Placement Information
You will need to have your ACT scores and modern language placement scores to complete these questions.

1. Did you have an ACT mathematics subscore of 24 or higher?
   - YES
   - NO

2. Please record your modern language placement exam score here.
   - French
   - German
   - Spanish

3. Did you take any coursework in the following language in high school? If yes, contact the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures to make an appointment at (248) 370-2060.
   - Japanese
   - YES
   - NO

Scheduling Your Orientation Date
Please rank in order your top three preferences for your orientation date:
(We will make every attempt to accommodate preferences. However, dates are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.)

Overnight Program (8:30 a.m. Day 1 – Noon Day 2)
Overnight stay required in OU residence halls.
- Thursday - Friday, June 28-29
- Monday - Tuesday, July 9-10
- Thursday - Friday, July 12-13
- Thursday - Friday, July 19-20

One-Day Program (7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
- Monday, July 2
- Tuesday, July 3
- Wednesday, July 11
- Monday, July 16
- Tuesday, July 17
- Monday, July 23
- Tuesday, July 24
- Thursday, July 26
- Monday, July 16
- Thursday, July 26

*Honors College students should register for an overnight orientation. If you have questions call The Honors College at (248) 370-4450.
New Student Orientation

Congratulations on your acceptance to Oakland University! We look forward to meeting you and assisting in your transition to university life. The enclosed materials provide important information regarding the first of your many new experiences as an Oakland University student.

What is orientation?
Orientation is your formal introduction to university life. During orientation you will:
• meet with an academic advisor
• register for fall semester classes
• take placement tests
• familiarize yourself with university policies and resources
• meet many other new students
• receive your student ID
• learn about your Oakland email account
• and have fun!

Course Placement

Certain general courses at Oakland require students to take placement exams or meet specific criteria. It is important that you complete your most current ACT scores to the Office of Admissions and Orientation, 101 North Foundation Hall, Rochester, MI 48309-4401. Some departments use these placements to determine placements.

Placement in Basic Writing (RHT 102)

Students who place into RHT 102 will need to develop their writing skills and learn how to use their experiences to enhance writing. Students who place into RHT 102 may take Basic Writing 102 the first time it is offered and achieve a grade of 2.0 or better in the course. However, if that grade is not achieved, students are required to re-take Basic Writing 102 until a grade of 2.0 or better is achieved. If you are currently enrolled in Basic Writing 102, you must complete the course before final exams begin in your first semester.

Placement in Composition II (RHT 160)

If you have taken RHT 150 at OU or its equivalent at another school and achieved a grade of 2.0 or better, you are eligible to enroll in RHT 160. You must bring a copy of your transcript or Major report to your instructor during the first week of classes to verify your placement.

If you have taken an advanced placement (AP) exam, have your scores sent to the Academic Records Office, 102 O'Dowd Hall, Rochester, MI 48309-4401. AP scores and credits are reviewed by the rhetoric program at orientation, ask your adviser if you can register for RHT 160.

Most students can be placed effectively through the procedures explained here, some students feel that they can succeed in a different course. For students, especially those whose ACT English score is 15 or below in RHT 102 and those who have had extensive writing experience in high school courses, there is a way to challenge your placement. Rhetoric offers students the opportunity to submit a placement packet. Placement packets can help determine the very best placement for you in the sequence of writing courses. This is the best way to ensure that you are placed in the most appropriate course. All students are strongly encouraged to submit a placement packet.

Reading

Students with an ACT composite score of 18 or below major in the social sciences, humanities, or language and literature and are not required to take the placement test. Students entering the college major in the social sciences, humanities, or language and literature may, at the discretion of their major, take the Placement Test for these students.

Placement in Calculus (MATH 151)

Students with an ACT composite score of 19 or below are strongly encouraged to take Math 151, Calculus I. Students with an ACT composite score of 24 or higher who would like to take a calculus course will take the calculus readiness exam during orientation. Placement into calculus (MATH 151) is determined by the mathematics department. All students are strongly encouraged to take the mathematics readiness exam during orientation. If you do not have an ACT composite score, you must take the mathematics readiness exam during orientation. Students pursing a degree in engineering, computer science, business administration or health sciences will also take a mathematics placement test at orientation if they did not take the ACT.

What if I live far away?

If you need to arrive on campus the day before orientation, contact the orientation staff at (248) 370-GOLD or e-mail us at hc@oakland.edu. At orientation, ask your adviser if you can register for RHT 160.

What if I am in The Honors College?

Students admitted to The Honors College, or those interested in the program, are encouraged to attend an Honors College summer orientation session, from noon to 3 p.m. on Monday of the second day of the awakened. Honors College students should sign up for an overnight orientation program. For more information, call The Honors College at (248) 370-4450 or e-mail hc@oakland.edu.

Welcome Week

Welcome Week is a week full of activities for students that begins on the first day of classes. Coordinated by the Center for Student Activities, the week includes information tables to help students locate classes and offices, social activities, workshops and lectures. For more information contact CSA at (248) 370-2400.

Additional Opportunities for New Students

Many opportunities exist to help new students and their families become familiar with campus. These include:

Connections Program

A cohort of new students experience.
You may participate in this program by scheduling two of your required general education classes with a cohort of other students. By taking the same classes together, students are more likely to form study groups and develop friendships. Students are more successful because they are connected to faculty, other students and campus resources.

COM 101

A freshman seminar

College Teachers 101 is a 1-credit course designed to help first-year students set academic and career goals, develop stronger communication skills and find opportunities for involvement on campus. You may register for this course at orientation.

New Student Convocation

Convocation is a formal ceremony designating the beginning of a student’s academic career at OU. New students and their families are invited to attend. Convocation takes place on Monday, September 4, 2007, at 7 p.m. in the O’reana. The convocation includes a formal procession of faculty in academic regalia, student presentations by the university president and campus representatives. This is a special occasion on our campus. All new students and parents are encouraged to attend.

For more information about COM 101, Connections and New Student Convocation please contact New Student Programs at 121 North Foundation Hall, Rochester, MI 48309-4401, (248) 370-4418.

People with disabilities who need special assistance to participate in orientation should call (248) 370-4418.

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