New Student Orientation
January 28-29, 2023

Greetings Gophers!

Welcome to Goucher’s New Student Orientation Program. We are so excited you chose to attend Goucher for your college experience!

Goucher College is a small, welcoming community and we encourage you to use orientation as your steppingstone to get involved on campus. We want to make the start of your semester as smooth as possible, so don’t hesitate to ask questions. We are here to help. Your Goucher Guide will be with you at every event, and they want to assist you as you start your Goucher experience.

Each program location listed within this schedule is denoted by its number on the campus map found on the back of the resource guide provided. We look forward to showing you around your new home and helping you to connect with other Gophers.

Saturday, January 28

9am-12pm  Residential Student Check-In  Heubeck Hall (11)
Begin the orientation process by checking in with the Office of New Student Programs staff. Residential Life will provide you with your room key, and Campus Safety will assist you in getting your OneCard (student ID) and registering your vehicle.

11am-2pm  Your meal plan begins!  Mary Fisher Hall &
Dining Center (15)
Feel free to begin using your meal plan (i.e., eat in the dining center) during this time. You will need your OneCard to access the Mary Fisher Dining Center, and if you have guests with you, they can pay at the door for the cost of $16.10 per person.

3pm-3:30pm  Commuter and Exchange Student Check-In  Heubeck Hall (11)
Begin your orientation experience by checking in with the New Student Programs staff. After you check-in, you will pick up your OneCard (student ID) and register your vehicle.

4pm  Welcome Reception  Batza Room
Ungar Athenaeum (2)
Everyone at Goucher is excited to welcome you and your family members. President Kent Devereaux, Vice President Aarika Camp, and Student Government President Jeff Castro will share a few words of welcome. They will be joined by other members of the Goucher community who will assist you in your transition to Goucher.

5:30pm  Dinner  Mary Fisher Hall &
Dining Center (15)
Enjoy dinner with the Goucher Guides and meet new people! Remember to bring your OneCard. Dinner will be provided for students who do not have a meal plan.
7:30pm  No time to be “Board”  
Alice’s Café  
Ungar Athenaeum (2)
Sit back, relax, and let the good times roll. While you take a few spins around the board you will have the opportunity to make new friends, enjoy snacks and win prizes.

Sunday, January 29

11am  Brunch and chat  
Mary Fisher Hall & Dining Center (15)
As you enjoy brunch, the Goucher Guides will share about their own Goucher experience, discuss resources they found most helpful, and answer questions. Remember to bring your OneCard. Brunch will be provided for students who do not have a meal plan.

12:15pm  Understanding Academics at Goucher  
130 Julia Rogers (13)
Be a Goucher success story! Learn about what you need to know to succeed academically, and the resources available at each step of the way.

1pm  Rules of the (Van Meter) Highway  
130 Julia Rogers (13)
Learn about relevant policies and procedures for living at Goucher, support outside the classroom and how to be your best advocate.

2pm  Connecting to Campus Life  
130 Julia Rogers (13)
You are here, now what? Hear from current student leaders about ways to get connected to campus and make the most of your time at Goucher.

3pm  Snack Break  
Van Meter (22)
Warm up with hot apple cider and learn about cool opportunities available through the Offices of Career Education, Community-Based Learning, and Global Education.

3:30pm  Campus Tours  
Now that you know about the resources and have your class schedule, it’s time to learn where they are on campus.

4:15pm  Educational Technology  
130 Julia Rogers (13)
The Goucher Guides will show you how to navigate the most used websites and apps.

5pm  Dinner  
Mary Fisher Hall & Dining Center (15)
Enjoy dinner with the Goucher Guides and your peers! Have your last-minute questions answered before the start of classes tomorrow. Remember to bring your OneCard. Dinner will be provided for students who do not have a meal plan.