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The goal of the Office of Orientation and Transition is to introduce new students to the University of Maryland community. The Orientation Program 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 through the College Units called UNIV100. 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 Teaching Assistant.

The Office of Orientation and Transition also offers UNIV362, a course for juniors and seniors called Designing Your Life After College. This course focuses on financial information and design theory prior to students embarking on their professional life.

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.