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The goal of New Student Orientation is to introduce new students to the University of Maryland community. The Orientation Office offers a wide range of transitional programming and services for students and their families as they prepare to attend the University of Maryland.

Introduction to the University (UNIV) Seminars

The Orientation Office coordinates new student seminar courses, UNIV100 and UNIV101. These courses introduce students to the world of higher education and, more specifically, to the University of Maryland. Course topics include career/major exploration, successful studying/test-taking strategies, diversity, time management, and involvement within the University of Maryland. UNIV seminar courses are led by a faculty or staff member and often an undergraduate TA.

New Student Orientation

Held prior to the semester a student enrolls at the University of Maryland, New Student Orientation for first-time freshmen traditionally covers two days; New Student Orientation for new transfer students covers one day. During New Student Orientation, individuals meet with representatives from their academic college for advising and course scheduling.

Undergraduate Orientation Advisors (OA) introduce students to academic and student life at the University of Maryland, including student campus services and resources, and opportunities for involvement on campus.

Parent and Family Orientation

Parents and family members of new University of Maryland students are strongly encouraged to attend a one-day Parent and Family Orientation program specifically designed to introduce them to the academic, social, and cultural opportunities of the university, to better prepare them for the issues that are likely to affect their students throughout their matriculation at the University of Maryland, and provide them with numerous resources and information to help their student succeed inside and outside the classroom.

Terp Trips

Terp Trips focus on the continuing transition of parents and family members. Offered to parents and family members on the second day of summer first year freshmen New Student Orientation programs *only*, these one-day programs combine a trip to an area attraction with a small group of other parents/family members and a campus faculty or staff host.