NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION 2015

transfer students
Room Key/ID
Inside this booklet is your ID card information and an envelope that contains your room key. This booklet also provides important information for getting you off to a great start at Luther!

About Orientation
Orientation is designed to help you make a successful transition into the Luther community. During new-student orientation, you will learn more about Luther and the college's academic and community expectations; you will have the opportunity to interact in meaningful ways with other new students, faculty, and staff; you will acquire some of the tools necessary to be successful in college; and you will begin to map your future. Orientation is intentionally structured to help you not only meet these goals, but also have some fun along the way!

Throughout this schedule, we have identified core components of the orientation experience with a check mark ✓. These are events we expect you to attend! Events that are repeated are indicated in the schedule; select the date/time that best works for you. We suggest you use the blank □ to assist in planning your personal schedule.

Latin in seal: The word of God abideth forever.
Sunday, August 30

☐ 10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Brunch
☑️ 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Move in to residence hall
☐ 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Technology Help Desk computer consultation
☐ 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Book Shop open
☑️ 3:00–4:00 p.m. Norse Course

Join your fellow transfer students for some fun as you walk the Luther campus to find interesting facts at various locations.

☐ 4:00–4:30 p.m. Concert Band and Wind and Percussion Ensemble auditions
☐ 4:00–4:30 p.m. Varsity Band check-in
☑️ 5:00 p.m. Transfer student dinner

A fun, informal get-together over pizza to meet other new transfer students and learn more info about life at Luther.

☐ 7:00–8:00 p.m. Choir auditions (transfers only)
☐ 8:00–9:00 p.m. ComedySportz

The Student Activities Council (SAC) invites you to share a laugh with them during this fun-filled event featuring the Minneapolis-based ComedySportz team. You will also meet the SAC Executive Board. Free admission.

☐ 9:00 p.m. Sunday night worship—Focus

Join the Luther Student Congregation for Focus, our Sunday night student-led worship! Every Sunday night we gather for music, drama, prayer, and words from a variety of speakers.

Monday, August 31

☐ 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. College offices open
☐ 8:00–10:00 a.m. ID photo

Dahl Centennial Union lower level
**10:45–11:45 a.m. Academic advising sessions: major/departmental information**

Choose the departmental advising session that most closely reflects your choice of major (at least today). If you are undecided, attend the “undecided” session.

- Accounting, Economics, Management ................................................................. Franklin W. Olin Building 102
- Africana Studies ........................................................................................................ Koren 218
- Biology ......................................................................................................................... Valders Hall of Science 206
- Chemistry .................................................................................................................... Valders Hall of Science 375
- Classics, Biblical Languages ..................................................................................... Main Building 218
- Communication Studies ............................................................................................. Franklin W. Olin Building 208
- Computer Science ....................................................................................................... Franklin W. Olin Building 105
- Elementary Education ............................................................................................... Koren 217
  (If you are thinking about going into secondary education, you should attend the session related to the field in which you want to teach.)
- English ........................................................................................................................ Main Building 111
- Environmental Studies .............................................................................................. Valders Hall of Science 367
- Health, Physical Education, and Athletic Training ..................................................... Regents Center 218
- History .......................................................................................................................... Main Building 112
- International Studies ................................................................................................. Larsen Hall Classroom 120
- Mathematics ............................................................................................................... Franklin W. Olin Building 106
- Modern Languages (French, German, Russian Studies, Nordic Studies, Spanish) .................................................................................................................. Main Building 212
- Music/Music Education .............................................................................................. Jenson-Noble Hall of Music, Noble Recital Hall
- Nursing .......................................................................................................................... Valders Hall of Science 262
- Philosophy ..................................................................................................................... Main Building 211
- Physics .......................................................................................................................... Valders Hall of Science 254
- Political Science .......................................................................................................... Koren 216
- Psychology .................................................................................................................... Valders Hall of Science 362
- Religion .......................................................................................................................... Main Building 217
- Sociology/Anthropology/Social Work ..................................................................... Koren 120
- Visual and Performing Arts (Art, Dance, Theatre) .................................................... Center for the Arts 119
- Women and Gender Studies ...................................................................................... Koren 117
- Undecided/Still Deciding ........................................................................................... Center for Faith and Life Recital Hall
11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Lunch with the President
President Carlson invites you to an informal lunch with other new transfer students, followed by an information session with representatives from the Registrar’s Office, Health Service, Residence Life, and Financial Services. Your ID will be swiped for one meal.

1:00–3:30 p.m. The Luther Way
A series of three programs you will rotate through to learn more about the Luther community and what it means to be a part of this special place. Hear from members of the Luther community—students, faculty, and staff. Transfer students begin with Rotation A in the CFA Jewel Theatre, then B, C.

Rotation A: What is consent? The Sexual Misconduct Policy
Center for the Arts (CFA), Jewel Theatre
Rotation B: How do you live your life at Luther?
Valders Hall of Science 206
Rotation C: Working with academic integrity and the Honor Code at Luther
CFL, Recital Hall

3:15 p.m. Jazz Orchestra and Jazz Band auditions begin
See Appendix II for details

4:00–4:30 p.m. String players mandatory meeting
See Appendix II for details

4:00–5:00 p.m. Regents Center tour
Regents Center, Main Lobby
Learn about the general facilities at the Regents Center, court usage, swimming pool, intramurals, and recreational services.

4:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Student Accompanist auditions begin
See Appendix II for details

5:00–5:30 p.m. Legends Center tour
Regents Center, North Lobby
Visit the Legends Center and learn about weight training, cardiovascular equipment, and the climbing wall.

5:30 p.m. Ultimate Frisbee
Farwell Clearing
Meet members of LUFDA (men’s team) and FREYA (women’s team) as they introduce you to this popular Luther pastime.

7:30–9:00 p.m. “Building the Luther Community”—Dr. Maura Cullen
CFL, Main Hall
We are caught in times of political correctness, where saying the right thing is worlds away from doing the right thing. You will explore race, gender, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic class, religion, ability, and size discrimination in a lively and interactive format. Dr. Maura Cullen is a favorite of many colleges and universities year after year. Sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Public Life.
Welcome to Luther Dance Dahl Centennial Union, Marty’s
A great way to meet new friends and relax with a night of music and dancing! Sponsored by Student Activities Council (SAC) Service; free admission.

Tuesday, September 1

9:45–10:45 a.m. Applied voice lesson auditions/interviews See Appendix II for details
All new students taking voice lessons must sign up at Jenson-Noble Hall of Music 123.

10:30 a.m. Dining Services student workers mandatory meeting various locations
All new students who have a work assignment in any Dining Services food venue are required to attend. Report to the location of your work-study assignment.

10:30 a.m. Custodial student workers mandatory meeting Valders Hall of Science 206
All new students who have a work assignment in Custodial Services are required to attend.

11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Activities Fair Bell Green, near Bentdahl Commons
Learn about the various clubs and organizations on campus. Group members will be present to explain the purpose and activities of their organization. Sponsored by Student Activities Council. (Rain date: Thursday, September 3).

1:00 p.m. Financial information session CFL, Main Hall
Required for all students. Attendance will be verified. This session will provide important information on work study, financial aid renewal, academic progress requirements, and rights and responsibilities for loan recipients.

4:00–6:00 p.m. Orchestra placement auditions begin See Appendix II for details

4:00–5:30 p.m. Ballroom/Swing dancing CFA, Atrium
Members of Luther Ballroom/Swing Club will provide a brief lesson to get you dancing!

4:30 p.m. Disc golf Meet at the sand volleyball courts next to Ylvisaker Hall
Check out Luther’s disc golf course! Discs will be provided.
7:00–8:30 p.m. Desserts in Decorah meet in Farwell Hall 8th floor lobby
Students are invited into the Hall Director’s home for a fun meet-and-greet gathering. This is an excellent opportunity for students to make early connections. Your transfer coordinator will provide additional information regarding meeting and location.

Wednesday, September 2

8:00 a.m. Classes begin

10:30–10:50 a.m. Weekday Chapel (MWF)—“With Good Courage” CFL, Main Hall
Join us as we gather in community to begin the semester with a chapel conversation titled, “With Good Courage” reflecting on all the biblical encouragement to not be afraid. Built right into the class schedule, weekday chapel is at the heart of Luther’s mission as a community of faith and learning—a time for community building, dialogue, and renewal. Faculty, staff, students, and guests serve as chapel speakers, musicians, and artists.

8:30 p.m. Walk to Whippy Dip—time for a treat! Meet in front of Dahl Centennial Union
Whippy Dip is an ice cream shop that is popular with many college students. Join other transfer students for an easy, relaxing walk. Remember to bring a little cash!

Thursday, September 3

9:30 a.m. New-student procession Bentdahl Commons
All first-year and new transfer students are asked to gather at Bentdahl Commons near the Center for Faith and Life for a new-student procession to Opening Convocation. (In case of inclement weather, go directly into the CFL and be seated on the main floor in the center sections.)

9:40 a.m. Opening Convocation CFL, Main Hall
The community gathers to mark the beginning of the new year with a faculty procession and official welcoming of new students into the community. Cristina Henríquez, author of the acclaimed novel *The Book of Unknown Americans*, will be this year’s convocation speaker. Please note that this is also the first Paideia lecture of the year.
Friday, September 4

☐ 10:30–10:50 a.m. Weekday Chapel CFL, Main Hall
☐ 7:00 p.m. Women’s Soccer vs. UW–LaCrosse Soccer Pitch
☐ 7:30–9:00 p.m. Dr. Jim Wand CFL, Main Hall

Enjoy some fun entertainment and maybe be on stage with this well-known college-circuit hypnotist! Free with Cocurricular Activities Fee (CAF) or $10 without. For tickets, bring your ID to the Center for Faith and Life Ticket Office.

☐ 9:15 p.m.* SAC Cinema outdoor film: *Pitch Perfect 2* Bentdahl Commons
What is better than a free movie and popcorn? A free movie and popcorn outside! Come join SAC Cinema at Bentdahl Commons. After a humiliating command performance at Lincoln Center, the Barden Bellas enter an international competition that no American group has ever won in order to regain their status and right to perform. Grab a blanket and some friends and join us! (Rain location: Valders Hall of Science 206)

* Immediately following Dr. Jim Wand

Saturday, September 5

A good day to gather with new friends and enjoy yourself on campus and around Decorah; take a walk to Whippy Dip, play disc golf or volleyball, bike or walk Decorah’s Trout Run Trail, tube down the Upper Iowa River, walk to Dunning’s Spring or Pulpit Rock. Contact Student Life with any questions (563) 387-1020, students@luther.edu. Come show your Norse support for home athletic events—be sure to wear your Luther gear! Get complete sport schedules at www.luther.edu/sports/schedule.

☐ 9:00 a.m. Women’s Tennis vs. College of St. Benedict Wulfsberg Tennis Courts
☐ 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. SAC Fest Farwell Clearing
Fun activities and picnic lunch. (If raining, SAC Fest will be canceled and lunch will be in the cafeteria.) Sponsored by the Student Activities Council.

☐ 12:30–2:30 p.m. Shopping Shuttles Meet in front of Dahl Centennial Union
Hop on a shuttle to explore the many unique shopping opportunities in vibrant downtown Decorah. This shuttle also includes a stop at Walmart. Shuttles depart every 30 minutes.
Hembree is a five-piece indie rock band from Kansas City. Perhaps the most accurate way to describe Hembree’s sound is that of a 1980s pop band that decided to start an Americana rock band, but they forgot to tell the keyboard player. The result is a compelling and infectious sound.

Sunday, September 6

☐ 9:45 a.m.  Walk to Church  Gather at Bentdahl Commons
Walk to Church marks the first Sunday that all students have returned to campus. President Carlson and Rev. Dr. Schattauer will lead a procession into worship from Bentdahl Commons. Meet at 9:40 a.m. in Bentdahl Commons for doughnuts and then walk into worship as a community.

☐ 2:00 p.m.  Men’s Soccer vs. Webster University  Soccer Pitch
☐ 4:00 p.m.  Women’s Soccer vs. Gustavus Adolphus College  Soccer Pitch
☐ 4:00 p.m.  Faculty Showcase  CFL, Main Hall
Faculty members from the Music Department are featured.

☐ 6:00–7:00 p.m.  Varsity Athletics Fall Kickoff Picnic  Regents Center Circle (outside)
All varsity athletes are invited to attend a picnic to meet other athletes and coaches. Your coaches will grill hamburgers and brats; the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) will host the event. Your ID will be swiped for one meal. Come show your Norse spirit! (Rain location: Regents Center, North Gym)

☐ 9:00 p.m.  Sunday night worship—Focus  CFL, Main Hall

Friday, September 11

☐ 7:30 p.m.  SAC Spotlight presents Dred I Dread  Dahl Centennial Union, Marty’s
Dred I Dread is a Minneapolis, Minn. based Reggae Band. The Band features talented musicians that come from Jamaica, New Orleans, Minnesota, and Turkey. Free with CAF, or $10 without.
Saturday, September 12

☐ 11:30 a.m. Cross Country All-American Invitational north of the Regents Center
☐ 1:00 p.m. Football vs. St. Olaf College Carlson Stadium

Tuesday, September 15—Secondary Education Information

☐ 9:45 a.m. Secondary education Koren 217
Anyone interested in teaching history, science, mathematics, or English to middle or high school students should attend.

*Please note: this session is not for students who plan to major in elementary education and get a middle school endorsement.*

Orientation Questions?
Call Student Life (563) 387-1020 or email students@luther.edu

Appendix I—General Information

Bike registration
Register your bike to help with recovery in case of theft. You can register online at [www.luther.edu/sustainability/transportation/bikeregistration](http://www.luther.edu/sustainability/transportation/bikeregistration). Bicycle registration is required for all bikes placed in winter storage at Luther. Keep your bicycle locked!

Car registration
If you brought a car to campus, you need to register your vehicle and pick up a parking permit at the Welcome Center in Dahl Centennial Union. Failure to do so will result in your vehicle receiving a ticket(s).

Health information
Registration is not considered complete until students have on file at the Health Service a record of a physical examination and up-to-date immunizations, along with a signed legal consent form. The physical exam must be done within one year prior to college entrance. Meningococcal vaccination is strongly recommended for college students living in residence halls, particularly first-year students. Vaccinations are available through the Luther College Health Service, call (563) 387-1045.
ID photo
If you have not yet had your ID photo taken, please go to the Dining Services Office in the lower level of Dahl Centennial Union.

Technology Help Desk computer consultation
Technology Help Desk personnel will be available at the following times in the lobbies and service center areas of Brandt, Ylvisaker, and Olson halls to provide individual consultation on Internet connections in the residence halls: Saturday, August 29, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., and Sunday, August 30, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. All assistance after Sunday, August 30, will be provided by appointment. Contact the Help Desk at (563) 387-1000. Visit www.luther.edu/helpdesk/resnet for more information and self-help guides.

Pioneer photo book
Please stop by the Student Activities Office, main level Dahl Centennial Union, for upcoming portrait dates.

Appendix II—Music Information

Applied voice lesson auditions/interviews
All new students taking voice lessons must sign up at Jenson-Noble Hall of Music 123. Sign up for an audition/interview time as soon as possible after arrival on campus; appointments will be on Tuesday, September 1, 9:45–10:45 a.m. All new voice students at Luther must have a brief voice audition/interview—it is required, whether or not you have a voice scholarship. The purpose of this audition/interview is to place you in a studio and to give you guidance in your vocal study. You should have a prepared selection for the audition. An accompanist will be provided; bring a copy of your selection to the audition.

Choir auditions—general information
You may prepare a solo piece of your own for your audition. If you do not have a solo piece, you may sing, “My Country Tis of Thee” or “Amazing Grace”. All transfer students will be given a choir recall audition, which are scheduled throughout the first week of classes. You will receive additional instructions from a music faculty member.

Choir auditions schedule
Sign up for an audition time at Jenson-Noble Hall of Music 179. Auditions will take place on Sunday, August 30, 7:00–8:00 p.m. in Jenson-Noble Hall of Music 179.

Instrument checkout
Students needing to use a Luther College instrument should contact the studio teacher if they need an instrument.
Varsity Band information

Varsity Band students do not need to audition, but must check in with the music faculty member in their studio on Sunday, August 30, between 4 and 4:30 p.m.

Concert Band and Wind and Percussion Ensemble auditions

Stop by the studio listed below for specific instructions and to sign up for your audition.

**Sunday, August 30, 4–4:30 p.m.**

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<td>Clarinets, Saxophones</td>
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<td>Trumpets</td>
<td>Jenson-Noble Hall of Music 167</td>
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*Please note: Some students may be requested to participate in a band audition on Tuesday, September 1. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the studio 168 door.*

String players mandatory informational meeting

Meet in Jenson-Noble Hall of Music Orchestra Room on Monday, August 31, at 4 p.m. for a brief Q & A session with members of the Luther College string faculty. Topics will include orchestra placement auditions, orchestra rehearsal schedules, private lessons, registering for lessons, studio seminars, chamber music, instrument lockers, practice room policies, and music scholarships. Attendance is required for all first-year and transfer string players.

Orchestra placement auditions

Sign up for an audition time at Jenson-Noble Hall of Music 213. Auditions will take place in the Orchestra Room in Jenson-Noble Hall of Music.

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<td>flutes, oboes, clarinets, bassoons, French horns (Symphony Orchestra and/or Chamber Orchestra)</td>
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<td>Wednesday, September 2</td>
<td>2:45–7:00 p.m.</td>
<td>violins, violas, cellos, string basses (Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra or Philharmonia)</td>
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Wednesday, September 2  8:30–10:30 p.m.  trumpets, trombones, tubas, percussionists  
(Symphony Orchestra and/or Chamber Orchestra)
Thursday, September 3  2:45–7:30 p.m.  violins, violas, cellos, string basses  
(Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra or Philharmonia)

**Jazz Orchestra and Jazz Band auditions**
Sign up for an audition time at Jenson-Noble Hall of Music 163. Auditions will take place in the locations listed below.

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<td>bass and drums</td>
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<td>3:15–5:00 p.m.</td>
<td>trumpets</td>
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<td>5:15–7:00 p.m.</td>
<td>trombones</td>
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<td>Monday, September 3</td>
<td>10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.</td>
<td>saxophones</td>
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<td>5:30–6:30 p.m.</td>
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**Music theory testing, ear training, and piano placement information**
Students enrolling in MUS 121 or MUS 131 should have taken an online music theory placement exam prior to registration. Test scores determine the appropriate theory section for each student. If you have not yet taken the exam, please do so prior to any further class registration by logging in at [http://road.luther.edu](http://road.luther.edu). Questions about theory placement should be directed to Brooke Joyce, brooke.joyce@luther.edu, (563) 387-1386.

Students interested in piano should have taken an online piano placement exam prior to registration. If you haven’t taken the exam please do so by logging in at [http://road.luther.edu](http://road.luther.edu). Questions about piano placement or about the piano program in general should be directed to Du Huang, huandu01@luther.edu, (563) 387-1056.

**Student accompanist auditions**
Students interested in serving as accompanists with the music department are encouraged to sign up at Jenson-Noble Hall of Music 157 for an audition time. Audition information is posted outside Room 157, where the auditions will take place.

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An Insider’s Guide to Key Terms, Acronyms, and Abbreviations

**The Caf**—Luther’s dining hall

**CAF**—Cocurricular Activities Fee

**CAL**—*Christmas at Luther*

**Chips**—Luther’s student-run newspaper

**CFA**—Center for the Arts

**CFL**—Center for Faith and Life

**CRH**—Center Recital Hall (in CFL)

**FREYA**—Norse Goddess of love, beauty, gold, and war (Women’s Ultimate Frisbee)

**KATIE**—Luther’s web-based Learning Management System (LMS)

**KWLC-AM**—Luther’s student-run radio station

**LIS**—Library and Information Services

**LUFDA**—Luther Ultimate Flying Disc Association (Men’s Ultimate Frisbee)

**NordiCash**—money that can be used at a variety of places on campus with your student ID card

**NorseKey**—your student username and password

**NRH**—Noble Recital Hall (in Jenson–Noble)

**PAC**—Performing Arts Committee

**Paideia**—the ancient Greek word for education; Luther’s core academic program

**RA**—Resident Assistant

**SAC**—Student Activities Council

**SASC**—Student Academic Support Center

**SOS**—Student Organization Suite

**SPO**—Student Post Office

**SRC**—Sports and Recreation Center (in Regents Center)

**SSS**—Student Support Services