



New Student Orientation

Summer 2009

Dear New Student:

Welcome to Niagara University! My name is Bill Newton and I'm the coordinator of New Student Orientation (NSO) 2009. As a new student, we want to make sure you are ready to begin your college career at Niagara University. You will need to participate in the **Pre-New Student Orientation (NSO)** session that will be held on **Thursday, August 27th and Friday, August 28th**. Two very important features of this program are the skills assessment testing* and a meeting with the dean of your college to outline your academic career.

The complete schedule for the Pre-NSO session is enclosed. The session will conclude on Friday, August 28th at 3:00p.m. At that time, you will participate in the New Student Orientation program for the rest of the weekend before classes begin on Monday, August 31st. The goal of NSO is to provide a fun, informative program so that you can become acquainted with your surroundings and begin to meet your classmates and other members of the Niagara University community. Throughout the NSO program, never be bashful or hesitant to ask any NU staff member, orientation assistant, or resident assistant any questions you may have.

Please RSVP your attendance to the Pre-NSO session. Please register online at www.niagara.edu/care , or by calling the Office of Campus Activities at (716) 286-8510. Feel free to contact us if have any questions and again, welcome to Niagara University!

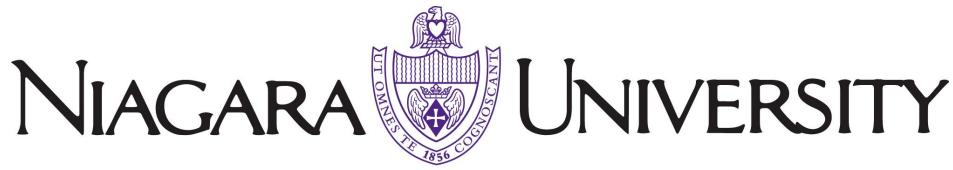
Sincerely,

Bill Newton
Assistant Director of Campus Activities

The skills assessment tests (required for all first-year students and not for transfer students) will also be offered on **Monday, August 3rd and Monday, August 10th from 9:00am until approximately 12:00pm. If you choose to take these assessments on one of the alternate dates, you will receive information to contact your Dean's office to discuss becoming registered for classes prior to August 27th.*

If you are able to take advantage of this opportunity, please RSVP your attendance with the Office of Academic Support (OAS) either by phone at (716) 286-8072 or via email at droulley@niagara.edu. Please RSVP as soon as possible, and no later than one day before the date you wish to take the tests. The OAS office is located on the first floor of Seton Hall. Please park in the Kiernan Center lot, located adjacent to Seton Hall.

It is highly recommended to take advantage of one of the testing dates prior to Pre-NSO if you live within close proximity to campus.



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Pre-New Student Orientation Schedule

Thursday, August 27th & Friday, August 28th

Thursday, August 27th

8:30am – 9:30am

Housing check-in for all Pre-NSO resident students in O’Shea Hall, 1st floor. Resident students will also be able to get their room key and other important information regarding housing.

10:00am – 1:00pm

Required skills assessment testing for all (*resident and commuter*) incoming first-time freshmen that have not previously tested. (Commuters and residents who live close to campus are encouraged to take advantage of an earlier testing date.) Tests will be administered by the Office of Academic Support in St. Vincent’s Hall room 206. Testing begins promptly at 10:00am.

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Lunch in Clet Dining Hall.

2:30pm – 3:30pm

Required Academic Deans meeting for all students and families. Each of the four colleges and the Academic Exploration Program will hold this important meeting. The five meeting locations are:

Academic Exploration Program – St. Vincent’s Hall Room 309

College of Arts & Science – St. Vincent’s Hall Room 306

College of Business – St. Vincent’s Hall Room 305

College of Education – St. Vincent’s Hall Room 311

College of Hospitality & Tourism Management – St. Vincent’s Hall Room 307

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Friday, August 28th

11:00am – 12:30pm

Lunch for resident students only in Clet Dining Hall.

12:30pm – 3:00pm

Advisement & Registration for all new students. Locations will be announced the day previous during the Academic Deans meetings. *Advisement & Registration for incoming first-time freshmen will begin at 1:30pm to allow time to examine results of the assessment tests.*

3:30pm

Students begin to assemble for the New Student Convocation. Family members are invited to attend and can begin to be seated in the Gallagher Center gymnasium for the ceremony.

From this point and for the rest of the weekend, students will follow the New Student Orientation schedule that will be provided to you.

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