



**University
at Buffalo**

The State University
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A NEW AND EXCITING

journey **AHEAD.**

Summer Orientation helps set you up for success at UB. Use this guide to plan your Summer Orientation week schedule, and to learn about required actions.



UB's South Campus, featuring Hayes Hall

Plan your Summer Orientation Week

Summer Orientation is a series of required and optional virtual experiences that you'll complete during the Summer Orientation week that you chose on your Orientation Data Form. It includes both live (synchronous) sessions with other new UB students as well as the asynchronous (on your own, at your convenience) component. **Follow the steps below to fill in the schedule (chart) on the next page.**

① Online Orientation Modules

Online Orientation Modules are the asynchronous component of your Summer Orientation, and they are **required**. They cover the basics about being new to UB and are a foundation for all live, virtual sessions.

We will send the link to the Online Orientation Modules to your UB email on the Friday before your Summer Orientation week, and you can complete them on your own, any time **before** your Live Summer Orientation Experience - Part 1. Using the schedule on the next page, set aside at least 2 hours to complete them.

Utilize pages 4 and 5 in this packet to jot down your reactions and questions to bring with you to Live Summer Orientation Experience - Part 1.

Write in the schedule on the next page when you'll complete the Online Orientation Modules. We recommend completing them Monday afternoon or evening.

② Live Summer Orientation Experience - Part 1

During this **required** live, virtual session, Orientation Leaders (current UB students), will give you the inside scoop about what it means to be a UB student and what to expect your first semester. This session will be interactive, requiring your participation in small group discussion with other students who share a similar interest area to you. The Zoom link will be sent to your UB email the Friday before your Summer Orientation week.

Review the date/time you selected for Live Summer Orientation Experience - Part 1 filled in on the schedule on the next page.

③ Live Summer Orientation Experience - Part 2

During this live, virtual session, Orientation Leaders will teach you about a day in the life of a UB student.

We will lead you through four 30-minute sections:

- **Prepare for the UB Classroom** - hear tips on what you need to know now to get ready for classes in August.
- **Explore Campus (virtually!)** - discover the most important places on North Campus for new students.
- **Make UB Home** - learn about living and dining on campus or off campus. This session will be specific to where you're living this fall (Ellicott Complex, Governors Complex, South Campus, or Commuting from Off-Campus).
- **Get Involved** - learn about finding initial connections and how to build community at UB.

This session is offered four times; choose the one that fits your schedule the best. The Zoom link will be sent to your UB email the Friday before your Summer Orientation week.

Use the highlighter provided to shade in the date/time that works best for you to attend Live Summer Orientation Experience - Part 2 from the four options listed on the schedule on the next page.

4 Additional Live Sessions

These highly-encouraged, optional sessions will maximize your Summer Orientation week. The Zoom links will be sent to your UB email the Friday before your Summer Orientation week.

Between Two Buffalo

Hop on a livestream with us! Orientation Leaders (OLs) will host a casual event designed to answer your questions and either prepare you for the start of your Summer Orientation week or conclude the week. Each livestream features Orientation Leaders taking you behind-the-scenes of their life at UB. You won't need to turn your camera on for this session.

Note: Monday's shows provide the same start of the week information offered at two different times to fit your schedule.

New to UB Hangouts

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, we'll host nightly **Bulls Like Me** sessions (affinity spaces for you to connect with students with a shared identity or interest), as well as **Game Nights** for everyone! Come to as many as you'd like for a casual social to meet OLs and other new Bulls.

Academic Department Advising Session

Some academic departments will offer a live, virtual session to complement the information covered in the Online Orientation Modules. Attend a session for your advisor code on Friday afternoon.

AED School of Architecture and Planning: Q&A with your Academic Advisor

CAS College of Arts and Sciences: First-year Q&A

EPAC Exploratory and Pre-Professional Advising Center: Q&A and Conversation

JSMBS Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences: Q&A with your Academic Advisors

LAW School of Law: Q&A with your Academic Advisor

MG School of Management: First-Year Friday Chats

SEAS School of Engineering and Applied Sciences: Q&A with SEAS Advisors and OLs at 2:00 p.m. and Understanding Pathways at 2:45 p.m.

SPPS School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences: Q&A with Student Ambassadors + your Academic Advisor

Use the highlighter provided to shade in the dates/times that works best for you to attend at least two of the Additional Live Sessions below.

My Summer Orientation Week Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Between Two Buffalo 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Cooking with Lia</p> <p><i>Recommended time to complete your Online Orientation Modules</i></p> <p>Between Two Buffalo 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Styling UB Gear with Lia</p>	<p>Live Summer Orientation Experience Part 1 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Live Summer Orientation Experience Part 1 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Live Summer Orientation Experience Part 1 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>New to UB Hangout 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Bulls Like Me:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LGBTQ+ - Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE) - First Generation College Students - Outdoor Adventurers <p>Game Night</p>	<p>Live Summer Orientation Experience Part 1 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Live Summer Orientation Experience - Part 2 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>New to UB Hangout 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Bulls Like Me:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Black - Gamers <p>Game Night</p> <p>New to UB Hangout 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Bulls Like Me:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asian and Pacific Islander (API) - Latinx - Creatives <p>Game Night</p>	<p>Live Summer Orientation Experience - Part 2 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Live Summer Orientation Experience - Part 2 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Live Summer Orientation Experience - Part 2 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>New to UB Hangout 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Bulls Like Me:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - from NYC - from Small Towns - LGBTQ+ - WiSE <p>Game Night</p>	<p>Between Two Buffalo 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Face masks with Devonte</p> <p>Academic Department Advising Session 2:00 p.m.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YOUR SELECTED DATE/TIME</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YOU CHOOSE WHICH DATE/TIME TO ATTEND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YOU CHOOSE AT LEAST 2</p> <p>WE'LL SEND ZOOM LINKS TO YOUR UB EMAIL THE FRIDAY BEFORE YOUR SUMMER ORIENTATION WEEK.</p> <p>VIEW OL LIA'S TIPS ON THE NEXT PAGE FOR HOW TO PLAN YOUR WEEK.</p>



ORIENTATION LEADER SPOTLIGHT

Lia's advice for how to select which Additional Live Sessions to attend during orientation:

“Look for topics that match your interests and provide opportunities to connect with like-minded individuals -- Bulls Like Me sessions are a great option for that connection! Between Two Buffalo is also a low-key option with comedy and lifestyle tips.”

→ Tips to Plan Your Week

Attend the following sessions to receive UB gear this fall.

- 1 Complete the Online Orientation Modules and attend Live Summer Orientation Experience - Part 1. Both are **required**.

- 2 Attend Live Summer Orientation Experience - Part 2.

- 3 Select ***two*** Additional Live Sessions of your choosing.

We'll keep track of attendance when you use your UB Zoom account.



ORIENTATION LEADER SPOTLIGHT

Devonte on why it's important to take action on tasks associated with being new to UB:

“Being a new student can be overwhelming with all the emails and tasks coming from UB. The orientation office helps guide you through this hectic process with specific tasks—like the ones in this packet! Tasks can easily pile up if you don't stay on top of deadlines. This is why I recommend setting aside an hour each week to work through your UB email and any associated UB tasks. In doing so, you'll set yourself up for success by building healthy habits between now and the start of the semester.”

Tasks to Complete Before Summer Orientation

- Plan your virtual Summer Orientation week.** Read through the first two pages and select which sessions you'll attend during your Summer Orientation week.
 - Access your UB Zoom premium account.** You'll need your UB Zoom account to access your Summer Orientation live sessions. Use your UBmail address (@buffalo.edu) when you login. Learn more about using your UB Zoom account at buffalo.edu/ubit/zoom.
Note: we recommend testing the Zoom links at least one hour before your first live, virtual session to make sure you can access.
 - Join the Slack channel for new students.** Use the QR code on the back page and your UB email to add yourself. This is a group chat platform you can use on your phone or web. It's a great place to connect with other new students, ask the Orientation Leaders questions, and more!
 - Check your UB email the Friday before your Summer Orientation week.** We'll send you instructions for how to access the **Online Orientation Modules** and the **Zoom links** you'll need.
- If you're planning to live on campus, complete self-selection for your room assignment** between June 22 and June 30. Review the section on the next page for additional details.



Ellicott Complex and Greiner Hall on North Campus.



ORIENTATION LEADER SPOTLIGHT

Ethan on what he considers when selecting on-campus housing:



I think about which campus my classes will be on and nearby housing complexes, how many roommates I want to have and the set-up of those rooms (suite, shared bathroom, shared room, etc.), and the cost of each room type. No matter where you live there are going to be events to participate in and people to meet! During Summer Orientation your OLs will help you figure out what you need to know about where you'll live this fall."

Prepare to Self-Select On-Campus Housing

- 1 Review your housing options. Have a few different locations and room types in mind as your top choice might not be available.

- 2 Think about roommates. If there is someone you want to live with, make sure to create a roommate group in the housing portal before selection begins.

- 3 Review the "Selection Instructions" on the website so that you are prepared.

- 4 Review the email sent to your buffalo.edu email in mid-June from Campus Living for more details, including your specific selection date and time.

Find everything you need to complete these steps and learn more about housing and self-selection on the Campus Living website.

Contact Campus Living if you have any questions.

EMAIL: campusliving@buffalo.edu
PHONE: 716-645-2171



CAMPUS LIVING WEBSITE



Baird Point on North Campus

Summer Orientation Notes

Use this page when you complete the **Online Orientation Modules** during your Summer Orientation week. You'll also need to have this page available during your live, virtual sessions. At those meetings, you'll discuss the notes on this page with a group of other new students who share a common interest, led by your Orientation Leaders!

Questions from the Online Orientation Modules

Use this section to write down key takeaways and any questions you have from the **Online Orientation Modules**. Your Orientation Leader will address these during the live sessions.

Module 1: WELCOME TO UB

What makes you excited about starting at UB this fall?

Module 2: ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Which class are you most excited about this fall? Why?
Where does this class fit in your Curricular Plan?

Are you nervous or intimidated about any of your fall classes? Why?

Questions from Module 2 for my OL:

Module 3: PAYING FOR COLLEGE

What off-campus or additional expenses do you expect this fall that won't be on your eBill?

Questions from Module 3 for my OL:

Module 4: YOUR ROLE IN THE UB COMMUNITY

What matters to you in your community and how do you share that with others?

How do you take care of other people in your community?

Questions from Module 4 for my OL:

Module 5: LIFE AT UB

How will you fill your time outside of class?
Why is that important for your goals?

During your time at UB, you'll make many decisions with negative and positive consequences. Which of the scenes you watched in this module resonate the most with you?

What concerns or fears do you have about starting at UB this fall?

Questions from Module 5 for my OL:

Notes from my Live Summer Orientation Experiences

During your Live Summer Orientation Experience sessions, you'll use this section to write down resources or tips shared by your Orientation Leader(s).



ORIENTATION LEADER SPOTLIGHT

Emma's favorite UB event:

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*Attending International Fiesta!
It is such an amazing experience to see the UB cultural clubs come together and create art through dance. It is a beautiful representation of all of the diversity UB has to offer.”*





ORIENTATION LEADER SPOTLIGHT

Jada on why you should connect with your Orientation Leaders:

“As current students, OLs understand the UB experience, are familiar with the struggles you as new students may encounter during your first year, and can connect you with resources to address those challenges!”



Meet the Orientation Leaders

You'll get connected with the Orientation Leaders at live sessions during your chosen orientation week.

Learn more about the orientation staff at buffalo.edu/orientation or connect with us on Instagram @ubstudentexp.

Have questions? Contact us!

Orientation, Transition and Parent Programs is available to answer your questions about starting at UB. Review the FAQs on our website buffalo.edu/orientation or contact us during our regular business hours, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Phone: 716-645-6125

Email: ub-newstudent@buffalo.edu

Drop-in Chat: Visit buffalo.edu/orientation and select "start a live chat."

Slack: Use the QR code and your UB email to join the new student Slack channel.



NEW STUDENT SLACK

HOW families SUPPORT YOUR SUCCESS

Parent and Family Orientation consists of on-demand content plus a live, virtual session designed to help families learn about key resources and services that are important at the start of your UB journey. Log back in to your Orientation Data Form to provide a family member's contact information. Then, we'll email them with the details.

Already connected with us?

Registration for live, virtual sessions is now available on step 4 of the New to UB website: buffalo.edu/orientation. We recommend families register for the session the same week students complete orientation. Families can access the on-demand information beginning July 5.