



Discoveries Schedule

First Year Students - September 6-11, 2010

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*Below is a sample schedule for Discoveries at DU. **Please note that this schedule is subject to change for 2010.** We have listed it here to give you a rough idea of what to expect from DU's orientation week. You will receive a complete schedule when you check in on Monday, September 6, 2010.*

To offer students an individualized orientation experience Discoveries (Orientation) groups are small and limited to 15-20 students. There are 80 different Discoveries groups and each group has an individual schedule. You will receive your individual Discoveries Group schedule when you arrive on-campus on Monday, September 6, 2010. A broad overview of the schedule is offered to help you and your family anticipate the activities during orientation week.

Monday, September 6, 2010

8:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.: Move In to the Residence Halls/Check-in for Orientation

Students will move-in to the residence halls according to their assigned check-in time. Those students with assignments to odd-numbered rooms may check-in starting at 8:00am and students with assignments to even-numbered rooms may check-in starting at 11:00am. If you arrive prior to your designated check-in time you will be asked to wait, so please make arrangements accordingly. Students can check their room assignment by logging on to myWeb.du.edu and visiting the Housing section.

Commuter students (those living off-campus) check-in at Driscoll Student Center North, on the lower level in the Commons between 10:00am and 4:00pm.

Parents and family members participating in Parent/Family Orientation should check-in at the tents near your student's residence hall (those living in Centennial Towers, please go to the tent near Centennial Halls). If you are parent/family of a commuter student (those living off-campus) please come to the Driscoll Student Center, Campus Commons, located on the lower level of the north side of the building to check-in for Parent/Family Orientation.

12:00 - 4:00 p.m.: Discoveries Orientation Resource Fair

Driscoll Ballroom, 2nd Floor of the Driscoll Student Center North

Join DU departments and local banks for the Discoveries Orientation Resource Fair. This is an opportunity for you and your student to chat with banks and with DU departments to learn more about the services that are offered and how they can assist your student's transition to DU and in their future academic and social endeavors.

DU departments who will be featured at the fair: Bursar's Office, Campus Safety, The Center for Academic and Career Development, The Center for Multicultural Excellence, Financial Aid, First Year Experience, Greek Life, Health & Counseling Center, Library, Parent Program, Rape Aggression Defense Program, Second Year Experience, Sexual Assault Response and Prevention, Student Employment and Study Abroad.

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Lunch

Gates Fieldhouse, Ritchie Center

Take a break and have lunch compliments of Discoveries. Stay and eat or pick lunch up and take it with you!

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.: African American Alumni Association A⁴

Gottesfield Room, Ritchie Center

New and current Black Scholars are invited to a reception in their honor. There will be a brief presentation. Please RSVP to Tracey Peters at tracey.peters@du.edu or 303-871-7659.

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.: Latino Student Reception

Leo Block Alumni Center

Students, their Family are welcome. They can come and meet current Latino students, staff, faculty and Alumni! Learn about resources and activities on campus. They will opportunities to sign up to be matched with a Latino Alumni Mentor and become a member of the Latino Student Alliance!

For more information, contact Johanna Leyba, Director, Center for Multicultural Excellence, johanna.leyba@du.edu. Sponsored by the DU Latino Alumni Association and CME!

1:00 – 5:30 p.m.: Lamont School of Music New Student Orientation

Hamilton Recital Hall, Newman Performing Arts Center

All music major students must attend this session. Families are welcome to attend.

2:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Living & Learning Community Orientation Receptions

See below for the time/location of your specific Living & Learning Community:

- 2:45pm - Social Justice - Sidelines Pub (Driscoll North)
- 2:45pm - Environmental - Olin Rotunda
- 2:45pm - Creativity & Entrepreneurship – Lindsay Aud. (Sturm)
- 2:45pm - PLP - Hamilton Recital Hall (Newman Center)
- 3:45pm - Wellness – Olin Room 205
- 3:45pm - International – Driscoll Underground (Driscoll North)

5:30 p.m. Honors Program Orientation

Lindsay Auditorium Sturm Hall, Room 281

Students who are a part of the Honors Program need to attend this Orientation. Families are welcome.

7:00 p.m. sharp! Meet your Orientation Group!

All Students - Report to Barton Lacrosse Field! (Outside the Ritchie Center)

Meet your Orientation Group! Students need to report to the practice fields west of the Ritchie Center to meet their orientation leader.

8:15 p.m. Pioneer Pep Rally

Magness Auditorium, Ritchie Center

Come celebrate what it means to be a Pioneer at the University of Denver!

9:15 p.m.: Residential Students meet in Residence Halls

Students living in the residence halls will have meetings on their assigned floors.

Tuesday, September 7, 2010

8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Pioneer Passage

Hamilton Gymnasium in the Ritchie Center

Pioneer Passage is a celebratory welcome for new students and families. Come hear from the Provost, selected faculty and the Undergraduate Student Government President. Dress is casual.

The Remainder of Tuesday:

New students will meet in their Discoveries groups and participate in the following activities during the day:

Discoveries Dialogues

sessions throughout the week designed to assist students in their transition to academic life at the University of Denver. During Dialogues you will participate in discussions with you peers, faculty advisors and Discoveries Orientation Leaders. You will also learn more about University Undergraduate Requirements, major and minor requirements, academic resources at DU and how to register for courses and design a plan of study.

Laptop Configuration

You will learn more about University of Denver technology and configure your laptop to access the DU Network and printers. Learn more about the laptop requirement and specifications at www.du.edu/laptops and in the section of your notebook.

Language Placement Exam

You will have the opportunity to take a placement exam if you would like to see if you could place in a higher level of a language course or test out of the requirement of one year of a second language.

4:30 p.m. All Campus Lectures

Locations across campus

Students, parents and family members are invited to engage in learning as you listen to selected members of University of Denver faculty share their advice, experiences and passion for teaching. The lectures are designed to offer new students an opportunity to experience the breadth of the liberal arts curriculum.

5:30p.m. or later: Dinner with Parents and Family or your Discoveries Orientation Leader

5:30 p.m. Center for Multicultural Excellence Open House

Center for Multicultural Excellence

Please join us at the Center for Multicultural Excellence 1981 S. University Blvd on the corner of (Asbury and University) from 5:30-7:00PM. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to meet members of the DU community and explore all the opportunities the Center for Multicultural Excellence offers for all students! Food will be provided!

5:30 p.m. Volunteers in Partnership (VIP) First Year Student Welcome Dinner

Nelson Private Dining Room

New students who are a part of the VIP program are invited to share a meal and get to know one another in a relaxed, informal setting.

6:00 p.m. Commuter Student Reception

Driscoll Underground, 1st floor Driscoll North

Commuter students are invited to join us for light snacks. Student Life staff and current students will be available to answer questions and share important resources as you manage life on and off campus through the art of commuting.

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Students will meet in Discoveries Groups for Dialogue Sessions.

Join the campus community and take advantage of the opportunity to hear from selected faculty who want to help you make the most of your time at DU. These lectures are designed to offer new students an opportunity to experience the breadth of the liberal arts curriculum.

10:30 a.m. Major Advising

Students will meet with college and departmental faculty to learn more about major and minor requirements.

4:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.: DU Tube

Locations across campus

DU Tube is current students talking to new students through pre-recorded web videos about what it means to be part of the DU community. Videos are followed by facilitated discussion about diversity, gender violence, stress management, and choices around alcohol and other substances. There are two sessions between 5:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. and you will be assigned one to attend. This session is required to receive your fall registration pin number..

8:00 p.m.– 11:00 p.m. Recreation at the Ritchie Center

Gates Fieldhouse & Joy Burns Ice Arena, Ritchie Center

Explore the amazing athletic venues available to students at the Ritchie Center! Bring a friend and go rock climbing, play volleyball in the Gates Fieldhouse, join a pick-up game of basketball in Magness Arena, challenge someone to a racquetball match, skate around Joy Burns Ice Arena, or work out in the Coors Fitness Center. Don't forget to **bring your student ID** to have access to these free activities!

Thursday, September 9, 2010

All Day: Destinations or Registration

Half of the Discoveries Groups will participate in Destinations, an off-campus adventure you will take with your Discoveries Group, Faculty Mentor and Orientation Leader.

The other half of the Discoveries Groups will remain on campus and participate in the following activities:

- Registration for Fall Courses
- Dialogue Sessions
- Financial Aid Information

Please be aware that seats are held in courses for those registering on Friday so no groups have an advantage registering on Thursday.

7:00 p.m. Dueling Pianos

Driscoll Ballroom, 2nd floor Driscoll North

Come watch two of America's top traveling musicians playing your top requested hits. The audience is always a part of the action, singing and dancing right along side the musicians in this pub style atmosphere. You won't want to miss this show, as well as all of the free DUPB giveaways that will help make your first year of college that much better. You can get your DUPB bucks at the door to help you request your favorite tunes. For more information about DUPB, visit www.du.edu/orgs/dupb.

Friday, September 10, 2010

All Day: Destinations or Registration

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5:00 p.m.: Tailgate Party and Men's Varsity Soccer Game

Lot 103, Game begins at 7:00pm in the Soccer Stadium

Enjoy a pre-game tailgating party with free food and music provided by KVDU and cheer your Varsity Men's Team to a victory against Dayton in the brand new soccer stadium! Bring your Pioneer spirit and represent in crimson & gold!

Saturday, September 11, 2010

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Pioneer Carnival

Gates Fieldhouse, Ritchie Center

Join the carnival and take this opportunity to learn more about campus Pioneer groups, sample food from restaurants near campus and get involved in life on Carnival campus. Student groups will be available to answer your questions and help you get involved in life outside the classroom. Don't miss it!

7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.: Master Hypnotist Jim Wand

Davis Auditorium, Sturm Hall

Try to imagine your friends putting aside their inhibitions to travel on a unique adventurous journey. That's what you can expect as Jim Wand puts his skills as a master hypnotist to use on DU students. Each show is custom made for the audience using current events, local history, and the vibe of the volunteers that come straight from the audience. This event is sponsored by the Office of Campus Activities. For more information, call 303-871-3111.

Sunday, September 12, 2010

There are a variety of services offered by campus and local religious groups, but there is nothing formally organized by the Discoveries Orientation program.

Monday, September 13, 2010

Classes begin.

Questions? Contact us by phone at 303.871.3860 or orientation-du@du.edu.
