Greenhouse.....G3	Horse Barn.....F2	Lake LaVerne.....D7	Morrill Hall.....D4	Research Park (ISU).....*	Robertson Residence Hall.....E7	Willow Residence Hall.....H7
Armory.....B3	Coover Hall.....B4	Forker Building.....H5	Human Nutritional Sciences Building.....D4	Landscape Architecture Building...F4	National Laboratory for Agriculture and the Environment.....F2	Roberts Residence Hall.....E7	Ruminant Nutrition Laboratory.....F2	Willow Residence Hall (MWL) Commons.....H7
Atanasoff Hall.....C4	Crop Genome Informatics Laboratory.....G3	Forker Building.....H5	Insectary.....D2	Larch Residence Hall.....D4	National Swine Research Center.....F2	Ross Hall.....F5	Scheman Building (Iowa State Center).....*	Wilson Residence Hall.....*
Barton Residence Hall.....G6	Curtiss Hall.....E5	Frederiksen Court.....F1	Insectary.....D2	LeBaron Hall.....D4	Oak Residence Hall.....H6	Roy J. Carver Co-Laboratory.....B1	Schiller University Village (SUV).....*	Zaffarano Physics Addition.....D3
Beardshear Hall.....D5	CyRide Park & Ride.....C4	Freeman Residence Hall.....G6	Iowa Farm Bureau Pavilion.....F3	Library Storage Facility.....D1	Office and Laboratory Building.....D3	Ruminant Nutrition Laboratory.....F2	Schiller University Village (SUV).....*	
Bergstrom Football Complex.....*	Durham Center.....C4	Friley Residence Hall.....C7	George Washington Carver Plaza...C6	Lied Recreation Athletic Center.....I5	Olsen Building.....*	Scheman Building (Iowa State Center).....*	Schiller University Village (SUV).....*	
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Beyer Hall.....A5	East Hall.....F5	General Services Building.....G4	Hach Hall.....C2	Lyon Residence Hall.....F6	Reiman Gardens.....*	Science Hall I.....D3	Science Hall II.....D3	
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Black Engineering Building.....B5	Enrollment Services Center.....G6	Iowa State Center Complex.....*	Human Nutritional Sciences Building.....D4	Marston Hall.....C5	Reiman Gardens.....*	USDA Greenhouse.....G3	USDA Greenhouse.....G3	
Buchanan Residence Hall.....F8		Jack Trice Stadium.....*	Insectary.....D2	Marston Water Tower.....C5	Reiman Gardens.....*	Veenker Memorial Golf Course.....*	Veenker Memorial Golf Course.....*	
		Jacobson Athletic Building.....*	Insectary.....D2		Reiman Gardens.....*			
		Jischke Honors Building.....E5	Insectary.....D2		Reiman Gardens.....*			

*See area map above.

ULTIMATE ORIENTATION CHECKLIST

- Send in your photo for your ISUCard
- Register for your Net-ID
- Take the ALEKS math placement assessment
- Submit final transcripts from high school and any college credits earned to the Office of Admissions
- Think about your major and be sure you have informed Iowa State – even if you are undecided
- Plan to complete online orientation between May 24 and June 20
- Set up your virtual academic advising appointment after completing online orientation
- Register for OnCyte Orientation (optional)
- Register for Destination Iowa State

YOUR PATHWAY TO BECOME A CYCLONE



KEEP THE CYCLONE COMMUNITY HEALTHY

WEAR
A FACE COVERING



STAY HOME
IF YOU ARE ILL



DISTANCE
6 FEET (2M) APART



WASH
YOUR HANDS OFTEN



UNIVERSITY CONTACTS

College Offices

Agriculture and Life Sciences
Ivy College of Business
Design
Engineering
Human Sciences
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515 294-6983
515 294-9285
515 294-6466
515 294-6509

New Student Programs

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