NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION 2017
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 \( \checkmark \). 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 \( \square \) to assist in planning your personal schedule.

*Latin in seal: The word of God abideth forever.*
Sunday, August 27

☐ 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. Cafeteria open Dahl Centennial Union lower level
☑ 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Move in to residence hall Dahl Centennial Union, main lobby
☐ 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Technology Help Desk new student assistance See Appendix I for details
☐ 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Book Shop open Dahl Centennial Union main lobby
   The Book Shop offers more than just textbooks. Stop in to see the selection of fair trade items, Luther apparel, art work, personal items, tasty treats, and school supplies.
☑ 2:30–3:30 p.m. Norse Course meet in front of Dahl Centennial Union
   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 See Appendix II for details
☐ 4:00–4:30 p.m. Varsity Band check-in See Appendix II for details
☐ 4:00–5:00 p.m. Choir auditions See Appendix II for details
☑ 5:00 p.m. Transfer student dinner Bentdahl Commons
   A fun, informal get-together over pizza to meet other new transfer students and learn more about life at Luther.
☐ 8:00–8:55 p.m. ComedySportz CFL, Main Hall
   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 Bentdahl Commons
   Join the Luther Student Congregation for Focus, our Sunday night student-led worship! Every Sunday night we gather for music, drama, prayer, with a variety of speakers sharing the Good News. (rain location: CFL, Recital Hall)

Monday, August 28

☐ 7:00 a.m.–7:30 p.m. Cafeteria open Dahl Centennial Union lower level
☐ 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. College offices open
Choose the department advising session that most closely reflects the major you may wish to pursue. If you are still exploring possible majors, attend the “still deciding” 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
- Data Science ......................................................................................................... Franklin W. Olin Building 113
- 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, 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
- Neuroscience ........................................................................................................ Valders Hall of Science 345
- 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
• Still Deciding .................................................................................................................. Center for Faith and Life Recital Hall
• Visual and Performing Arts (Art, Dance, Theatre) .................................................. Center for the Arts 119
• Women and Gender Studies .................................................................................. Koren 117

✓ 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Lunch with the President Dahl Centennial Union, Nobel Room
President Carlson invites you to an informal lunch with other new transfer students, followed by an information session with representatives from various college offices. Your ID will be swiped for one meal.

✓ 1:00–4:00 p.m. The Luther Way See below
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 C, followed by B.

Rotation A: Community of Care: Sexual Violence, Mental Health and Diversity 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

☐ 4:00 p.m. Jazz Orchestra and Jazz Band auditions begin See Appendix II for details
☐ 4:30-5:00 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.

☐ 4:30–6:30 p.m. Student accompanist auditions 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, the climbing wall, and the center’s policies.

☐ 5:30 p.m. Ultimate Frisbee Farwell Clearing
Meet members of LUFDA and POUND (men’s teams) and FREYA (women’s team) as they introduce you to this popular Luther pastime.
7:30–9:00 p.m. **“Building More Inclusive Communities”—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 SAC Leadership Committee and Student Senate.

9–11:00 p.m. **Welcome to Luther Dance**
Dahl Centennial Union lower level, Marty’s
Free admission. Sponsored by SAC.

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**Tuesday, August 29**

9:45–10:45 a.m. **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.

10:00 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.

10:00 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.

11:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m. **SAC Activities and Student Organizations Fair**
Bell Green
Meet representatives from SAC and enjoy a free root beer float! Check out the texting-while-driving simulator available outside the Dahl Centennial Union. Sponsored by SAC Executive Board and Dining Services. (rain location: Dahl Centennial Union main lobby)

1:30 p.m. **Financial information session**
CFL, Recital 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  
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, August 30

8:00 a.m.  Classes begin

10:30–10:50 a.m.  Weekday chapel (MWF)  
CFL, Main Hall
Join us as we gather in community to begin the semester with a blessing of the blankets made in Tuesday’s first-year service project. 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 share their gifts as chapel speakers, musicians, and artists.

Thursday, August 31

9:30 a.m.  New-student procession  
Farwell Clearing
All first-year and new transfer students are asked to gather on the lawn in front of Preus Library 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. Meline Toumani, author of the acclaimed book There Was and There Was Not, will be this year’s convocation speaker. Please note that this is also the first Paideia lecture of the year.
Friday, September 1

☐ 10:30–10:50 a.m. Weekday Chapel 
CFL, Main Hall

☐ 6:00–7:30 p.m. Dead Horses 
Bentdahl Commons
A Milwaukee-based folk band, that has cultivated a soulful roots sensibility informed as much by early-American prose as by modern Americana music. Free with Cocurricular Activities Fee (CAF) or $8 without. For tickets, present your ID to the Center for Faith and Life Ticket Office. Sponsored by SAC Entertainment Committee. (rain location: Marty’s, Dahl Centennial Union lower level)

Saturday, September 2

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 luther.edu/sports/schedule.

☐ 2:00–5:00 p.m. Destination Decorah 
Meet in front of Dahl Centennial Union
Décorah, population 8,000, is a warm and vibrant town that offers a charming downtown filled with restaurants, shops, ice cream parlors and boutiques. As part of a close-knit community, these shop owners welcome you to stop in and say hello—maybe even get a free sample or two to see what services and opportunities they provide.

☐ 7:30–8:45 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 CAF or $10 without. For tickets, present your ID to the Center for Faith and Life Ticket Office. Sponsored by the SAC Entertainment Committee.

☐ 8:45 p.m.* SAC Cinema outdoor film: Wonder Woman 
Bentdahl Commons
What is better than a free movie and popcorn? A free movie and popcorn outside! Come join SAC Cinema at Bentdahl Commons. Grab a blanket and some friends and join us! (rain location: Valders Hall of Science 206)
* Immediately following Dr. Jim Wand
Sunday, September 3

☐ 9:45 a.m.  Walk to Church worship  Gather at Martin Luther statue near Larsen and Olson Halls
Walk to Church marks the first Sunday that all students have returned to campus. President Paula Carlson and Rev. Dr. Thomas Schattauer will lead a procession into worship from the Martin Luther statue near Olson Hall. Meet at your residence hall’s service center at 9:40 a.m. to walk to the Martin Luther Statue and join the procession to the CFL.

☐ 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.

☐ 4:00 p.m.  Faculty Showcase  CFL, Main Hall
Faculty members from the Music Department are featured.

☐ 8:00 p.m.  Sunday night worship—Focus  Bentdahl Commons
(rain location: Center for Faith and Life, Main Hall)

Friday, September 8

☐ 6:00–7:30 p.m.  Leftmore  Bentdahl Commons
Leftmore is an independent, touring solo acoustic rock act from Colorado. One part story-teller, one part emotive melody, and at least one part human. Free with CAF or $8 without. For tickets, present your ID to the Center for Faith and Life Ticket Office. Sponsored by SAC Entertainment Committee (rain location: Marty’s, Dahl Centennial Union lower level)

Tuesday, September 12

☐ 9:45 a.m.  Secondary education  Koren 216
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.
Appendix I—General Information

Bike registration
Bicycle registration is free and can be completed at the Welcome Center, Dahl Centennial Union first floor. Registration can assist with recovery in case of theft, and is required for all bikes placed in winter storage at Luther. Keep your bicycle locked.

Vehicle registration
If you brought a vehicle to campus, you need to register it and pick up a parking permit at the Welcome Center in Dahl Centennial Union. Failure to do so will result in your vehicle being ticketed.

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. The meningococcal vaccination is a required immunization. Vaccinations are available through the Luther College Health Service, call (563) 387-1045.

ID photo
If you have not had your ID photo taken, please go to the Dining Services Office in the lower level of Dahl Centennial Union, room 8.

Technology Help Desk assistance
Get assistance with technical issues common among new students, including connecting to the wireless and wired networks, setting up 2-Step Verification, installing an anti-virus, and using Luther’s printers. Technology Help Desk personnel will be available in the lobbies and service center areas of Brandt, Ylvisaker, and Olson Halls on Saturday, August 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sunday, August 27, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Assistance is also available during these hours in Preus Library and by phone (563-387-1000). Assistance is first come, first served and is also available to returning students. Visit luther.edu/helpdesk/newstudent for more information and self-help guides.
Appendix II—Music Information

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, August 29, 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
Transfer students should sign-up for an audition time at Jenson-Noble Hall of Music Studio 158. Auditions will be heard Sunday, August 27, 4–5 p.m. Please bring a solo piece for your audition. If you do not have a solo piece, you may sing “My Country ’Tis of Thee” or “Amazing Grace.” Following that initial audition, transfer students will be invited by one of the choral faculty to participate in a recall audition for one of the choirs which are scheduled for Monday, August 28 and Tuesday, August 29.

Instrument checkout
Students needing to use a Luther College instrument should contact the music faculty member in their studio.

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 27, 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 27, 4–4:30 p.m.**
- Clarinets, Saxophones: Jenson-Noble Hall of Music 192
- Flutes: Jenson-Noble Hall of Music 170
- French Horns: Jenson-Noble Hall of Music 185
- Oboes, Bassoons: Jenson-Noble Hall of Music 169
Please note: some students may be requested to participate in a band audition on Tuesday, August 29. 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 28, at 4:30 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.

- **Tuesday, August 29**
  - 4:00–6:00 p.m. flutes, oboes, clarinets, bassoons, French horns (Symphony Orchestra and/or Chamber Orchestra)
  - (Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, or Philharmonia)
- **Wednesday, August 30**
  - 2:45–7:00 p.m. violins, violas, cellos, string basses (Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, or Philharmonia)
  - trumpets, trombones, tubas, percussionists (Symphony Orchestra and/or Chamber Orchestra)
- **Wednesday, August 30**
  - 8:30–10:30 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.

- **Monday, August 28**
  - 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. bass and drums
  - 4:00–5:45 p.m. trumpets
  - 5:45–7:30 p.m. trombones
- **Tuesday, August 29**
  - 10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. saxophones
  - 3:30–4:30 p.m. saxophones
  - 4:30–5:30 p.m. piano and guitar
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. 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. 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.

- Monday, August 28 4:30–6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 29 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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)
ITS—Information Technology Services
KATIE—Luther’s web-based Learning Management System (LMS)
KWLC-AM—Luther’s student-run radio station
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
POUND—Luther Ultimate Flying Disc Association (Men’s Ultimate Frisbee)
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)
TRIO—federally funded program that helps first-generation and income-eligible students make the most of their college experience and reach their potential