Orientation Reminder

We’re excited to see you at orientation at Minnesota State University, Mankato!

Orientation check-in begins at 8:00 a.m. All Orientation activities, including registration for classes, should be finished by 4:00 p.m. **Attendance at the entire Orientation program is REQUIRED.** We have provided you with a couple of reminders to make your Orientation experience as smooth as possible.

**It is important to read and click on any provided links.**

Orientation check-in begins at 8:00 a.m. The orientation program begins at 9:15 a.m.; however students needing Math/English Placement Testing should arrive between 8:00 a.m. to allow time for testing. All orientation activities, including registration for classes, will take until 3:30 p.m. Please make sure to plan accordingly.

**Attendance at the entire orientation program is required in order to register for classes.**

**StarID and Password**
You will need your StarID and password to register for classes at Minnesota State Mankato. You should have activated StarID before registering for your orientation. StarID is the 8 digit letter/number (i.e. ab1234cd). This is your campus username and password.

If you cannot remember your StarID and password, go to the [Forgot StarID/Password website](mailto:Forgot StarID/Password website) look up your information. You will need your TechID (8 digit number you received at admission), SSN, and/or the personal email address entered on your admissions application.

If you having trouble accessing your StarID using your TechID, SSN, and/or personal email address, contact the Registration Help Desk at 507-389-2252.

**Parking Information**

**Orientation guests may ONLY park in Purple Lot 21.** The closest GPS address is 1600 Warren St., Mankato, MN.

- Please note that we do not provide transportation from the parking lot location to the Centennial Student Union. If you need to park closer than the assigned lot, the Pay Lot is located closer to orientation programming.

**DO NOT** park in GOLD permit parking, the street, pay meter stalls, handicap stalls (unless you have a permit), or any other posted University stalls. You may be ticketed and towed at your own expense. There is a pay lot available for $3.00 for the first hour and $2.00 for each additional hour. If you choose to park in this lot you will be asked to pay before you leave. Orientation will not reimburse you for this fee.

For directions and an orientation map go to our [Directions and Parking Map](mailto:Directions and Parking Map) page.

**Student Check-in Information**
Orientation check-in occurs between 8:00-9:00 a.m. outside the Centennial Student Union Ostrander Auditorium. You will need a photo ID to check in.

**Orientation Check-in Tips**
- Check in between 8:00–9:00 a.m.
- Have your photo ID ready.
• If you need to take a placement test, please arrive between 8:00-8:15 a.m. to allow testing time.
• View the list of items to bring to orientation here.
• Orientation programming starts at 9:15 a.m. in the Centennial Student Union Ostrander Auditorium.

Preparing for Your Orientation Session
Please review the links below so that you are fully prepared for orientation.

Quick Links to Orientation Information
• Transfer Student Checklist (Tasks You Need to Complete)
• Orientation Schedule
• Directions and Parking Map
• Orientation Packing List
• Math and English Placement Testing Information
• University Office/Department Contact Information
• Frequently Asked Questions

Please note that schedule changes are likely. You will receive a final schedule once you arrive on campus for orientation. Orientation does last until 3:30 p.m. Please make sure to plan your travel arrangements accordingly.

Math and English Placement Testing Information
Before taking Math 112 (or higher) and/or English 101, students must demonstrate readiness in one of the following ways:
  • Meet minimum ACT subscores in Math (22) and English (18) OR
  • Meet the minimum Accuplacer Placement Test scores in Math and English OR
  • Complete approved pre-requisites as noted in the Placement Policies

Students who do not meet the minimum ACT subscore requirements or other placement requirements will have the opportunity to take the Accuplacer Placement Test for English and/or Math at orientation. **Please arrive at 8:00 a.m. if you need to take the Placement Test.** To determine if you need take the Math or English Placement Test, visit [www.mnsu.edu/success/placement/](http://www.mnsu.edu/success/placement/).

Questions about Placement Testing should be directed to the Center for Academic Success at 507-389-1791.

Disability Accommodations

Academic Year Accommodations
Accessibility Resources (formerly Office of Disability Services) is located in 132 Memorial Library and available to meet with students regarding accommodation provisions in the university setting. Students are encouraged to contact Accessibility Resources as soon as they are admitted to Minnesota State University, Mankato to begin the accommodation process. Please call 507-389-2825 (V), 800-627-3529 or 711 (MRS) to schedule an appointment.

Orientation Reminders and Reservation Changes
• Orientation activities last until 4:00 p.m.
• Student attendance at the entire Orientation program is required to register for classes.
• Minnesota State Mankato is a tobacco and smoke free campus. Alcohol consumption, regardless of age, is prohibited on campus.
Reservation Cancellation Policy: Orientation reservations may be canceled online or by phone (507-389-5498) at least five (5) business days prior to your scheduled orientation session date. Students will receive a partial refund of 50% and family members will receive a full refund if a cancellation request is submitted at least five (5) business days prior to your scheduled session date. Those who do not give five business days’ notice, or do not show up, will be charged the entire program fee.

You may contact the Office of New Student and Family Programs with questions between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. We look forward to seeing you at orientation!

Sincerely,

The Office of New Student and Family Programs
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Web: www.mnsu.edu/newstudent
Phone: 507-389-5498