

# FIRST-YEAR STUDENT ENROLLMENT GUIDE

## STEP 1 ACTIVATE IMPORTANT ACCOUNTS

Visit [oakland.edu/activate](https://oakland.edu/activate) for instructions on activating your official Oakland email and MySAIL (student portal) accounts. You will need your Grizzly ID number and NetID from your acceptance letter. You should set up both accounts immediately and begin checking them regularly.

Through MySAIL, you'll be able to:

- 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

You will not be billed for classes or housing until after you attend New Student Orientation (see Step 2). For current tuition rates, visit [oakland.edu/tuition](https://oakland.edu/tuition).

Once you have activated your MySAIL account, you can use your Grizzly ID number and PIN to access eBill, the university's online bill payment system. To access eBill, go to [oakland.edu/ebill](https://oakland.edu/ebill). In eBill you'll be able to:

- Make payments from a checking or savings account, or debit or credit card
- Enroll in a payment plan
- Schedule a payment for a date in the future
- Save your most common payment methods
- View your current billing statement
- Access important OU billing and payment information
- Sign up family members as authorized users

## STEP 2 NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

### ORIENTATION AND NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS

(248) 370-GOLD

105 North Foundation Hall

[oakland.edu/orientation](https://oakland.edu/orientation) | [gold@oakland.edu](mailto:gold@oakland.edu)

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:

- Be introduced to your school/college
- Meet with your academic adviser and register for classes
- Learn about university policies, resources and your OU accounts
- Meet other new students and have fun!

Part Two serves as a formal introduction to your major, and scheduled events include a Welcome Picnic, Academic Open Houses, New Student Convocation 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

#### OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

101 NORTH FOUNDATION HALL

(800) OAK-UNIV or (248) 370-3360

[oakland.edu/scholarships](https://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

120 NORTH FOUNDATION HALL

[oakland.edu/financialservices](https://oakland.edu/financialservices) | [finservices@oakland.edu](mailto: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](https://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 January 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 March 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.

## STEP 4 ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER

### COURSE PLACEMENT

[oakland.edu/courseplacement](https://oakland.edu/courseplacement)

For first-year students, Oakland uses ACT or SAT 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/courseplacement](https://oakland.edu/courseplacement). Questions? Contact the orientation staff at (248) 370-GOLD.

### AP, IB AND CLEP SCORES

#### OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

(248) 370-3462

100 O'DOWD HALL

ROCHESTER, MI 48309-4401

[oakland.edu/collegecredit](https://oakland.edu/collegecredit) | [regservices@oakland.edu](mailto: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.

### UNIVERSITY HOUSING

(248) 370-3570

448 HAMLIN HALL

[oakland.edu/housing](https://oakland.edu/housing) | [housing@oakland.edu](mailto: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](https://oakland.edu/housing). Housing contracts are available online at [oakland.edu/housing/apply](https://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

103A NORTH FOUNDATION HALL

[oakland.edu/dss](https://oakland.edu/dss) | [dss@oakland.edu](mailto: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

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[oakland.edu/visit](https://oakland.edu/visit) | [visit@oakland.edu](mailto: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

116 NORTH FOUNDATION HALL

[oakland.edu/veterans](https://oakland.edu/veterans) | [veterans@oakland.edu](mailto:veterans@oakland.edu)

This office provides support for student veterans regarding military service-related benefits, social and networking events, and referrals to other campus offices for specific questions and concerns.

### COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS

[oakland.edu/ccp](https://oakland.edu/ccp) | [ccp@oakland.edu](mailto:ccp@oakland.edu)

If you are admitted to a Community College Partnership program (with Macomb Community College, Mott Community College, Oakland Community College or St. Clair County Community College), visit [oakland.edu/ccp](https://oakland.edu/ccp) for enrollment steps at your partner school.

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