OnCyte Orientation 2021

Welcome to Iowa State University!

Plan your orientation visit by reviewing which sessions and activities will be most helpful to you. The morning is your opportunity to choose your own adventure - and learn what matters to you most from a variety of sessions and activities. In the afternoon, interact with other new Cyclones to prepare for your transition to Iowa State University and your academic college.

Orientation parking is available in Lot 63, east of the Maple-Willow-Larch Residence Halls.

**Arrival**

**PARKING**
Lot 63

**8:30–10:30 am**
**ORIENTATION REGISTRATION**
0020 Hixson-Lied

Students and guests receive orientation materials. Choose an arrival time that fits with which morning activities you would like to attend.

**9:00 am–12:30 pm**
**ISUCARD**
Sun (9:00–11:00 am) 0530 Beardshear Hall

Before orientation, submit your photo at [photo.isucard.iastate.edu](http://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 with you.

**9:00–9:20 am**
**UNIVERSITY BILLING AND U**
0127 Curtiss Hall

The university bill (UBill) is the source for communicating university charges to students electronically via AccessPlus. Learn about payment plans, how to pay your UBill, how to set up third party access, and utilizing financial aid toward UBill charges.

**9:10–9:50 am**
**FIRST-YEAR HONORS PROGRAM ORIENTATION**
1001 Troxel Hall

Students accepted into the First-Year Honors Program are invited to learn about the Honors program, Honors course offerings, and how participation in the Honors program will impact their Iowa State adventure.

**9:30–9:50 am**
**CAMPUS WALKING TOUR**
Fountain of the Four Seasons, Memorial Union

Meet a Cyclone Aide at the Fountain of the Four Seasons outside the Memorial Union for a guided tour of campus.

**10:00–10:50 am**
**FINANCIAL AID OVERVIEW**
0127 Curtiss Hall

Financial Aid will provide an overview on how to use financial aid at Iowa State so you are prepared to make an informed decision about your options. The presentation will cover how to apply for financial aid, understanding your financial aid offer & next steps, and having financial aid disbursed to the U-Bill.

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**SORORITIES AND FRATERNITIES**
Maintenance Shop, Memorial Union

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**11:00 am–Noon**
**MARCHING BAND INFORMATIONAL MEETING**
130 Simon Estes Music Hall

Learn about the Cyclone Marching Band. Visit [music.iastate.edu/org/marching](http://music.iastate.edu/org/marching) for more information.

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LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

Friley Windows Dining Center
Clyde’s
The Memorial Union Food Court
The Hub

Lunch is available to purchase in several locations including Friley Windows Dining Center, Clyde's, the Memorial Union Food Court, and The Hub. Some locations are closed on Sundays; local restaurants will be open. Guests with special dietary needs are encouraged to discuss options before orientation by contacting ISU Dining at dining@iastate.edu or by calling 515 294-3812. Check dining.iastate.edu for hours, menus, and locations.

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BEING NEW AT ISU – STUDENT PROGRAM

Sun Room, Memorial Union

Join Cyclone Aides for an exciting session about life as a Cyclone. You will learn about campus life and involvement, safety and wellness, money management, next steps, and so much more. Compete with your team in the Ultimate Cyclone Challenge and put your knowledge to the test!

KEY TOPICS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS

Great Hall, Memorial Union

In this session for family members, you will learn about health and wellness, living on campus, selecting a meal plan, as well as an overview of AccessPlus, transportation, and campus safety. Hear from Cyclone Aides about how they made the most of their first six weeks on campus and how you can support your Cyclone in making the most of theirs.

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

0127 Curtiss Hall
1148 Gerdin Business Building
0101 Design
2055 Hoover Hall
1210 LeBaron Hall
1001 Troxel Hall

Experience a welcome to your academic college, learn about resources and engage with your college community.

- Agriculture and Life Sciences
- Ivy College of Business
- Design
- Engineering
- Human Sciences
- Liberal Arts and Sciences

Meet a Cyclone Aide outside of your academic session building for a guided tour of campus to wrap up your day.

Additional activities

8:30 am–5:00 pm  IOWA STATE MEMORY MAKER

Download the Scavify app on your phone to participate in this exCYting photo scavenger hunt through campus! Learn about Iowa State history and traditions all while snapping some iconic photos. If you complete the hunt, come to the New Student Programs office in 2630 Memorial Union to claim your prize!

8:30 am–12:30 pm VISIT THE UNIVERSITY BOOK STORE
4:00 – 5:00 pm First Floor, Memorial Union

Prepare for your Iowa State adventure as your ISU Book Store team guides you through how to use your AccessPlus book list. Get a free t-shirt when you pre-order your textbooks. Get your free Microsoft Office 365 when you visit TechCyte and learn about the tech you need to be successful in your major. Store hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

9:00 am – Close Parks Library Lobby
Mon – Fri  PARKS LIBRARY SELF-GUIDED TOUR

A brief video will welcome you and start you on a self-guided tour around the library to explore study spaces, technology, artwork, and learn more about library services.

9:00 am–12:30 pm SET UP AND SECURE YOUR IT ACCOUNTS
Parks Library, First Floor

Use the Parks Library computers to get your accounts set up and secured, including Net-ID, multifactor authentication (MFA) and password reset. Save yourself this step and take care of these before orientation at it.iastate.edu/NewStudent. The IT Solution Center will be on hand to answer technical questions.
Additional activities continued

9:30 am–12:30 pm  RECREATION SERVICES FACILITIES SELF-GUIDED TOUR
State Gym

Tour the recreation facilities at State Gym. Stop by the front service desk to pick up a tour handout and explore at your own pace.

10:00 am–12:00 pm  RESIDENCE HALL OPEN HOUSE
Various Locations

Visit open residence halls and see a representative room in the community. More information will be available at orientation. For questions related to assignments, visit 2419 Friley Hall, Monday – Friday.

10:00 am–12:00 pm  ADMISSIONS DROP IN
Enrollment Services Center, First Floor

Do you have questions for admissions? Stop by to talk with an admissions counselor.

8:30 am–1:00 pm  INFORMATION STATIONS

Stop by any of these information stations around campus.

• Memorial Union Second Floor
• Beardshear Hall Ground Floor Lobby

Important notes

ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

Students who would like to request accommodations for orientation should contact Student Accessibility Services at least two weeks in advance. Please contact SAS by calling 515 294-7220 or e-mail accessibility@iastate.edu.

CAMPUS TRANSPORTATION

Please wear comfortable shoes! For those who are able, walking is the primary way of exploring campus. The fare-free CyRide Orange Route (#23) runs every 15 minutes and is available as way. Visit the MyState app for routes and times.

NET-ID REGISTRATION

If you have not already registered for your university email account/Net-ID, set one up at asw.iastate.edu.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: ONCYTE ORIENTATION DETAILS

• For your safety and for the safety of all guesta and staff, face-coverings that cover the nose and mouth are required at all times on campus – inside of buildings and outside.

• 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.

• 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.

• Programming at OnCyte Orientation is specific to your academic college. If you change your major, please contact us to reschedule.

UNIVERSITY CONTACTS

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2229 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa 50014-7163
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ns@iastate.edu
admissions.iastate.edu/orientation

To make the most of your orientation, download The Iowa State Guides App on the App Store or Google Play.