



International Student Pre-Orientation Schedule

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 – Thursday, August 28, 2025

Tuesday August 26, 2025

Time	Event	Description	Location
10:00 am to 7:00 pm	International Students Arrive on Campus/Check-in	Check-in at Blanchard Campus Center to pick up room keys, receive orientation materials, and pick-up swag. Students can eat lunch and their guests are welcome to purchase lunch at the Community Center Dining Commons	Blanchard, Community Center
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Campus Tour	Join orientation leaders for a tour of campus	TBD
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Reception for International/Fearless First/ Families and Guests	**For Families and Guests Only** Join Mount Holyoke's President Danielle Holley for words of wisdom and to meet additional faculty and staff	Great Room, Community Center
5:00 pm to 5:30 pm	Family and Friends Farewell	Join us for a warm and heartfelt send-off. This special gathering gives families and friends a chance to say goodbye, share encouragement, and celebrate this exciting new chapter with their students before the academic journey begins.	Great Room, Community Center
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm	Welcome Dinner	International Student Organizing Committee (ISOC) leaders and orientation leaders join new students in the dining commons for a welcome dinner	Blanchard, Dining Commons
7:15 pm to 8:00 pm	International Student Check-in Meeting (Encouraged to Attend)	ISOC orientation leaders and new students gather for a brief check-in activity before new students go back to their rooms to unpack & settle into your room	Gamble Auditorium

Wednesday August 27, 2025

Time	Event	Description	Location
7:15 am to 9:00 am	Breakfast		Blanchard, Dining Commons
9:00 am to 11:00 am	Holyoke Mall Shopping Trip	<p>This is FREE transportation to shop and visit local stores at the Holyoke Mall for students to purchase their essentials for school while exploring the community. This is open to Fearless First Academy and International Pre- Orientation participants only</p> <p>To secure your seat on the bus, please fill out the form HERE no later than, Wednesday, August 20, 2025</p>	Depart from Blanchard Hall bus stop
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch		Blanchard, Dining Commons
12:30 pm to 2:30 pm	McCulloch Center Drop- in (Required)	Stop by the McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives to pick up swag and have your documents copied. Please bring your passport and I20 with you to this session	Dwight Hall 108
2:45 pm to 3:45 pm	Transitions Abroad Conversation (Required)	Join ISOC orientation leaders to hear from returning international students	Gamble Auditorium
4:00 pm to 5:45 pm	Ice Cream Trip to McCray's Farm	Join us for ice cream at McCrays Farm, which is one of the many local treasures that provide fun times for families at a low price. At McCrays, you will find a petting zoo, hayrides, and great food. Learn more by visiting the website at https://www.mccrays-farm.com/ (Preregistration required)	Meet in front of Blanchard Hall
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Dinner		Blanchard, Dining Commons
7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	International Students & Fearless First Students Social Gathering	This will be an interactive social full of activities and snacks coordinated by the Fimbel Lab staff. You will have the opportunity to make wonderful decorations for your room and more. This is a joint program for both Fearless First and International Students	Community Center, Great Room

Thursday August 28, 2025

Time	Event	Description	Location
7:15 am to 9:00 am	Breakfast		Blanchard, Dining Common
8:00 am to 12:00 pm	TB testing	Students needing the screening should sign up for an appointment through MyHealth Connection	Patty Groves Health Center
9:00 am to 10:00 am	Title IX Information Session (Required)	Mount Holyoke College is committed to providing an educational environment that is free from discrimination, harassment and retaliation	Gamble Auditorium
10:00 am to 11:15 am	What I Wish I Knew Conversation (Encouraged to Attend)	We encourage you to join us for this advice fair. Students, faculty and staff will be present to answer questions about various topics that will help transition you to Mount Holyoke, navigate your new community and support your connection to campus	Community Center, Great Room
11:30 am to 1:00 pm	Lunch		Blanchard, Dining Commons
1:30 pm to 2:00 pm	Immigration Session (Required)	Information shared by the McCulloch Center team about understanding immigration responsibilities and resources	Gamble Auditorium
2:00 pm to 2:30 pm	Working on campus Information Session (Required)	Information shared by the Student Employment team about responsibilities and resources for working on campus	Gamble Auditorium
2:30 pm to 4:00 pm	Work Clearance Session	Student Employment Staff will help you complete the necessary paperwork necessary to work on campus. Please bring your passport and I20 to this session	Gamble Auditorium
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Understanding Culture Shock (Required)	A conversation with ISOC leaders and MHC counseling team	Gamble Auditorium
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Dinner		Blanchard, Dining Commons
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	International Students & Fearless First Social Gathering	Open Mic Night with ISOC leaders & Fearless First Students	Community Center, Great Room