

Welcome Home

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Dear Newest Notre Dame Students,

Welcome to the University of Notre Dame!

It is our privilege to welcome you and your family on behalf of the entire University community. We are thrilled that you have chosen Notre Dame, and we look forward to the many ways your gifts will enrich our campus. We write today to share details about Welcome Weekend and about the pre-arrival tasks you will be responsible for as a new member of the Notre Dame family.

Welcome Weekend

What is Welcome Weekend?

Welcome Weekend is designed to prepare and inspire all students to actively engage with the University's distinctive vision of education in both mind and heart. It is a collaborative effort shared by the [Division of Student Affairs](#) and the [Office of Undergraduate Education](#) that marks an important first step in your Notre Dame journey. Welcome Weekend takes place during the days immediately preceding the start of classes and is required of all new students. These days consist of moving into your new residence, meeting your hall staff and fellow hallmates, connecting with faculty and staff from all corners of campus, accessing academic, spiritual, and wellness resources, and honoring this significant time of transition for you and your family.

When is Welcome Weekend?

Programming takes place prior to the start of classes and aims to introduce students to the campus resources that will be most important in their first weeks and months while also providing meaningful opportunities for reflection, connection, and community.

- **Thursday, August 20, 2026:** Welcome Weekend programming for new undergraduate transfer students and families begins
- **Friday, August 21, 2026:** Welcome Weekend programming for new undergraduate first-year students and families begins
- **Saturday, August 22, 2026:** Welcome Weekend programming for all families concludes in the evening

- **Sunday, August 23, 2026:** Welcome Weekend programming for all new students concludes in the evening
- **Monday, August 24, 2026:** Undergraduate classes for the Fall 2026 semester begin

International Student Orientation for incoming F-1 and J-1 international students will be held on Thursday, August 20, and will lead directly into Welcome Weekend activities starting Friday.

Additional information, as well as a detailed schedule of events, will be shared with all new students and families over the summer months.

Summer Communication

Throughout the summer, the Welcome Weekend team will communicate with you via your **Notre Dame Gmail account**. You will also receive messages throughout the summer from our campus partners: the many departments, centers, institutes, and offices that are here to support your holistic formation here at Notre Dame. As you prepare to join our academic community, you will receive advising information and outreach from colleges and schools. As you begin to envision the ways your formation in both mind and heart will extend beyond the classroom, you will also receive welcome letters from key offices in the Division of Student Affairs. Please share this information with your family so they can walk with you through this time of transition.

Pre-Arrival Tasks

As an incoming student, there are several required academic and student-life tasks to complete before you arrive. These are outlined on the [Pre-Arrival page](#) on our Welcome Weekend website. By following these timelines and completing your pre-arrival tasks, you will be ready to begin your Notre Dame journey confidently.

This is a time of joyful anticipation for our entire community as we await the arrival of our newest students. As you and your family close one chapter and begin the next, please know that the University of Notre Dame is both honored and excited by your decision to join us. We look forward to welcoming you home.

If any questions should arise as you begin to prepare for this next step, please feel free to contact Madeline Infantine, Program Manager for Strategic Initiatives in the Division of Student Affairs, at welcome@nd.edu.

Sincerely,

The Welcome Weekend Team



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