

UNION
COLLEGE

New student
orientation
2023

uConnect



College is a grand new adventure, and this guide is designed to help you transition into the great unknown confidently—creating a home away from home, making friends, and knowing your resources. Enjoy!

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The first day on campus

Before arriving:

- ☐ **Know your payment plan**
ucollege.edu/financialchecklist

Get your financial questions answered. Complete your FAFSA (studentaid.gov) and online questionnaire to discover your monthly plan. The first payment is due **Aug. 15**.
- ☐ **Registration checklist**
ucollege.edu/portal

Give yourself the easiest first week of college ever by completing the majority of your Registration Checklist before even stepping on campus. There's a few items — like your photo ID — that can only be done when you arrive on campus.

Your Registration Checklist must be completed by **Wednesday (Aug. 16) at 3:30 p.m.**
- ☐ **ACT test (optional)**
ucollege.edu/act

Test: Sunday (Aug. 20) at 8:00 a.m.

You are not required to take the ACT, except to qualify for the highest scholarships (ucollege.edu/scholarships). If you would like to try to get a higher scholarship, go to the ACT link above to sign up by Aug. 6.

Move-in day, Aug. 16

- ☐ **Check in (opens 8:00 a.m.)**

When you arrive, stop by the Ortner Center to take your photo and pick up your student ID card (used for Union Market, Campus Store and access to the residence halls).
- ☐ **Get settled in the residence hall**

See your room dimensions and suggestions of what to pack on pg. 8.
- ☐ **Finish registration**
ucollege.edu/portal

Your #1 job after settling into your room is to complete the Registration Checklist by **Wednesday (Aug. 16) at 3:30 p.m.**

You can visit campus offices from **8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday (Aug. 16)** to get questions answered.
- ☐ **Attend uConnect**
ucollege.edu/portal

uConnect will begin with dedication service in the College View Church at 3:30 p.m. followed by a free supper. uConnect sessions will continue through Friday.



*Don't wait — start on the
Registration Checklist today.*

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uConnect schedule

Why uConnect?

For most of us, college is a big life change. Instead of having you jump right into classes, we have designed **uConnect** to help you make friends, get settled, find your way around and learn how to be successful in college. **uConnect is required for freshmen.** Transfer students are also invited and may find it very helpful.

Major events

Wednesday, August 16: (Be welcomed)

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Move in to the residence hall and get settled
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Come to the Ortner Center to get your student ID and then complete the Registration Checklist (ucollege.edu/portal)
3:30 p.m.	uConnect Welcome and Calling Dedication (for everyone)
5:00 p.m.	President's Dinner (free for everyone)
6:30 p.m.	uConnect activities (for students)
6:30 p.m.	Parent Orientation (for parents)

Thursday, August 17: (Be informed)

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	uConnect sessions and activities
7:00 p.m.	Fun and games

Friday, August 19: (Be prepared)

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	uConnect sessions and activities
7:30 p.m.	Family Worship

Sabbath, August 20: (Be blessed)

10:30 a.m.	Sabbath School
9:45 a.m.	Sabbath School
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
2:45 p.m.	Something on Sabbath (SOS)
8:00 p.m.	V2—Vespers
9:00 p.m.	Student Association party

* You'll receive a detailed schedule when you arrive on campus.

Spark Start or Sports

If you have been accepted into the Spark Start program (ucollege.edu/spark-start) or are planning to try out for the Warrior soccer or volleyball teams (see below), you'll need to arrive on Sunday, August 13. During the week, you'll also have time to get settled, get to know the campus and explore Lincoln.

Sunday, August 13:

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Move into the residence hall and get your ID
5:00 p.m.	President's Picnic (free for new students and families)
6:30 p.m.	Spark Start welcome (for Spark Start students)
6:30 p.m.	Parent Orientation (for parents)
7:00 p.m.	Warrior tryouts begin

Monday, August 14:

7:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Breakfast and Spark Start sessions
9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.	Warrior tryout sessions
7:00 p.m.	Spark Start evening activities

Tuesday-Thursday, August 15-17:

Spark Start sessions continue
Warriors tryouts continue

NOTE: Freshmen Warriors will join uConnect on Wednesday afternoon (see schedule at left) and Spark Start students will join uConnect on Thursday afternoon.

Calling volleyball and soccer athletes

For those trying out for the women's varsity volleyball or men's varsity soccer teams, you'll need to move in on **Sunday, Aug. 13.**

Register for Warrior tryouts at ucollege.edu/athletics and select your sport. Then click the "Apply here" link in the "Want to be a Warrior?" box.

Be sure to look at the schedule above to see when you need to arrive.





Campus housing

On-Campus



Rees Hall

The women's residence features a spacious lobby, community kitchen and eating area, student club room, laundry facilities, a large chapel, shared hall bathrooms and free internet access.

Dimensions: 12'x17' (estimate)
Flooring: Linoleum or laminate
Beds: Two twin beds can be used as bunk beds (36"x72")

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Culver Hall

Conveniently located above Union Market, Culver Hall offers shared hall bathrooms, laundry facilities, an elevator and free internet access.

Dimensions: 12'x17' (estimate)
Flooring: Carpet
Beds: Two extra long twin mattresses (36"x80") can be used as bunk beds.

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Prescott Hall

This seven-story residence offers ensuite bathrooms, walk-in closets, a main floor lobby, an elevator, and free internet access.

Dimensions: 12'x20' (12'x14' excluding closet and bathroom)
Flooring: Carpet
Beds: Two extra long twin mattresses (36"x80") can be used as bunk beds.

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Off-Campus

Requests to live off-campus are handled individually and must be made using the online housing form (ucollege.edu/portal). You are eligible to live off campus if:

- You have 92 credits.
- You are age 22 at the beginning of the semester.
- You live with an approved family member age 25 or older in an established home.
- You have children, are married, divorced, separated or widowed.
- You live with a sibling.
- You are transferring into the Nursing or OTA Program.

We offer on-campus apartment living in Cooper Place and have many other two-, three- or four-bedroom apartments and house rentals available near campus.

An incentive package is also available for students 22 years or older who choose to live in a residence hall.

Visit ucollege.edu/portal to submit the off-campus housing application or apply for the residence hall incentive package.

Contact

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Things not to bring:



PETS

Fish are allowed, but leave at home whatever kitten, bird, guinea pig or iguana you've named "Fluffy."



FIRE HAZARDS

Lighting a candle isn't worth the \$50 fine.



ALCOHOL, CIGARETTES, WEAPONS, NARCOTICS OR OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

This should go without saying, but being in college should mean being smart, and there is nothing smart about consuming addictive and unhealthy chemicals.



Things to bring:

- Coat
- Comforter
- Copy of birth certificate
- Detergent
- Dish soap
- Dress attire (suit/dress)
- Everyday clothes
- Flip flops
- Folders
- Hangers
- Headphones
- Laptop
- Laundry quarters
- Medication
- Mattress pad
- Notebook
- Pens
- Pillow
- Shampoo
- Showering caddy
- Social security card
- Toothbrush
- Towel
- Trash can

You may also want:

- Band-Aids
- Bike
- Camera
- Dry-erase board
- Guitar
- Microwave
- Mini fridge
- Reading lamp
- Rug
- Sleeping bag
- Umbrella
- Vacuum
- Water filter

Can you find everything from the lists above in the picture?





Find your perfect fit

The job hunt

Visit ucollege.edu/student-jobs

If you get a job on campus, you'll need to provide the **original or copy of your birth certificate and social security card**. Your earnings are directly deposited into your bank of choice, so bring the bank account and routing number with you. You can also have some or all of your earnings applied directly to your student account.

Sports

More info at ucollege.edu/athletics

Varsity Sports

Our varsity teams—basketball, volleyball, soccer and golf—play a full schedule of games in the Association of Christian College Athletics (ACCA). Players can also earn an elective class credit.

Intramurals

Intramural sports have a high degree of participation from athletes of all skill levels. The schedule also includes class tournaments that require less time commitment.

Gymnastics

Union's acrobatic gymnastics team travels throughout the country performing at churches, high schools and other venues. Acro has less in common with the artistic gymnastics seen at the Olympics and is more closely related to cheerleading and circus acrobatics.

Clubs

When you are enrolled as a full-time student, you are automatically a member of SA (Student Association). Plus, you'll be able to see all the campus clubs and join your favorites during Club Rush at the beginning of the school year.

Professional excellence

ucollege.edu/professional-excellence

Through specialized classes, projects and a course abroad, you can earn a Professional Excellence Certificate that demonstrates your commitment to high-quality work and receive broader preparation for your chosen profession.

Music

Contact the Music Program **402.486.2600 ext. 2336** to find out about audition times.

Union has many music groups, and every semester is a little different depending on the talent on campus. You don't have to be a music major to join a group, but most require auditions.



Know your resources

Student Success Center

- 📍 The library in the Don Love Building
- 📞 402.486.2600 ext. 2255
studentsuccess@ucollege.edu
ucollege.edu/success

The Student Success Center is all about helping you succeed in college and in life. The team provides four key services for Union students:

- **Life coach for every new student** — Your coach will walk you through choosing classes and finding the tools to succeed that first year and beyond
- **Disability Access** — We facilitate accommodations, universal design and disability culture through teaching, learning and collaborating.
- **Career Prep** — Get the tools you need to pick the right major and career and land a job.
- **Tutoring** — We provide trained tutors to help you gain a better understanding of your learning and studying skills so you can advance in your academic journey. Support includes individual peer tutoring, group tutoring session and supplemental instruction.

Library and Research Assistant Program

- 📍 Don Love Building
- 📞 402.486.2600 ext. 2152
ucollege.edu/library

Union College's library provides access to more than 60,000 books, and a host of journals, magazines and search databases — all from the computer in your room. Use the Research Assistance Program and schedule a one-on-one session with a librarian who will help you with that daunting research project.

Studio for Writing and Speaking

- 📍 The library in the Don Love Building
- 📞 402.486.2600 ext. 2325
ucollege.edu/thestudio

Become a better writer and speaker. Our professional consultant and writing tutors can assist you with any step in creating papers and speeches from brainstorming to final editing.

Reiner Wellness Center

- 📍 AdventHealth Complex
- 📞 402.486.2525
ucollege.edu/reiner

The Reiner Wellness Center houses a 25-meter pool and jacuzzi along with workout rooms with cardiovascular machines, Body Master equipment and free weights. The facility is currently being expanded (opening in Fall 2024) to include sports courts, an indoor walking track and expanded workout rooms. Reiner Wellness Center is free for students and will allow you to stay fit all year long.

Campus Health

- 📍 Rees Hall room T19 (north entrance)
- 📞 402.486.2600 ext. 2079
ucollege.edu/campus-health

Campus Health provides medical and counseling services for students at no charge. Plus, you'll get free access to Virtual Care, giving you 24/7 access to physicians and mental health professionals.

Computer Labs

- 📍 3rd floor of the Everett Dick Building, Engel Hall (Mac Lab) and the library.

Union College has computer labs with printers available for student use. Color printers are in the Mac lab.



Life in Lincoln



Lincoln is one of those great big little cities: big enough to have a wide variety of shopping, dining, internships, jobs, and cultural and entertainment opportunities, but small enough to drive across town without burning a tank of gas. In our mini-metropolis of nearly 280,000 people, we have hundreds of restaurants, a plethora of stores, and 128 miles of bike and hiking trails. Visit lincoln.org to get a taste of the city. We like it here, and we think you will too.



Weather

Average High: 33 in January; 89 in July
Average Low: 14 in January; 68 in July

Students' favorite spot in Lincoln



"The Bay: People are doing Bible studies, shooting hoops, skating. Everyone is welcome no matter what." – Haleigh Klein, Nebraska



"The Railyard: It's plenty of people, but doesn't feel congested." – AJ Valcin, New York



"Sheldon Museum: They have different paintings and artwork for every exhibition. All of them are very interesting." – Elena Cornwell, Hawaii



"The Crescent Moon: It's a great little coffee shop to study or attend open mic nights. It's one of my favorite places." – Maddie Temple, North Dakota



"Pioneers Park: Pioneers is the go-to spot for hanging out and seeing outdoor concerts." – Carter Klute, Nebraska

Welcome to the good life!

Lincoln is one of the best cities in the nation by far.

Here's why:

- **Population:** 280,000
- **Parks:** 131
- **Restaurants:** more than 500
- **Colleges and universities:** 8 — including the University of Nebraska, a Big Ten school.
- State capitol of Nebraska
- Just one hour from Omaha, three hours from Kansas City and six hours from Denver
- Ranked as one of the best places to live by **CBS News** and **Livability.com**

Not-so-little city

At Union, our park-like campus is surrounded by a growing and thriving college town with plenty to do and see.

And because Lincoln is the capitol of Nebraska and the "Number 1 up-and-coming tech hotspot" (according to Livability.com), you'll experience internships and career opportunities bolstered by strong tech growth on the "Silicon Prairie."



1. Ortner Center

Visitor Center
Culver Hall—Men's residence
Lang Conference Center
McClelland Art Gallery
Tribute Terrace
Union Market—Dining Services

2. Everett Dick Administration Building

Administrative offices (1st floor)
Business, Communication,
Education, English, History,
International Relations,
Leadership, Psychology,
Religion and Social Work
Enrollment
Student Financial Services

3. Thunderdome—Gymnasium

4. Prescott Hall—Men's residence

International Rescue and Relief
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Physician Assistant Studies

6. Don Love Building

Atrium
Campus Store and Mail Room
Library
Plant Services
Student Life
Student Center
Student Success Center
Woods Auditorium

7. Krueger Center

Biomedical Science
Health and Human Performance
Computer Science and Math

8. Rees Hall—Women's residence

Campus Health

9. George Stone School

Art and Design

10. Engel Hall—Music

Art and Design

11. Clock tower

Marketing Communications

13. College View Church

14. AdventSource

15. Cooper Place—Apartments

16. Tennis Courts

17. AdventHealth Complex—
Reiner Wellness Center
(coming Fall 2024)
Larson Pool
Nursing

18. College View Academy

19. College View Academy Elementary

20. Holmes Lake Park

112-acres, 0.5-mile walk from
campus, run-walk-bike trails,
fishing, picnic areas

21. Union Manor—Retirement
apartments

22. Forty-Niners Field—Soccer,
softball and football complex

23. Union College Apartments

24. Ramona Courts—Apartments

Neighborhood stores and banks

Adventist Book Center, Casey's
General Store, DaVinci's Pizza, Eyes
of the World Imports, Fields Floral,
Goldenrod Pastries, Goodrich

Ice Cream and Popcorn, LaMar's
Donuts, Licorice International,
Lincoln SDA Credit Union, Pattino
Shoe Boutique, Taco Inn, The
Mill, Optical Gallery, Paper Kite
Boutique, Select Style, Swiss Clock,
Union Bank, Willow Road Boutique

P General **P** Guest **P** Student

Street parking available on Prescott,
48th, and Bancroft Streets.

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Academic calendar

2023-2024

Fall 2023

8/16	New student move-in
8/16-19	uConnect: New Student Orientation
8/14-18	Returning student registration
8/21	Classes begin
8/29	Last day to drop (no record)/add classes
9/4	Labor Day holiday (no classes)
9/7	Project Impact (community service day)
10/6-8	Parents Weekend
10/13	Fall break
11/7	Academic registration for Spring 2022 begins
11/9	Last day to drop a class (receive a "W")
11/20-24	Thanksgiving vacation
12/11-13	First semester exams
12/14	Christmas vacation begins

Spring 2024

1/7	Registration for second semester
1/8	Classes begin
1/15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no classes)
1/17	Last day to drop (no record)/add classes
2/8-9	Winter break
3/11-15	Spring vacation
3/26	Academic registration for Fall 2023 begins
3/28	Last day to drop a class (receive a "W")
3/29	Good Friday (no classes)
4/30-5/2	Second semester exams
5/3-5	Commencement weekend
5/6	Summer school begins

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“You have that personal connection with teachers—they’re not just concerned about your academics, they are also concerned with how you’re actually doing as a person.”

—Justin Cook

Union graduate from Florida

We can't wait to see you!

Find the latest uConnect info:

ucollege.edu/uConnect

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