

ORIENTATION

summer 2026

BEFORE ORIENTATION

Accept your Offer of Admission

Reply to your offer of admission in your online applicant portal and submit any outstanding checklist items.

Activate your UVA Wise Account

Activate your UVA Wise account for access to College systems, including email. Directions will be sent to your personal email from identity@virginia.edu after you are admitted. Be sure to check and begin using your UVA Wise email regularly for official College communications.

Complete the Becoming a Cav Module

Beginning in mid-March, students who have accepted their offer of admission will receive access to the online Becoming a Cav Module in their applicant portal. Use your UVA Wise account information to log in and complete the module.

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Sign up for Orientation

Students who have completed the Cav Module will receive access to sign up for a summer Orientation session in their applicant portal beginning in April. You may include up to two (2) guests on your Orientation signup form.

Attend Orientation and Zoom Advising

On your selected session date, you and up to two (2) guests will attend Orientation to learn more about campus resources, meet fellow Highland Cavaliers and complete pre-semester tasks. Students will also meet with their Academic Advisor in a group session to schedule and prepare for their individual Zoom advising appointments in the same calendar week following their Orientation session. A draft Orientation schedule is available at www.uvawise.edu/orientation.

All new students are required to attend Orientation prior to course registration.

SESSION DATES

in-person

MAY
18

JUNE
1

JUNE
22

JULY
20

*international
virtual*

JUNE
23

virtual

AUG
3

AFTER ORIENTATION

Prepare for your Semester Start

Visit the New Student Checklist at www.uvawise.edu/orientation for items to complete before classes begin, including uploading your Cavs Card student ID photo, completing the Pre-Entrance Health Packet (due August 1), purchasing a parking decal, and preparing for Move-in, Expedition, and Welcome Week.

