WELCOME TO OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

A guide to your next steps as a transfer student.

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ADMISSION TO OAKLAND UNIVERSITY!

You are about to join our community of 19,000 students who live, learn and work on Oakland’s campus in southeast Michigan. You’re almost a #FutureGrizzly, ready to pursue excellence with 140 undergraduate degree programs and ready to stand out from the competition.

But before all that, you need to complete a few steps to guarantee your spot at OU.
BEGIN TRANSFER STUDENT ORIENTATION NOW
Transfer Student Orientation is your gateway to a strong start at OU. This orientation experience is offered year-round and paves the way for a smooth transition to the university.

During orientation you’ll get to know OU’s campus, meet with an academic adviser who specializes in your major, and register for courses. You’ll build Grizzly pride and experience the amazing community that awaits you. Go to oakland.edu/tso to register now.

Prior to your orientation, get up to speed with all that OU has to offer using our online Transfer Student Golden Grizzly Guide. You will also learn more about additional steps to complete before starting classes at Oakland. Get started at oakland.edu/transfer-golden-grizzly-guide.

oakland.edu/tso

ACTIVATE YOUR ACCOUNT NOW
Go to oakland.edu/activate to activate your student account (NetID). You’ll need your Grizzly ID number from your acceptance letter.

Your NetID allows you to:
• Register for transfer orientation
• See how your transferred courses fit in your degree plan
• Apply to live in on-campus housing
• Accept scholarships
• Review financial aid awards and requirements
• Receive direct deposit and billing (eBill) notifications
• Check your OU email and calendar
• Access grades, transcripts and more

Once you activate your account, get in the habit of checking your OU email regularly for important updates, notifications and announcements.

oakland.edu/activate

Review the Transfer Golden Grizzly Guide at oakland.edu/transfer-golden-grizzly-guide to make sure you’re on track to attend OU.

COMPLETE THE FAFSA BEGINNING OCTOBER 1
We’re proud to make an exceptional education affordable. More than half of all OU students receive financial assistance totaling more than $150 million annually. You can benefit from those funds, too.

Apply for financial assistance by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) beginning October 1 to be considered for federal, state and/or need-based aid. Be sure to use OU’s federal code: 002307.

oakland.edu/faqsa
SUBMIT A HOUSING CONTRACT

Living on campus is the best way to achieve the full college experience. More than 3,000 students live at OU, and each year more and more want to — and for good reason: OU is ranked the second-safest college campus in the country and the overall safest in Michigan.

Residents receive academic, emotional and social support with highly trained staff members, chosen for their proven ability to work with students, who live right in the residence halls. Living options are a quick 15-minute walk to classrooms, labs, Kresge Library, the Rec Center, dining, and more.

You can submit your housing contract at oakland.edu/housing/apply. You’ll need your NetID and password to log on. Housing space is limited; please set a reminder now to submit your contract on:

- November 1 for winter 2019
- February 1 for fall 2019
- April 1 for summer 2019

You must be registered for a minimum of eight credit hours per semester to live in on-campus housing.

Residents enjoy free:
- Wireless Internet
- Cable TV
- Lounges with big-screen TVs
- Parking
- Laundry facilities
- Tutoring and academic support
- Transportation with the Bear Bus shuttles

Residential Communities
- Business
- Elementary Education
- Engineering
- Honors College
- International Village
- Pre-Nursing

oakland.edu/housing/apply
EXPLORE MORE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

At oakland.edu/financialservices.

ACCEPT SCHOLARSHIPS

OU offers scholarships based on academic achievement. As an admitted student, you have automatically been considered for these scholarships and may have received one upon admission. Go to oakland.edu/scholaraccept to accept your scholarship now.

oakland.edu/scholaraccept

CHECK YOUR FINANCIAL AID STATUS

If you complete the FAFSA in early October, you will receive award notifications for other scholarships, grants and loans beginning in December (and continuing as new awards are made). Often, we need additional information or documentation to process your aid. Be sure to check your OU email regularly so you can respond promptly.

oakland.edu/financialservices/award-status

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REVIEW COURSE PLACEMENT
Academic advisers will assist you in developing a plan of study based on credits you transfer. We also use SAT or ACT scores for course placement, as needed. If you have not taken math writing or foreign language courses at your previous university, placement testing is available. Just follow the instructions at oakland.edu/fyac/courseplacement to see if you need to take any placement tests.

oakland.edu/fyac/courseplacement

SUBMIT SCORES
Let all your past hard work count at OU. We grant credit and/or exemption for selected Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and College-Level Examination Placement (CLEP) tests. Submit all your scores to:

Office of the Registrar
O’Dowd Hall, Room 100
586 Pioneer Drive
Rochester, MI 48309-4482

oakland.edu/collegecredit

SEND OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS
If you were admitted to OU on unofficial transcripts, don’t forget to request official transcripts from each college or university you’ve attended. Transcripts should be sent to:

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If we do not receive your official transcripts, a hold will be placed on your account preventing you from registering for classes.

DON’T FORGET
If you’re interested in majoring in music, theatre or dance, you must audition. Applications for auditions are separate and in addition to the application for OU. For dates and times to schedule an audition, visit oakland.edu/smtd/futurestudents.

If you’re interested in The Honors College, with its small class sizes, specialized research funding, study abroad opportunities, preferential registration and additional advising support, please go to oakland.edu/hc.
ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Disability Support Services
If you have a physical, psychological, sensory and/or learning disability, please contact Disability Support Services to discuss eligibility for services and accommodations, including readers, scribes, alternative testing, sign language interpreters, scanned textbooks, and assistive technology (JAWS, Kurzweil and Dragon Naturally Speaking). If you plan to live on campus and need specific residential support, please contact Disability Support Services to discuss eligibility for accommodations.

oakland.edu/dss

Veterans Support Services
OU’s Veterans Support Services offers veterans and their dependents assistance in receiving military service-related benefits and provides information about VA work-study opportunities, social and networking events, and veteran-specific scholarships.

oakland.edu/veterans

Student Financial Services
Our knowledgeable advisers will help you understand OU’s payment due dates and cancellation process, navigate financial resources, and explain payment options, including payment plans, which allows you to spread costs into smaller, more manageable installments.

oakland.edu/financialservices
Have questions about becoming a Golden Grizzly?  
We’re ready to answer them. 
Call (800) OAK-UNIV or email visit@oakland.edu.

Want another tour of campus? 
We’d love to show you around. Sign up for one at oakland.edu/visit.

Not quite ready to attend OU? 
No problem, you can defer your admission for a future semester at oakland.edu/futurestudents/defer.

Attending another college or university? 
Sorry to see you go. Please cancel your admission at oakland.edu/futurestudents/admitted-students/cancel-admission and cancel your housing at oakland.edu/housing/policies-and-procedures.