

REGISTER FOR JUMP START

2026-2027 ORIENTATION PROGRAM

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Welcome to **JUMP START**, our summer orientation program focused on ensuring a smooth transition to Concordia University Chicago (CUC). Whether you are a new freshman or a transfer student, this program will help you understand your role and responsibilities as a CUC student while making new friends along the way.

For all new CUC students, attending a Jump Start Orientation session is a crucial step to ensure a strong beginning. Multiple sessions are available starting in early June, offering flexibility to accommodate your schedule. For the best fall course selection, consider registering for an early June session.

As a prerequisite to residential check-in on Wednesday, August 19, all students are required to attend one Jump Start session. We extend a warm welcome to parents and families who wish to attend with you.

During this one-day orientation, you will discover:

- Supportive campus staff available to assist you.
- Valuable insights into academic policies and procedures.
- Various resources, offices and programs that enhance your CUC experience.
- A taste of our campus dining experience at Crossroads.

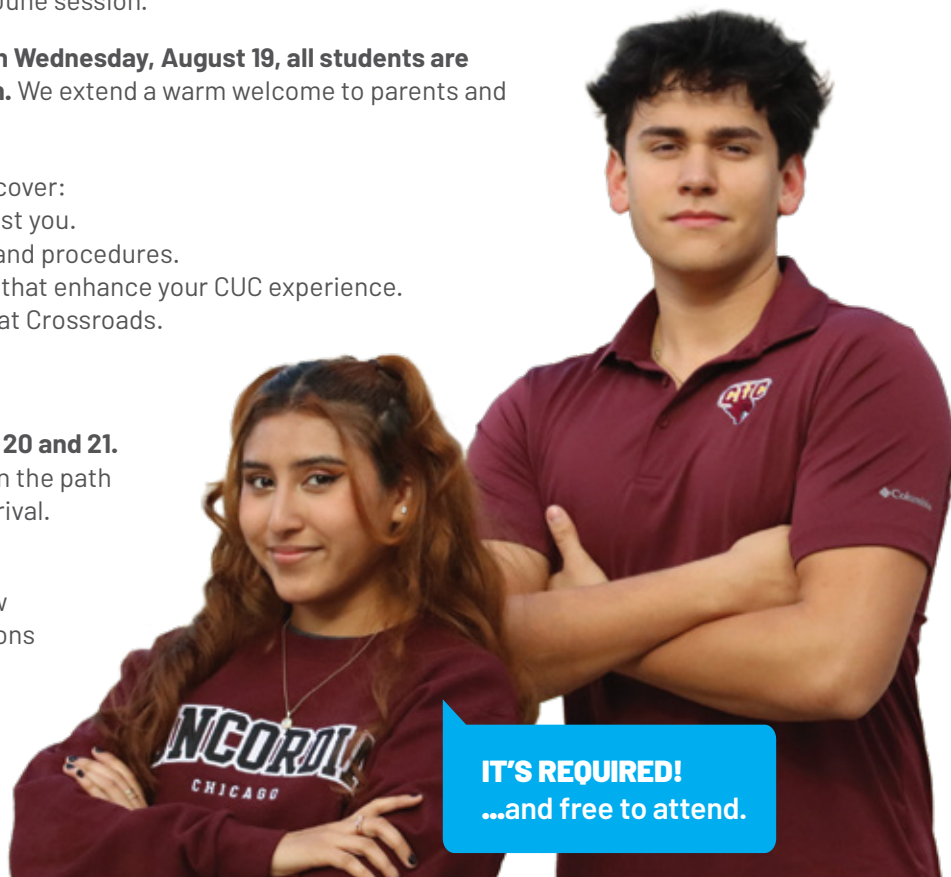
WELCOME WEEKEND

In addition to Jump Start, all new students must attend Welcome Weekend on August 20 and 21.

This fun and interactive program sets you on the path to success at CUC while celebrating your arrival.

QUESTIONS ABOUT JUMP START?

Login to connect.CUChicago.edu, then view the Admit-Jump Start tab. For other questions about admission or financial aid, contact the Office of Undergraduate Admission at 708-209-3100.



IT'S REQUIRED!
...and free to attend.

JUMP START ORIENTATION SESSIONS (Select one)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, June 3

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, June 17

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, July 1

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, June 15

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, August 5

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, August 11



WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING:

- An open mind and a positive attitude!
- A valid photo ID (necessary for obtaining your CUC student ID)
- Comfortable, casual clothing
- Any questions about becoming a CUC student

We can't wait to welcome you to our CUC community, and we are here to assist you every step of the way.

HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR JUMP START EXPERIENCE:

- **SPIRITUAL LIFE**
Hear about the role faith plays and why it matters at CUC
- **ACADEMIC RESOURCES**
Overview of Academic Advising
- **TECHNOLOGY**
Learn about CougarNet (University help desk), Concordia Connect (student web portal) and Blackboard (academic platform)
- **CONCORDIA FAIR**
Network with numerous campus departments such as Residence Life, Career Services, Athletics, CULearn, Library, Trailblazers and more from across the University
- **STUDENT SUPPORT**
Parents and families learn more about resources on campus to support their student
- **PLUS**, opportunities to meet with:
Academic or faculty advisors to discuss your Fall 2026 class schedule (freshmen only), Financial Aid and Student Business Services



SAVE THE DATE
Sign up Now!

POST-ORIENTATION ADVANTAGES:

- Access to your Fall class schedule
- Receiving your campus ID
- Receiving your CUC email address (for notifications and updates)
- Ability to find essential information in Concordia Connect
- Better understanding of the University
- Meeting new friends and classmates
- Confidence for starting Fall classes



PREPARE FOR SUCCESS



COMPLETE THIS CHECKLIST for Incoming Students

✓ REGISTER FOR JUMP START ORIENTATION

online at connect.CUChicago.edu. To log into the Concordia Connect portal (connect.CUChicago.edu), use the personal username and password provided in your acceptance packet. The registration link is found on the Admit-Jump Start tab of the Concordia Connect portal.

✓ REQUEST OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

Whether you are a first-year or transfer student, please make sure to request your official final transcript from your previous educational institution, if not already submitted, including transcripts from any college attended for Dual Credit. If applicable, provide any results from AP, IB or CLEP tests. These documents should be sent to Concordia University Chicago's **Office of Undergraduate Admission**, utilizing the CUC recipient code 1140.

✓ SUBMIT YOUR \$200 HOUSING DEPOSIT

Residential students, it's important to secure your housing for the upcoming academic year. To do so, please submit a \$200 housing deposit to the Office of Residence Life and Housing and complete a **Housing Application** at connect.CUChicago.edu.

✓ COMPLETE SKILL ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

ALEKS Math Placement Exam: This exam is mandatory for freshman students who require a math course. For transfer students, it becomes mandatory if we have not received passing AP scores or transfer credit information before Jump Start. Prep materials can be found on the Concordia Connect portal. While proctored exams can be taken either online or on campus, please note that the online option is only accessible until one week before Jump Start. Beyond that point, testing must be completed during orientation.

To take the ALEKS Math Placement proctored exam before Jump Start you must register online: Sign into the Concordia Connect portal. Go to the "ALEKS Math Placement" block on the Admit-Jump Start tab. Then select the "Register for the Proctored Exam" link.

English Directed Self-Placement Questionnaire (DSP):

New traditional undergraduate students must complete this to determine their first-year English composition course. Access it online through Concordia Connect.

To take the English DSP online: Sign into the Concordia Connect portal. Go to the "Take Directed English Self-Placement Questionnaire" block on the Admit-Jump Start tab.

✓ TASKS FOR NCAA STUDENT ATHLETES

Review eligibility requirements, complete NCAA registration and ATS paperwork by July 15 for fall sports, and by August 1 for all other sports. **Access the document at CUCougars.com/checklist**

✓ ATTEND THE JUMP START ORIENTATION PROGRAM

During orientation, you'll have the opportunity to meet with **Financial Aid** and **Student Business Services** to discuss your payment arrangements. Family is encouraged to join you.

✓ PREPARE YOUR FALL COURSE SCHEDULE

Freshman students: Your academic advisor, as part of the Jump Start program, will be reviewing this with you.

Transfer students: Before Jump Start, we recommend evaluating your transfer credits and collaborating closely with your academic advisor to create your fall schedule.

If you have any questions, need to change your schedule or want to make an appointment, please call the **Office of Undergraduate Academic Advising** at 708-209-3256.

✓ NAVIGATE TRANSPORTATION

Commuter students: Ensure a smooth campus arrival by acquainting yourself with campus and River Forest parking policies. If you take public transportation, be on time for your first class by checking online bus and train schedules.

✓ EXPLORE TEXTBOOK OPTIONS

Discover your Fall semester textbooks with ease through **Slingshot's Choice**, our streamlined program offering automatic delivery, simple billing and convenient returns. Visit CUChicago.slingshotedu.com to get started. Plus, find school and office supplies at the **Campus Store**, situated in KCC's lower level.

✓ SUBMIT IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

electronically within one month of your arrival on campus using Med+ Proctor. To get started, visit **Concordia Connect** and click on the "Submit Your Immunization Forms" link found in the **CUC Experience** tab.

✓ AUGUST SCHOOL YEAR PREP BEGINS

During this month, students will participate in their University check-in sessions, and residential students will transition into their new residence halls. It's the beginning of a new academic journey, so make sure you're ready for a successful start.

✓ ATTEND WELCOME WEEKEND!

Students are invited to attend Welcome Weekend, hosted by student leaders. Meet other new students and participate in activities to familiarize you with the CUC campus.

Note: Thursday and Friday's activities (August 20-21) are mandatory for all new students; Saturday (August 22) is strongly encouraged.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE FALL 2026 SEMESTER

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

(or assigned earlier check-in date)

Residential Students | Check in and move into residence halls
Commuter Students | Check in on campus and have fun

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

Cougar Welcome Event at the Pillars

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

(Aug. 20-21 is REQUIRED for new students)

Welcome Weekend for all new students. Schedules and information will be available at Jump Start.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

Classes begin

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Labor Day Holiday - no classes (University closed)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Homecoming Week

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Family Weekend

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Thanksgiving Holiday - no classes (University offices open Nov. 26)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

Final Exam Week

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

Winter Break begins and residence halls close

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CAMPUS SAFETY/SWITCHBOARD

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Phone | 708-771-8300
Email | crfsecurity@CUChicago.edu

CAMPUS STORE

Services | Apparel, Mailroom, Textbooks
Phone | 708-209-3173
Email | CUChicago@Slingshotedu.com

CULEARN

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