

2025 NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



GOLD TEAM

Respect. Integrity. Innovation. Openness. Justice. Responsibility.

21 August 2025 Thursday

- 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM** **Welcome Home: Move-In & Learning Community Welcome**  
*Your Residence Hall*  
The time has come to move into your Residence Hall! Unpack and grab some lunch at one of our dining halls. Have questions? Stop by one of the information tents on each campus!
- 3:00 PM** **Orientation Student Welcome**  
*PFG Athletic Complex, Patrick Gymnasium*  
Welcome to the University of Vermont! Join Vice Provost for Student Affairs, Erica Caloiero, as we welcome you! Our Orientation Leaders (OLs) will greet you and introduce this year's Orientation teams.
- 3:30 PM** **First Orientation Group Meeting**  
*PFG Athletic Complex, Patrick Gymnasium*  
Divide into Orientation Groups to begin meeting your OLs and fellow Catamounts!
- 5:30 PM** **Orientation Group Dinner**  
*Dining Halls (see your OL for location)*
- 6:30 PM** **Resident Advisor Circles**  
*Your Residence Hall*  
Gather into your circles to get to know your Resident Advisor (RA) and fellow floormates.
- 7:00 PM** **Commuter Student Panel**  
*Davis Center, Sugar Maple Ballroom*  
OLs will share helpful tips on being a successful commuter student at UVM.
- 8:00 PM** **Playfair!**  
*PFG Athletic Complex, Patrick Gymnasium*  
Get ready to laugh, connect, and make new friends! Playfair is a high-energy, interactive event that helps you meet fellow Catamounts in a fun and welcoming environment. It's the perfect kickoff to your UVM journey!  
**Playfair-Lite**  
*PFG Athletic Complex, The MAC*  
Low key opportunity to make new campus friendships, play games, and laugh together!

Thursday Night at the Davis Center

- Bingo (9:00-10:00 PM)**  
*Davis Center, Mansfield Dining (2nd floor)*  
Feeling lucky? Join us for Bingo and a chance to win epic prizes - Squishmallows and hammocks to LEGO sets, Beats Buds, and more!
- Trivia (9:00-10:00 PM)**  
*Davis Center, Brennan's (1st floor)*  
Put your knowledge to the test! Prizes for top places!
- Karaoke (9:00-10:00 PM)**  
*Davis Center, Grand Maple Ballroom (4th floor)*  
Warm up your vocal cords and get ready to sing the night away! If you have never tried karaoke before you will not regret it! Gather your courage and take the stage!
- Transfer Connections: Play, Connect, Belong (9-10PM)**  
*Davis Center, Marketplace (2nd floor)*  
Calling all Transfer Students! Come play all different types of games and get to know each other better as you begin your time at UVM!

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- 7:30 - 9:00 AM** **Orientation Group Breakfast**  
*Dining Halls (see your OL for location)*
- 9:00 AM** **Academic Advising: Tips, Tricks, & Resources**  
*Ira Allen Chapel*  
Professional Advisors and current students will share strategies to help you make the best use of your advising resources.
- 9:00 AM** **Patrick Leahy Honors College Welcome** (PLHC Students Only)  
*Southwick Building, Recital Hall*  
Meet with faculty and staff to learn about the core elements of being a Patrick Leahy Honors College student. After the meeting, students will gather in groups with their Peer Mentors, as well as members of the Student Empowerment Action Committee and Student Office staff. Student leaders will join these groups, offering a chance to meet, ask questions, and get to know one another.
- 9:00 AM** **Liberal Arts Scholars Program Kick-Off** (LASP Students Only)  
*Williams Hall 301*  
During this session, LASP students will get an overview of the program and upcoming events, meet program directors, and connect with current students who have recently completed the program. Afterwards, we'll break into groups based on LASP themes to provide specific information and begin getting to know each other.
- 9:00 AM** **Transfer Connections: Your New Community at UVM** (Transfer Students Only)  
*Davis Center, Livak Ballroom*  
Join the Transfer Student Welcome Session to connect with fellow students, explore UVM resources, and get ready for your new journey. Meet key contacts and resources for transfer students to start building your UVM community!
- 10:00 AM** **Learning Community Summer Reading Book Discussion & Welcome**  
*Various Classrooms (see your UVM email)*  
Join a small group of students from your Learning Community for a required welcome and Summer Reading discussion session with a UVM faculty or staff member.



**Davis Center, Jost Room (4th Floor)**  
The Zen Den offers a calming environment for students who may feel overwhelmed or overstimulated throughout the day.  
Thursday, 8/21 - Saturday, 8/23:  
9:00 AM - 10:00 PM

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- 11:00 AM

Student Financial Services:  
We're Here to Help You!

Davis Center, Mansfield (Groups 76-83)  
Marsh Life Science, Benedict Aud. (Groups 84-90)

Join us for an interactive session to discover how our Student Financial Services team supports you throughout your college experience. Learn about the services we offer, understand how we collaborate with you and your family members/supporters, and discover the importance of checking and reviewing our emails to stay informed. Get to know our friendly team and the resources available to you. Your success matters to us!
- 11:45 AM

Your Academic Success at UVM

Davis Center, Grand Maple Ballroom

UVM has many services and supports to help you succeed academically. This session introduces Student Accessibility Services, the Tutoring Center, the Undergraduate Writing Center and our First-Generation Program. We will highlight the variety of ways students use our services and explain how to get started.
- 12:45 PM

Orientation Group Lunch

Davis Center, Burack Family Fireplace Lounge (1st floor – enter by bike shelter)
- 1:30 PM

Healthy Dialogue at UVM:  
Connecting Across Differences

Given Building, Carpenter Aud. (Groups 76-83)  
Innovation Hall, 102 (Groups 84-90)

How do we respect each other and find community, even when we differ? UVM includes students, staff, faculty, and alumni of various identities, beliefs, lived experiences, and values. You will encounter countless people who share your beliefs, as well as people who hold different beliefs and perspectives from your own. Join us as we put into practice healthy dialogue to better understand your peers, express your opinions, and communicate across differences in a respectful space.
- 2:15 PM

Orientation Group Meeting

Various Locations (see your OL for location)
- 3:15 PM

College & Schools Welcome

College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

Meet at Davis Center Oval to take a bus to the Paul Miller Research Complex

College of Arts & Sciences

Davis Center or Ira Allen Chapel (check UVM email for exact location)

College of Arts & Sciences (Transfer Students)

Davis Center, Sugar Maple Ballroom

College of Education & Social Services

Davis Center, Mansfield Dining

College of Engineering & Mathematical Sciences

Innovation Hall (entrance by Royall Tyler Theatre)

College of Nursing & Health Sciences

Given Medical Building, Carpenter Auditorium

Grossman School of Business

Kalkin Hall, Atrium

Rubenstein School of Environment & Natural Resources

Aiken Center, Upper Front Entrance
- 5:00-7:00 PM

Intercultural Centers Open Houses

Interfaith Center  
400 South Prospect Street  
Mosaic Intercultural Center  
Living/Learning Center, E-140  
Prism Intercultural Center  
Living/Learning Center, C-180  
WAGE Center  
34 S Williams Street

Stop by any Intercultural Center to meet staff, find community, and explore the spaces that celebrate and support who you are.

- 6:15 PM

Orientation Group Dinner

Dining Halls (see your OL for location)

Catamount Kickoff

7:00 – 10:00 PM

Catamount Kickoff

Andrew Harris Commons & Davis Center Green

Celebrate the start of your UVM journey with an epic night hosted by the UVM Programming Board (UPB)! Enjoy free Ben & Jerry's, live music, fire pits with s'mores, food trucks, lawn games, giant inflatables, student art, crafts, and more. Grab a snow cone or glowstick, check out the photo booth, relax on the hammocks, get a temporary tattoo, and make friendship bracelets. It's the ultimate way to connect, unwind, and kick off life as a Catamount!

LC Chill Zones (7:00 – 10:00 PM)

Your Residence Hall

Need a minute? Head to your residence hall to meet others for some low-key programming.

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August 2025  
Saturday

- 7:30-9:00 AM

Orientation Group Breakfast

Dining Halls (see your OL for location)
- 9:00 AM

Career Center Interest Group Mingler

Davis Center (see survey results for location)

Connect with Career Center Coaches, Peer Leaders, and fellow students. Lay a solid career foundation by logging into Handshake and following a Career Collection aligned with your career interests. Mingle with others who share your passions. No experience necessary - just an open mind!
- 9:45 AM

Being Well at UVM

Ira Allen Chapel

Join staff from the Center for Health and Wellbeing to discover all the resources to support your physical and mental wellbeing at UVM. Learn how to access the services provided by the health fee, including the Student Health medical clinic and Counseling and Psychiatry Services (CAPS). Come find out how you can take care of yourself and look out for each other as Catamounts.
- 10:45 AM

Campus Resources Fair

Andrew Harris Commons

Explore the Campus Resource Fair to connect with on campus services, support networks, and off-campus partners. Meet representatives to learn how each can support you here at UVM!
- 11:45 PM

Orientation Group Lunch

Davis Center, Burack Family Fireplace Lounge (1st floor – enter by bike shelter)
- 12:30 PM

Student Involvement Panel

Billings Ira Allen Lecture Hall

Not sure how to get started at UVM? These student leaders were once in your shoes. Come listen to their stories, pick up some tips, and feel confident about diving into everything UVM has to offer.
- 1:30 PM

New Student Involvement Fair

Andrew Harris Commons

Get a sneak peek at some of the clubs and organizations you can join at UVM! Meet student leaders, explore your interests, and find your vibe. This is just a sample of the 240+ clubs to get involved in and make UVM your own.

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- 2:30 PM

**Zero Shades Freed: Good Relationships Are Better Than Bad**  
*Davis Center, Grand Maple Ballroom*  
Get ready for an engaging, interactive experience that's anything but a lecture. It's all about you, your voice, and your power to create change. Through real talk, laughter, powerful moments, and maybe even a few surprises, you'll explore how to build healthy relationships and shift the conversation around sex and consent. Oh, and did we mention you have a chance to win prizes just for showing up and participating? Don't miss it!
- 3:45 PM

**UVM Tech: The Basics, Getting Help, and Staying Secure**  
*Davis Center, Grand Maple Ballroom*  
Join the UVM Tech Team and Information Security Office as they provide an overview of technology at UVM. Review critical software platforms such as Brightspace, Duo Mobile, and Microsoft 365 apps. Explore the resources available to you if you experience technical issues. Learn techniques for keeping your account and personal information secure.
- 4:15 PM

**Safety First: Navigating Campus and Community with Confidence**  
*Davis Center, Grand Maple Ballroom*  
Join staff from the Division of Safety & Compliance for an overview of how UVM prioritizes campus safety and empowers students with the tools, training, and resources to navigate Burlington and beyond. Learn about key safety initiatives, including de-escalation strategies, active threat response, and the CATSafe app. Discover how you can stay alert, report concerns, and help foster a safe, supportive community.
- 5:00 PM

**Orientation Group Meeting**  
*Various Locations (see your OL for location)*
- 6:15 PM

**Orientation Group Dinner**  
*Dining Halls (see your OL for location)*

## Saturday Night RecFest

- 7:00 - 8:15 PM: RecFest '25 presented by Dunkin'

*PFG Athletic Complex*  
Get ready to take over the entire Athletic and Rec Complex at one of UVM's biggest welcome events! RecFest is your chance to explore everything Campus Rec has to offer. From high-energy fitness classes like glow-in-the-dark drumming to adaptive sports like sitting volleyball and goalball, there's so much to try. Climb the bouldering wall, race remote control boats in the pool, and play broomball on the ice in Gutterson Arena. Grab snacks, check out giveaways, snap a photo in a retro VW photo bus, meet new people, and discover fun ways to stay active and connected on campus. Presented by Dunkin', RecFest is your ultimate kickoff to life at UVM.
- 7:00 - 8:15 PM: Bubble Soccer

*Virtue Field*  
Have a ball with Bubble Soccer! The objective: score against your opponent's net. The challenge: you'll be in a bubble!
- 7:00 - 10:00 PM: LC Chill Zones

*Your Residence Hall*  
Need a minute? Head to your residence hall to meet others for some low-key programming.
- 8:15 PM

**Orientation Gameshow!**  
*PFG Athletic Complex, Patrick Gymnasium*  
Go head-to-head with other Orientation teams in a fast-paced campus trivia showdown. We'll also crown the winning team with epic prizes like a Nintendo Switch Lite, AirPods Pro, Smart TV, Beats Studio Buds, LEGO sets, a Polaroid camera, a Kindle, and so much more. Bring the energy because this is your chance to win big!

# 24 August 2025 Sunday

- 8:00 AM-

**Orientation Brunch**
- 3:30 PM

*Dining Halls (see your OL for location)*
- 12:00 PM

**Catamount All-In Pep Rally**  
*Virtue Field*  
Join Athletics for the Catamount All-In Pep Rally presented by TD Bank ahead of the Men's Soccer match between UVM and Boston University! The first 1,000 students will receive a FREE UVM T-Shirt courtesy of TD Bank, there will be FREE food, lawn games, and lots of giveaways.
- 1:00 PM

**Men's Soccer Game: Catamounts vs. Boston University**  
*Virtue Field*  
Watch the reigning NCAA National Champion Catamounts take on the Boston Terriers in their second game of the season!
- 3:15 PM

**Final Orientation Group Meeting**  
*Various Locations (see your OL for location)*  
Check in with your group and pick up your FREE convocation shirt! You must be present to receive your shirt.
- 5:00 PM

**Orientation Group Dinner**  
*Dining Halls (see your OL for location)*
- 6:30 PM

**Convocation & Twilight Induction**  
*Andrew Harris Commons*  
Join UVM President, Dr. Marlene Tromp, at this annual celebration to mark the start of the academic year and your induction into our community. Students will start arriving around 6:00PM to join a longstanding candlelight tradition, where you and your fellow new students commit to uphold our community values.

## Keep the Momentum Rolling with UVM's Week of Welcome!



August 25th - September 1st

For the full WOW schedule, visit [uvmbores.com/wow](https://uvmbores.com/wow) and follow UPB on Instagram (@uvm\_upb) for updates