



AUGUST 2020 NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION: FULL STUDENT SCHEDULE

*All Events for New Student Orientation are required unless specified.

*Most events will be administered via Zoom or online means.

*Commuter students are not required to check-in with New Student Orientation staff on campus Wednesday, August 12 but may take care of any other campus business required.

*All students will be contacted by their Group Leader via email with information and links for online sessions.

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME EVENTS,
DESCRIPTIONS, AND LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE.

(Revised 8.11.20)

CHECK YOUR CAMPUS EMAIL!

Your New Student Orientation Group Leader will contact you with a welcome message and information prior to August 12!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. RESIDENT STUDENT CHECK-IN

Hettenhausen Center for the Arts – Lobby

Welcome to all first-year resident students and their families! **Please see Office of Residence Life information for additional check-in information and move-in process.*

12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M. BRUNCH/LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

Various Areas

Students and families are welcome to dine on campus at Ames Dining Hall. Additional dining destinations are available in Lebanon and the local area. Students with a meal plan should be sure to bring their Student IDs to swipe in. Commuter students and students without meal plans may purchase dinner with cash, credit/debit, Flex Dollars, or Munch Money.

1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. RESIDENT STUDENT CHECK-IN

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8:00 P.M. – 9:15 P.M. PLAYFAIR ONLINE!

Virtual Session Online

Take part in this team-building event! It's fun! It's entertainment! It's the perfect way to meet your classmates and to make new campus friendships!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. BE SMART, BE SAFE, BE A BEARCAT
UNI 101 Groups (2-6); UNI 102 (Group 1)
Zoom Session

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9:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. THE BEARCAT WAY - McKENDREE STUDENT EXPECTATIONS
UNI 101 Groups (7-11); UNI 102 (Groups 2, 4)
Zoom Session

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UNI 101 Groups (12-16); UNI 102 (Group 3); UNI 104 (Group 1)
Zoom Session

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

2:15 PM. – 4:00 P.M. **SEX SIGNALS: DATING, RELATIONSHIPS, AND CHOICES**

Online Virtual Session

Through the use of humor, the show explores how mixed messages, gender role stereotypes, and unrealistic fantasies contribute to misunderstandings between the sexes. Although the message is a serious one, the show uses humor throughout to engage audiences in candid discussions about interpersonal relationships. Seasoned actors and educators, the performers strike a balance between laughing about the differences between men and women, and clearly communicating some serious messages about how we treat one another. **Adult language and content will be used in this program. Content may be sensitive for some viewers.** Group/Policy Discussion will immediately follow Sex Signals.

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8:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. **EVENING ACTIVITIES (OPTIONAL)**

The Quad//The Hett/Virtual Activities

Ideas: Virtual Escape Room, Outdoor Movie Night (Possible Hett if weather)

*Activities compliant with current State of Illinois mandates for Covid-19.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Please use available free time to complete any outstanding business, such as squaring away things at the Business or Financial Aid Offices, picking up your parking sticker, or visiting the bookstore.

8:30 A.M. – 8:45 A.M. MEET WITH YOUR GROUP LEADER Virtual Check-In

9:15 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. GTC DRAMATIC DIALOGUES: YOU. ME. WE. Virtual Session Online

You. Me. We. begins with a monologue that exposes the often-unintentional ugliness of prejudice, setting the stage for a lively discussion of diversity. Then, in two scenes, we follow students as they attempt to navigate. During talk-backs, students the sometimes-difficult terrain of multicultural campus relationships.

Attendees can confront the characters and voice their own opinions on issues of *race, sex, sexual orientation, and gender*.

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The Quad/The Lair/1828 Café/The Hett and/or Virtual

Ideas: Virtual Escape Room, Outdoor Movie Night (Possible Hett if weather), Ice Cream Social – Quad

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. OPENING CONVOCATION Socially Distanced at The Hett

*Student attendance requested for this event.

The opening of the academic year is of great significance, not only to students, but to staff and faculty, as well. Here you will take part in the signing of the Matricula, an important tradition for all McKendree students. The Matricula is an official University document that signifies the beginning of your academic career and marks your journey as part of a community of students and alums connected by their experiences and education at McKendree.

To allow for social distancing numbers and cleaning, students will be admitted alphabetically in groups of 45. Grouping lists by last name, arrival times, and instructions will be posted on the New Student Orientation website.

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7:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. MENTALIST, CHRISTOPHER CARTER (OPTIONAL) Virtual Session Online

Christopher Carter's show *Theater of Thoughts* proves to audiences why he is recognized as one of the world's most skilled, creative, and original thought readers. Amazing? Yes.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

10 A.M. – TBA NSO VIRTUAL WELCOME CHAPEL SERVICE (OPTIONAL) Virtual Session Online

Join us for a special NSO Welcome Chapel service online.

11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. BRUNCH Ames Dining Hall

1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. CLASSROOM TOURS (OPTIONAL)

Not quite ready for classes on Monday? Meet with NSO staff members to find out where your classes meet.