

FIRST-YEAR STUDENT ENROLLMENT GUIDE

STEP 1 ACTIVATE IMPORTANT ACCOUNTS

Visit oakland.edu/activate for instructions on activating your official Oakland email and MySAIL (student portal) accounts. You will need your Grizzly ID number from your acceptance letter. You should set up your MySAIL account and choose your NetID, which will serve as your Oakland email, and begin checking your accounts regularly. Your NetID enables you to register for New Student Orientation, apply for on-campus housing and access Moodle (an online learning environment).

You will also use your NetID to access MySAIL, where you can:

- View your up-to-the-minute financial aid status
- Receive notifications of missing financial aid documentation or requirements
- Register for classes and view grades in the future

Once you have activated your MySAIL account, you can use your Grizzly ID number and PIN to access eBill, the university's student account payment system. To access eBill, go to oakland.edu/ebill. The eBill home page provides a brief overview of your current account status, recent and past statements, recent activity on your student account and available payment plans. For more information, visit oakland.edu/ebill.

STEP 2 NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

ORIENTATION AND NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS
(248) 370-GOLD
NORTH FOUNDATION HALL, ROOM 105
oakland.edu/orientation | gold@oakland.edu

Register for New Student Orientation using your NetID (see Step 1).

All new first-year students are required to attend a two-part New Student Orientation, which serves as your formal introduction to Oakland University. During Part One you will:

- Learn about your school/college
- Meet with your assigned First Year Advising Center (FYAC) academic adviser and register for classes
- Learn about university policies, resources and your OU accounts

Part Two provides you with the opportunity to learn more about your school/college and major. Events include New Student Convocation, academic open houses and an involvement fair.

STEP 3 SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Oakland University offers two types of financial assistance: scholarships based on academic achievement, and financial aid based on need.

SCHOLARSHIPS
UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
NORTH FOUNDATION HALL, ROOM 101
(800) OAK-UNIV or (248) 370-3360
oakland.edu/scholarships

Scholarships are available to students who have demonstrated superior academic achievement during their high school career. All admitted first-year students are automatically considered.

FINANCIAL AID
STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES
(248) 370-2550
NORTH FOUNDATION HALL, ROOM 120
oakland.edu/financialservices | finservices@oakland.edu

Grants, loans and on-campus employment are also available for students through Student Financial Services. Students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at fafsa.gov to be considered for federal, state and/or need-based financial aid. To maximize your financial aid award package, we recommend you complete the FAFSA as soon as possible beginning October 1 for the upcoming school year. Include Oakland University's federal code of **002307** on your FAFSA.

Student Financial Services will begin sending award notifications at the end of December and continue as new awards are made. Many times Student Financial Services needs additional information or documentation to process your financial aid. Access your OU email and MySAIL account often so that you can respond to requests promptly, because delays may affect your award package.

For information about student account payment due dates and cancellation, go to oakland.edu/financialservices, then Payments & Refunds, then Payments & Cancellation.

STEP 4 ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER

COURSE PLACEMENT
oakland.edu/fyac/courseplacement

For first-year students, Oakland uses SAT or ACT scores for course placement. Some courses at OU require students to take additional placement exams before orientation or meet certain criteria. Placement testing assists academic advisers and new students in determining appropriate courses. Before orientation, you should learn about course placement by visiting oakland.edu/fyac/courseplacement. Questions? Contact the Orientation staff at (248) 370-GOLD.

COLLEGE CREDIT: AP, IB, CLEP, EARLY/MIDDLE COLLEGE, & DUAL ENROLLMENT
(248) 370-3462
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
NORTH FOUNDATION HALL, ROOM 160
ROCHESTER, MI 48309-4401
oakland.edu/collegecredit | regservices@oakland.edu

Oakland University grants credit and/or exemption for selected scores on Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) examinations. All scores should be forwarded to the Office of the Registrar. Credit may also be granted for university or college courses taken through Early/Middle College programs or Dual Enrollment in high school. Please submit official college transcripts to the Office of the Registrar prior to attending New Student Orientation, in order to assist with placement and course scheduling.

UNIVERSITY HOUSING
(248) 370-3570
HAMLIN HALL, ROOM 448
oakland.edu/housing | housing@oakland.edu

University housing is offered to new, degree-seeking students who are enrolled in a minimum of eight credit hours per semester. Housing information that details living options, meal plans and more is available at oakland.edu/housing. Housing contracts are available online at oakland.edu/housing/apply. Please note that housing space is limited. New students are encouraged to submit a housing contract as soon as possible after March 1 for the fall semester, or after November 1 for the winter semester.

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES (DSS)
(248) 370-3266
NORTH FOUNDATION HALL, ROOM 103A
oakland.edu/dss | dss@oakland.edu

If you have a physical, psychological, sensory and/or learning disability, you can contact the DSS office for an appointment to discuss eligibility for services and accommodations. Services include readers, scribes, alternative testing, sign language interpreters, scanned textbooks, and assistive technology such as JAWS, Kurzweil and Dragon Naturally Speaking.

CAMPUS VISITS
(800) OAK-UNIV
UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
NORTH FOUNDATION HALL, ROOM 101
oakland.edu/visit | visit@oakland.edu

We'd love to show you around our campus. Tours are generally available Monday through Friday. Schedule your campus tour online today!

VETERANS SUPPORT SERVICES
(248) 370-2010
NORTH FOUNDATION HALL, ROOM 116
oakland.edu/veterans | vss@oakland.edu

This office supports student veterans and military families. Through VSS, veterans and their dependents can be connected to campus and community resources to help ensure they are receiving military service-related benefits, as well as provide information about VA work-study opportunities, social and networking events, and veteran-specific scholarships.

HONORS COLLEGE
(248) 370-4450
OAK VIEW HALL, ROOM 210
oakland.edu/hc | hc@oakland.edu

Join the top 5% of university graduates by participating in the Honors College. The Honors College offers small class sizes, special research project funding, study abroad opportunities, preferential registration for all courses and additional advising to high achieving students in every major across the university. Learn more at oakland.edu/hc.

MUSIC, THEATRE AND DANCE AUDITIONS
(248) 370-2030
VARNER HALL, ROOM 207
oakland.edu/mtd/futurestudents | mtd@oakland.edu

All students interested in majoring in music, theatre or dance must audition. Applications for auditions are separate and in addition to the application for OU. For dates and times, and to apply for an audition, please visit oakland.edu/mtd/futurestudents.

OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS
(248) 370-3450
ACADEMIC RECORDS
O'DOWD HALL, ROOM 102
586 PIONEER DRIVE ROCHESTER, MI 48309
regservices@oakland.edu

If you participate in an Early/Middle College program, or are taking college coursework as a dual-enrollment student, it is important that you request official transcripts from each college or university attended. They must be sent to Oakland University's Academic Records Office. If we do not receive your official transcript(s) a hold will be placed on your account that will prohibit you from registering for a future semester.

Don't forget to submit your official, final high school transcript to Undergraduate Admissions upon graduation.