Welcome to Minnesota State University, Mankato

Congratulations on becoming a Maverick! The following schedule includes all orientation activities over the next two days. If you have questions throughout your visit, please find an Orientation Peer Assistant (OPA) and they will gladly help you out. The orientation program begins at 1:00 P.M. on day one and will conclude at 4:00 P.M. on day two. **Students do need to attend the entire orientation program before registering for classes.**

**Program Notes**

- Orientation is designed to help you learn more about Minnesota State Mankato, help you access the resources you may need as you transition to college, and assist with course advising and registration for fall semester.
- Any changes in the orientation schedule will be noted during the welcome session.
- A map of the Minnesota State Mankato campus can be found on the back of this schedule.
- If you are in need of wireless access throughout the orientation program, please use the MavGuest wireless available in the entire CSU building.
- Students, please keep your check-in packet and bag with you throughout the orientation program (except for the nighttime activities). You will need this information during various parts of the orientation program.
- After the Student Financial Services Session on day one, family members will be dismissed for the Family Orientation Program.
- Orientation parking is available in Lot 16 (Green). Please do not park in any Gold parking lots or you will receive a ticket. If you choose to park in the Pay Lot, parking is $3.00 for the first hour and $2.00 for each additional hour. Orientation does not reimburse for parking in the Pay Lot.
- Minnesota State University, Mankato is a tobacco-free campus. Please refrain from smoking or using tobacco products on campus while at orientation.
- No alcohol or drugs, regardless of the age of the participant, are permitted in any of the orientation sessions or residence halls. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs may jeopardize a student’s participation in orientation and their status at the university.

**Abbreviations to Know at Orientation**

OPA: Orientation Peer Assistant
RA: Registration Assistant
CSU: Centennial Student Union
SRC: Student Relations Coordinator (Academic Advisor)

**Orientation Schedule Key**

White Pages: Student and Family Sessions
Purple Pages: Student Sessions
Yellow Pages: Family Sessions
Orientation Check-In
10:15 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
Pick up your orientation materials. If you were unable to check-in to your room prior to the start of orientation, you will have an opportunity to check-in during dinner.

Vaccinations at Student Health Services
21 Carkoski Commons, Below Dining Center
8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Out-of-state students are required to submit dates of their most recent Td/TDap (within the last 10 years) and MMR immunizations. The meningitis vaccine is recommended but not required for first-year students. If needed, these are available each day during orientation from 8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. in Student Health Services (SHS), located in 21 Carkoski Commons (below dining hall).

MavCARD (Student ID)
CSU 201, 2nd Floor CSU
10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
The MavCARD is the student ID card at Minnesota State Mankato. At check-in, students receive a MavCARD appointment time. During this time, you will go through the student ID process. To get your student ID, you must have a current, government issued photo ID.

Pre-Orientation Financial Aid Sessions
CSU 253/4, CSU 255, CSU 284, 2nd Floor CSU
10:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
Student Financial Services will present various information sessions on the financial aid process during this time.

Campus Tours
Outside of Ballroom, 2nd Floor CSU
10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Lunch
Mav Ave Food Court, 1st Floor CSU
11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Lunch is on your own. If you haven’t had an opportunity to get something to eat, please feel free to visit the Mav Ave Food Court in the CSU.

Orientation begins at 1:00 P.M. in the Centennial Student Union (CSU) Ballroom for both students and family members.
Welcome to Minnesota State University, Mankato! Students and families will be introduced to the orientation staff and receive updates and information about the orientation experience.

Academic College Meetings and Information
1:35-2:50 p.m.
Student Relations Coordinators (SRCs) from each college will introduce the college, academic expectations, and the support available through faculty and academic advisors. Students must attend this session in order to register for classes on day two of orientation.

- Allied Health & Nursing
- Arts & Humanities
- Business
- Education
- Science, Engineering & Technology (CSET)
- Social & Behavioral Sciences
- Undecided
- Contract Students

The Education session is for students majoring in Aviation, Elementary Education, and Special Education. Students majoring in Secondary Education (junior/middle or senior high school teaching) do not attend the Education session; they should attend the advising session which best matches the subject matter they wish to teach (i.e. Math majors should attend the CSET session, English majors should attend the Arts & Humanities advising session).

The Undecided session is for students who have not yet selected a major. Students in pre-professional programs (i.e. Medicine, Law, Veterinary Science, etc.) should attend the advising session which best matches the subject matter of their plan of study.

Student Financial Aid
3:00-3:20 p.m.
Hear some helpful tips and information about navigating financial aid and paying for college.

Family Program Dismissal
3:20 p.m.
Day One Schedule: Students

New Student Orientation Welcome
3:30-3:40 p.m.
Ballroom, 2nd Floor CSU

Student Activities and Involvement
3:40-4:00 p.m.
Student Activities, RSO’s, Community Engagement, Greek Life, and Off Campus Housing, OH MY! Learn about how to get involved in the Maverick community and have a little fun too!

Campus Recreation Center
4:00-4:10 p.m.
From rock climbing walls to workout classes, intramural to club sports, the Campus Recreation Center has a little something for everyone. Learn about the Campus Recreation Center before checking it out later tonight!

Barnes and Noble Campus Bookstore
4:10-4:15 p.m.
Learn about the textbook reservation process, book buyback, and other bookstore services.

Meal Plans and University Dining
4:15-4:30 p.m.
Wondering what meal plan is best for you? Where can you eat on campus? What is a flex dollar? These questions and more will be answered by University Dining during this session.

Living in the Residence Halls
4:30-5:00 p.m.
What will living on-campus be like? Residential Life will walk you through the ins and outs of what to expect about living in the residence halls. If you did not get a chance to check-in to your residence hall room for the night, the OPA staff will help you immediately following this session.

Maverick Kickoff Dinner
5:15-6:15 p.m.
Dining Center, Carkoski Commons
Following dinner, drop off your orientation bag, change into your gym clothes and shoes, and get ready for Nighttime MAVness with the OPA staff and other new students!

Students should return to the CSU Ballroom at 6:30 p.m. to resume orientation activities! The nighttime schedule continues on page 8.
Family Orientation Welcome  
Ostrander Auditorium, 1st Floor CSU  
3:30-3:40 p.m.

University Dining & Meal Plans Information for Families  
Ostrander Auditorium, 1st Floor CSU  
3:40-3:55 p.m.  
Information about the various meal plans, dining options, and food allergy information will be shared.

Residential Life Information for Families  
Ostrander Auditorium, 1st Floor CSU  
3:55-4:55 p.m.  
Learn what you can expect for your student in the residence halls. Topics such as move-in, roommate issues, policies, and other resources will be shared. If you registered for a family housing space and did not get a chance to check-in to your residence hall room for the night, the OPA staff will help you immediately following this session.

Maverick Kickoff Dinner  
Dining Center, Carkoski Commons  
5:15 - 6:15 p.m.  
Join your student and come experience dinner at Carkoski Commons Dining Center.

Student Panel for Family Members  
Ostrander Auditorium, 1st Floor CSU  
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
Join us during this panel to ask current students questions you may have about Minnesota State Mankato, what advice they may have for you as a family member of a new student, and meet other new family members at Minnesota State Mankato.

Campus Recreation Center  
Otto Recreation Center  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
The Campus Recreation Center is open for family members to get a quick workout in during this time. Just sign in at the desk, and enjoy your time at the Rec!

Family Social  
Maverick Bullpen, Basement of CSU  
7:00-8:00 p.m.  
Socialize with other families in the Maverick Bullpen. Free bowling, billiards, and a lounge area will be available to all family members during this time. So whether you would like to bowl or just sit and chat, we have a space for you! Alumni of Minnesota State Mankato may also enjoy visiting with each other and our Alumni Director.

The Family Program is finished for the day. Enjoy your evening!
Nighttime MAVness Activities
Meet in Ballroom, 2nd Floor CSU
6:30 p.m.-Midnight
Meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Ballroom and the Orientation Peer Assistants will guide you through all your Nighttime MAVness Activities! This students-only session allows you to meet other new students and have fun while you are at it! Nighttime MAVness includes this and much more…

• Information from Minnesota State Student Association (MSSA).
• Maverick Athletics will share how to score free tickets to Minnesota State Mankato athletic events!
• Ask the questions you want to know about college life to a panel of current students.
• Learn about VARP and what that means to you (Presented by the Women’s Center at Minnesota State University, Mankato.
• Meet other college students during small groups with the Orientation Peer Assistants (OPAs).
• Compete in the Campus Rec Challenge for a chance to win a t-shirt ONLY available at orientation! (Not big into games and sports, don’t worry we have something for everyone at the Campus Rec Challenge.)
• Don’t miss the Maverick Bullpen for free bowling, billiards, video games, karaoke, and more!

Student Orientation Reminders
• Residence hall doors lock at midnight, make sure to be back to your room by that time.
• Meet in the Preska Residence Hall Lobby at 7:45 a.m. if you need to take the Math and/or English Placement Exam. This is your only opportunity to take this exam at orientation.
• You need to be checked out of your residence hall room by 8:30 a.m. tomorrow.
• Breakfast is in the dining center in Carkoski Commons from 7:15 a.m.- 8:30 a.m.
• Make sure to bring your orientation packet, bag, and Bulletin to all of the orientation sessions tomorrow.
• Students who need to store their belonging after checkout should bring them to the CSU. An OPA will help you label and store these items until the end of the orientation program.

Do you need to take the Math and English Placement Exam?
Read the Information Card included in your orientation check-in packet. This card includes your ACT scores and information about the Math and English Placement Exam. If you think you should take the exam, meet in Residence Hall Lobby at 7:45 a.m. and the OPAs will walk you to the Placement Exam. Make sure to eat breakfast and checkout before you go to the test.
Things to Do in Mankato, MN
Visit www.greatermankatoevents.com to learn about things to do in the Mankato area while at orientation!

Family Orientation Reminders

- Students who need to take the Math and/or English Placement Exam should meet in the Preska Residence Hall Lobby at 7:45 A.M. Family members can meet their student in the CSU after the exam for the Campus Resource Fair.
- Make sure your student has his/her orientation packet, bag, and Bulletin for all of the orientation sessions tomorrow.
- Breakfast is in the dining center in Carkoski Commons from 7:15-8:30 A.M.
- If you are staying on campus, all guests need to be checked out of the residence halls by 8:30 A.M. tomorrow.
- If you are staying off campus, please park in Lot 16 Green when you return tomorrow. Those that park in Gold lots will be ticketed. If you choose to park in the Pay Lot, parking is $3.00 for the first hour and $2.00 for each additional hour.
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Orientation Students under the Age of 18
If your student is under the age of 18 and has not filled out the forms to participate in tonight’s activities, please see the Coordinator of Family Programs, Jean Clarke, for those forms.

Notes:
Day Two Schedule: Students

**Residence Hall Checkout**

**Preska Hall Front Desk**

7:00-8:30 a.m.

Check out of your residence hall room by 8:30 a.m. Drop your key off at the front desk by 8:30 a.m. Students taking the Math and English Placement Exam should check out prior to testing.

**Breakfast**

**Dining Center, Carkoski Commons**

7:15-8:30 a.m. Don’t forget your breakfast ticket!

**Math and English Placement Exam**

**Meet in the Preska Lobby**

7:45 a.m.

Not all students need to take this exam. Students should check their Information Card for more information. Students needing the test should meet in the Preska Lobby and the OPAs will take you to the various testing sites on campus. This test runs until 9:15 a.m.

**Vaccinations at Student Health Services**

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8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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**MavCARD (Student ID)**

**Campus Hub (MavCARD Office), 1st Floor CSU**

8:00-9:30 a.m.

**Campus Resource Fair & Campus Business**

**Mav Ave Corridor, 1st Floor CSU**

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Visit with various offices and departments to learn about services and opportunities for involvement. Take care of any campus business you may need to conduct, buy your parking permit, turn in release forms, or take a short campus tour.

**Self-Guided Residence Hall Room Tours**

**Preska Residence Hall**

8:30-9:30 a.m.

A renovated room type in Preska I Hall and a suite style room in Preska K Hall will be available for guests to view during this time. The Preska I Hall room layout is similar to rooms in Crawford and McElroy. The Preska K Hall room layout is similar to rooms in Preska J, K, L Halls and Julia Sears Residence Community.

**Student Financial Services: Important Dates and Billing Information**

**Ostrander Auditorium, 1st Floor CSU**

9:30-9:45 a.m.

This session will cover what to pay, when to pay, and how to pay your University charges... and why!

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Campus Security and Safety
9:50 - 10:10 A.M.
Campus Security provides a variety of services for students on campus. This session will address the various resources available to students and provide basic information on safety at Minnesota State Mankato.

Student Health Services
10:10 - 10:30 A.M.
Student Health Services provides comprehensive medical services with a full-service pharmacy and laboratory. This presentation will summarize what families need to know prior to their student arriving on campus. Health education services will also be reviewed including volunteer opportunities and substance abuse prevention education for students and parents.
Meet the Faculty
Various Rooms, 2nd Floor CSU
9:50-10:20 a.m.
The transition from the high school classroom to the college classroom can be difficult. During this session you will be able to ask ACTUAL faculty what you want to know about life in the classroom. Faculty will talk about some of the concerns and questions you expressed during your small groups, and answer any additional questions you may have. Don’t be shy, they want to help, so have your questions ready! Late? Meet in front of the Ballroom and we will take you to a room.

NCAA Athlete Meeting
CSU 255, 2nd Floor CSU
10:20-11:15 a.m.
This session is designed for committed MSU’s intercollegiate student-athletes only. This session will cover basic NCAA rules, departmental requirements, and general information to help student-athletes prepare for their first year. Family members are welcome to attend this session.

Student Information Sessions
Ballroom, 2nd Floor CSU
10:30-11:15 a.m.
Students will rotate through sessions on important resources and information from Student Health Services, Campus Security and Safety, and Institutional Diversity.

Lunch
Mav Ave Food Court, Upper and Lower CSU
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Use your lunch ticket (up to $7.56) to eat at one of our many CSU eateries. There are a variety of food and seating options in the upper and lower CSU.

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Greek Life Information (Optional)
Ballroom, 2nd Floor CSU
12:00-12:15 p.m.
Current Greek community members will provide a short information session about Greek Life at Minnesota State Mankato.

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Faculty Panel for Family Members  
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12:20-12:35 P.M.  
Learn about the textbook reservation process, book buyback, and other bookstore services.

Information Technology Services & Campus Computer Store  
Ostrander Auditorium, 1st Floor CSU  
12:35-12:45 P.M.  
Learn about the various technology support services that are available to students at Minnesota State Mankato from Res Net to computer repair. This session will also touch briefly on our Campus Computer Store.
Day Two Schedule: Students

**Information Technology Services**
Ballroom, 2nd Floor CSU
12:20-12:30 P.M.
Learn about the ITS Helpdesk, technology services, and computer assistance programs such as Res Net and more.

**Academic Advising and Registration**
Meet in Ballroom at 12:20 P.M.
12:30-4:00 P.M.
The Student Relations Coordinator from your college will provide you with information about general education and major courses, and will offer you advising assistance for your first semester at Minnesota State Mankato. You will register for your fall semester classes. This session is for students only.

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Nursing
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**Orientation Checkout**
Mav Ave Corridor, 1st Floor CSU
1:30-4:00 P.M.
Check out with the OPA staff before heading back home. Make sure you have completed your orientation evaluation and have the secret phrase to get your free t-shirt! Get any last minute questions answered and pick up a free t-shirt!

**Barnes and Noble Textbook Reservation Assistance**
Barnes and Noble
1:30-4:00 P.M.
Barnes and Noble staff is available to help you reserve your textbooks for next semester. Just bring your schedule to the campus store, and they will walk you through the process.

**Dates to Remember**
Move In Day: August 22, 2013
Welcome Week: August 22-25, 2013
First Day of Class: August 26, 2013

Thank you for attending New Student Orientation at Minnesota State University, Mankato!
See you at Welcome Week!
Student Data Privacy at Minnesota State Mankato  
Ostrander Auditorium, 1st Floor CSU  
12:45-12:55 p.m.  
Understanding student data privacy can be challenging. This session will address what information you may/may not have access to as a family member and an overview of the various release forms your student can choose to fill out.

Welcome Week  
Ostrander Auditorium, 1st Floor CSU  
12:55-1:05 p.m.  
Welcome Week is a great way for your student to meet students and connect to campus. This session will discuss what your student can expect during this exciting time!

Families in Transition  
Ostrander Auditorium, 1st Floor CSU  
1:15-1:45 p.m.  
Don’t miss the highest rated orientation session for family members. Learn about the changing relationships that families experience as your student transitions from high school to college and from living at home to living independently.

Break  
1:45-2:00 p.m.

Academic Support Resources  
Ostrander Auditorium, 1st Floor CSU  
2:00-2:30 p.m.  
Minnesota State Mankato has a variety of academic support resources for students. Learn about these resources and other important tips to help your student be proactive in his/her academic success in college.

Various Offices Open for Families for Questions  
2:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Counseling Center  
Disability Services Office  
Women’s Center, Violence Response Program, LGBT Center  
CSU 245  
ML 132 (Basement of Library)  
CSU 218

Barnes and Noble Textbook Reservation Assistance  
Barnes and Noble  
1:30-4:00 p.m.

Thank you for attending Family Orientation at Minnesota State University, Mankato! For more information regarding Family Programs visit www.mnsu.edu/family.

Please remember to turn in your evaluation and contact card at checkout table in the Mav Ave Corridor.

Orientation Presentations: For copies of the presentations visit www.mnsu.edu/newstudent/orientation/family/resources.html