

First-Year Experience

ORIENTATION INFORMATION

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New Student To Do List

PAY YOUR ENROLLMENT DEPOSIT
Go to: www.madonna.edu/enrollmentdeposit
 Follow on-screen instructions based on your selection (Credit Card or E-Check) and make sure to select Enrollment Deposit from the CashNet page
 When submitting your deposit, be sure to enter your first and last name, and your birth date
 Enrollment deposit must be paid prior to RSVP for orientation
NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION INFORMATION (See Pg. 2)
SAVE THE DATES FOR WELCOME WEEKEND (See Pg. 2)
SUBMIT DEPOSIT/CONTRACT IF PLANNING TO LIVE IN THE RESIDENCE HALL (See Pg. 5)
COMPLETE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID AT WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV; MADONNA CODE—002282. • Between October 1 and March 1 (Recommended Deadline).
ATTEND YOUR NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION SESSION

☐ ATTEND WELCOME WEEKEND

Congratulations

MADONNA CRUSADER!



On behalf of the entire Madonna University family, we are delighted that you have chosen, and have been accepted, to pursue your educational goals and build a successful future at Madonna!

Members of the Office of the First-Year Experience (FYE) will welcome you and help ensure a smooth transition to college. There are several steps you should take to prepare for the Fall 2019 semester.

We have planned a series of events to help you learn all about Madonna University so that you'll feel comfortable. The *New Student To Do List* on the opposite page will help you get started.

If you have any questions or would like us to explain a bit more about these important events, please contact us at fye@madonna.edu or 734-432-5417. We want to do all that we can to assist you in starting out successfully at Madonna.

No doubt, the coming months will be filled with celebrations of your high school accomplishments. Enjoy! We are planning carefully for your arrival and are excited to meet you. We hope you are richly blessed as you prepare to achieve your goals and dreams at Madonna University.

Sincerely,

Hannah Morch

Hannah Morch Director of First Year Experience



RSVP for Orientation

Orientation dates will be made available on the orientation website starting January 2019. Please check the website after that time to RSVP for an orientation.

During New Student Orientation, you will attend sessions that familiarize you with Madonna University's campus, register for your Fall 2019 courses and have an opportunity to meet other new students, faculty and staff. FYE Peer Mentors (students who have successfully completed at least one year at Madonna University) will spend the day with you and lead you through the program.

At Orientation, you also will learn about other events and programs for first-year students that will answer your questions and help you prepare to achieve academic success. As you begin this new chapter of your life, the support of loved ones can help ensure your success. Therefore, we invite you to bring your parent(s) or a family member to the orientation program.

Please choose one of the orientation dates listed on the website and RSVP for yourself and any guests: online at **www.madonna.edu/orientation** starting January 2019.

WELCOME WEEKEND

All first-year students are required to attend Welcome Weekend programming **Friday**, **August 23–Saturday**, **August 24**. A full Welcome Weekend schedule of events will be provided in the summer.

CONVOCATION

Parents and family members are encouraged to attend Student Convocation on **Sunday**, **August 25**. RSVP information will be distributed in the summer.

UNV. 1010 & Writing Assessment

This one semester hour course is required of all incoming first-year students. It is designed to address transition issues that first-year students face when entering the University setting; introduce them to thought-provoking, challenging, and interesting ideas to enhance their critical thinking, research, writing, and presentation skills; engage them in a community of learners; and incorporate a service learning experience that fulfills the University's mission of service.

WRITING ASSESSMENT

Writing competency affects your success in college, your career, and your everyday life. This is why Madonna University prioritizes writing proficiency and provides ample support for student writing.

ACT essay writing subscore of 7 or higher, or SAT essay writing subscore of 5 or higher: You do not need to take the writing assessment, and you are automatically enrolled in WRT 1010.

ACT essay writing subscore lower than 7, or SAT essay writing subscore lower than 5: You will need to complete the writing assessment to determine your writing level and be placed in the appropriate writing course.

If you score a 4 or 5 on the writing assessment, you will be able to take the WRT 1010 course and will not need additional writing support courses.

For instructions on how to complete the writing assessment online, please call the writing center at (734) 432-5304 or visit their website at www.madonna.edu/writingcenter



Orientation FAQ's

Am I required to attend Orientation?

Yes, Orientation is essential to your success at Madonna. Orientation is where you will register for your Fall 2019 courses and learn about the many resources Madonna has to offer.

Can Parents/family attend?

Yes. Our family programs provide valuable information regarding financial, business, academic and community support resources, as well as guidance to help prepare for the transition to college. Your parents/guests will follow a separate program throughout the day but will be with you at the welcome and closing of the Orientation.

What do I need to bring to Orientation?

- Your MyPortal Login information.
- A state-issued ID, i.e. driver's license, state ID or passport. If you don't have a state-issued ID, bring your high school student ID (it must have your photo on it).
- Copies of advanced placement and international baccalaureate test scores and/ or grades from completed dual enrollment or post secondary college credit courses.
- Wear comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing, including good walking shoes.

When will I receive my financial aid award package?

The Office of Financial Aid is in the process of processing award packages. If you have a question about your Financial Aid status, please contact the Office of Financial Aid and let them know you are an incoming first-year student. Each student is assigned their own Financial Aid Officer to handle your case. Find out who your officer is by contacting the office at 734-432-5663 or finaid@madonna.edu.

If you have more questions about our Orientation program visit our website at: http://www.madonna.edu/orientation/FAQ

Residence Hall

As you review the multitude of resources provided by Madonna University, make sure you consider living in the Residence Hall! Our supportive and friendly staff works hard to create a living/learning environment that will enhance your academic success, celebrate your diversity, and provide an enjoyable experience.

There are many benefits to living on campus including:

Convenience and Connections – The ability to walk to class is always a plus! You can get connected and obtain resources only steps away!

Food and Fun – The attached Dining Hall is an all-you-can-eat facility and a great place to eat and make new friends!

Services and Experiences – Staff members are eager to assist you in your transition to college! The residence hall environment fosters academic and personal development!

Involvement and Activities – From movie nights and video game tournaments to Halloween costume contests and Midnight Breakfast, we offer fun ways to get to know other people and to do more than study!

When you sign-up to live on-campus, you have the option of requesting a private room, or requesting a roommate. You also will be able to select from three different meal plan options.

A live on requirement is in effect for some first year american and new international students. For the most up to date housing information dates and deadlines, visit **www.madonna.edu/ResLife**.

Haven't seen the residence hall yet? There is still time to arrange a tour! Please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 734-432-5339 to schedule a visit and find out what campus living is all about!





Our Mission and Values

The mission of Madonna University, a Catholic and Franciscan institution of higher learning, is to instill in its students Christian humanistic values, intellectual inquiry, a respect for diversity, and a commitment to serving others through a liberal arts education, integrated with career preparation and based on the truths and principles recognized within a Catholic tradition.

Madonna's mission receives its spirit from these Franciscan Values:

- Respect for the dignity of each person
- Peace and justice
- Reverence for creation
- Education for truth and service





