

Morningside University

2026 Student Orientation Schedule

August 16-18, 2026

SUNDAY, AUG. 16

9 - NOON

New Student Move-In

Check-in at residence hall

8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Student IDs

Location: Safety & Security Office - HJF Learning Center

9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Parking Permits

Location: Safety & Security – Olsen Student Center

10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

Admissions Open

Location: Lewis Hall, First Floor

Financial Planning Open

Location: Lewis Hall, Second Floor

Questions regarding financial aid, present scholarship checks, etc.

Business Office Open

Location: Lewis Hall, First Floor

Questions and ability to set up payment plans, make a payment, meal plans, etc.

Disability Services Open

Location: Lewis Hall, Room 120

Questions regarding academic accommodations.

IT Help Desk Open

Location: Roadman Hall

Resources for computer troubleshooting, computer distribution, etc.

Student Life Open

Location: Lewis Hall, First Floor

Questions regarding housing and campus resources.

10 A.M. – 3 P.M.

The Mside Store Open

Location: Lower level of Olsen Student Center

Please note The Mside Store will also be open during regular hours on Monday and Tuesday of Orientation, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

11 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Welcome Fest

Location: Eppley Auditorium Lobby/Parking Lot

Food trucks, DJ, yard games & parent postcards. Each student will receive \$15 in tickets that can be picked up in the Eppley lobby anytime between 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Additional food can be purchased from each truck via cash or charge.

1:45 P.M. - 2:45 P.M.

Commuter Student Meet & Greet

Location: Buhler Rohlfs Lobby.

For commuter students only. Dean of Students Beth Boettcher, and staff members Ceydi Arriola and Andre McWell will be on hand to greet you, along with WOO Crew.

2:45 P.M.

Send-Off Prayer with Campus Pastor Andy Nelson/ Family/Loved One Goodbyes

Location: Front lawn of Eppley Auditorium

3:00 - 3:30 P.M.

REQUIRED: Opening Session

*Location: Eppley Auditorium - **Attendance will be taken.***

NOTE: Please make sure you are able to access your class schedule so we can help you locate buildings/classrooms during the tour.

Hear from President Chad Benson and get hyped for your Morningside experience. Groups will be divided up and will go to individual classroom locations.

3:30 - 5:30 P.M.

REQUIRED: Orientation Group Meeting & Campus Tour

Location: See your WOO Crew Leader

Orientation groups will depart from Eppley and go to an assigned classroom space to meet and have group discussion. Review schedule, tech questions, etc. Please have a screenshot/copy of your schedule for the tour so you can locate academic buildings.

5:30 - 6:30PM

Dinner

Location: Main Dining Room

Bring your Morningside ID - All students are invited and can eat with their WOO Crew.

6:30 P.M.

REQUIRED: Individual Floor Meetings for on campus residents

Residence Life staff will post exact times and locations.

7 P.M.

REQUIRED: Building Meetings for on campus residents

Residence Life staff will post exact times and locations.

8 - 9 P.M.

Campus Campfire & Yard Games

Location: Buhler Outdoor Performing Arts Stage

Stop by for a smore, campfire, music, yard games, and an opportunity to chat with WOO Crew and other new students.

9:30 P.M.

Residence Life Activities

MONDAY, AUG. 17



PLEASE WEAR YOUR CLASS T-SHIRT TODAY



7 - 8 A.M.

Breakfast

Location: Main Dining Room - Bring your Morningside ID

9:15 - 10:15 A.M.

REQUIRED – Donuts & Discussion with Faculty

Location: Outdoor Performance Center

Meet and mingle with your instructors! Enjoy some donuts while introducing yourself, finding your professors, and starting meaningful connections for the semester.

10:15 A.M.

GROUP CHECK-IN

Location: Eppley Auditorium

Please be in Eppley as soon as you are able (no later than 10:15 a.m.)

10:30 - NOON

REQUIRED: Title IX Speaker

Location: Eppley Auditorium - Attendance will be taken.

All students should be wearing the t-shirt they received on Sunday night as we will be taking your class photo.

NOON

Lunch

Location: Main Dining Room - Bring your Morningside ID

12:45 P.M.

GROUP CHECK-IN

Location: Eppley Auditorium

1 - 2:30 P.M.

REQUIRED: Student Life Information Session

Location: Eppley Auditorium - Attendance will be taken.

- Student Life Information: Residence Life, Student Health
- Personal Counseling, Food Service, Safety & Security, etc.
- Career Services & Alumni
- Student Government & MAC

2:30 - 4 P.M.

REQUIRED: Engage with Mside Activities

Locations: Check with WOO Crew Leader. Attendance will be taken.

Selected at Summer Enrollment Days or when you registered for classes. Your WOO Crew leader will provide you with your assigned activity and location on Monday morning.

4:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Welcome Dinner

Location: Olsen Student Center

8:00 P.M.

Bingo

Location: Eppley Auditorium

Hosted by Morningside Activities Council (MAC)

TUESDAY, AUG. 18



PLEASE BRING YOUR LAPTOP TODAY



7 - 8:30 A.M.

Breakfast

Location: Main Dining Room - Bring your Morningside ID

8:30 - 10:30 A.M.

REQUIRED: VALIDATION – BRING YOUR LAPTOP

Location: Check with WOO Crew Leader. Attendance will be taken.

Validation, Loan Information (if applicable), Handshake Activation, Assessments, and Campus Dashboard check.

10:40 A.M.

GROUP CHECK-IN

Location: Eppley Auditorium

10:45 - NOON

REQUIRED: Major/Academic Meet-Up

Location: Eppley

Check with WOO Crew Leader. Attendance will be taken. You may need your laptop. Please plan to attend your department/major meeting. This will be a chance for you to get to know faculty and/or connect with your adviser.

- **Applied Ag & Food Studies** – Buhler Rohlfs 126
- **Art, Graphic Design, Photography, Arts Admin, Art Teaching** – MacCollin 103
- **Aviation** – Buhler Rohlfs 226
- **Biology** – Walker Science Center 002
- **Biomedical Science** – Walker Science Center 002
- **Business** – Lincoln Center, UPS Auditorium
- **Chemistry** – Walker Science Center 002
- **Communication** – Hickman-Johnson-Furrow Learning Center LIB 110
- **Computer Science** – Walker Science Center 165
- **Criminal Justice** – Walker Science Center 162
- **Cybersecurity** – Walker Science Center 165
- **Education** – Weikert Auditorium (2nd floor), Buhler Rohlfs
- **English/English Education** – Hickman-Johnson-Furrow Learning Center LIB 110
- **Exercise Science** – Walker Science Center 002
- **History/History Education** – Hickman-Johnson-Furrow Learning Center LIB 110
- **Math** – Walker Science Center 163
- **Medical Lab Sciences** – Buhler Rohlfs 318
- **Music** – MacCollin 221
- **Non Profit Management** – Hickman-Johnson-Furrow Learning Center 110
- **Nursing** – Buhler Rohlfs 318
- **Nutrition** – Buhler Rohlfs 318
- **Political Science** – Walker Science Center 162
- **Public Health** – Buhler Rohlfs 318
- **Psychology** – Walker Science Center 162
- **Radiologic Technology** – Buhler Rohlfs 318
- **Religious Studies** – Hickman-Johnson-Furrow Learning Center 110
- **Respiratory Therapy** – Buhler Rohlfs 318
- **Spanish/Spanish Education** – Hickman-Johnson-Furrow Learning Center - 110
- **XPath** – Yockey Family Community Room, Olsen Student Center

NOON

Lunch

Location: Main Dining Room - Bring your Morningside ID

12-1 P.M.

The Great Duck Giveaway!

Location: The Main Fountain

Come grab your duck and throw them in the fountain for a chance to win a prize, including welcome packages from the Mside Store, gift cards, and more!

1 P.M. - 3 P.M.

Walk throughs with the WOO Crew

Nervous about the first day of classes and need a little extra guidance?

Drop by the Krone Center, where the WOO Crew will be available to walk you through each of your classroom locations to ensure you're confident navigating campus. Whether you're looking for clarification on your schedule, having trouble accessing student information, or just want a friendly face to help, we're here for you! Plus, enjoy FREE freeze pops and energy spritzers to keep you refreshed while you prepare.

**ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE ACTIVITIES FAIR TO BE HELD
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26 11 A.M. – 1 P.M. ON THE CAMPUS MALL.**