

CIEP Orientation Fall 2026

We are so glad you have chosen to attend UNI! Before starting your academic career, you are required to attend the following mandatory orientation sessions. These sessions will help you to understand important policies, meet other students and staff, set up bank accounts, confirm your class registration, and become familiar with the University of Northern Iowa.

If you have any questions, contact the International Engagement office at international@uni.edu or by phone at 319-273-2182. You can also reach out to us via WhatsApp through the Fall 2026 Group Chat.

Student Arrival Pick-Up Window: August 18th - 19th, 2026

The Office of International Engagement provides **free airport pickup for incoming students arriving at either Cedar Rapids Airport (CID) or Waterloo Regional Airport (ALO) through this pickup window. **If your arrival time is outside of this window**, please reach out to us at international@uni.edu and we will do our best to accommodate and arrange transportation.*

Thursday, August 20th				
CIEP Check In	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	MAU 113	Students will receive orientation materials, meet staff and student leaders, and get an overview of the schedule and important next steps.
CIEP Paperwork and Tech Help	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	MAU 113	Staff will help you navigate required forms, student accounts, email access, and other digital tools you'll use throughout your studies.
Student ID's	10:30 AM	11:00	Redecker Center	Students will receive assistance in obtaining their UNI Student ID card, which is used for building access, dining services, campus events, library services, and more.
CIEP Campus Tour	11:00	12:00	Around Campus	Explore the UNI campus with a guided tour designed for CIEP students. You'll visit key academic buildings, student services, dining locations, and important landmarks while learning how to navigate campus confidently
Student Org Fest	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Maucker Union?	Discover the wide range of student organizations available at UNI! Student Org Fest brings together clubs, cultural groups, academic organizations, and recreational teams all in one place.
CIEP Paying Your UBill	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	MAU 113	Learn how to view, understand, and pay your UNI U-Bill as a CIEP student. This session will walk you through payment options, deadlines, and available resources to help you manage your student account.

Info Session on Panther Welcome Week	3:00 PM	3:30PM		Learn about Panther Welcome Week, UNI's official welcome program designed to help new students connect with campus and get involved. During this session, students will receive an overview of upcoming events, activities, and traditions taking place throughout the week.
Greenstate Banking For CIEP	3:45 PM	4:30 PM	MAU 113	Learn the basics of banking in the U.S. with GreenState Credit Union. This session will cover how to open a bank account, use debit cards, manage online banking, and safely handle money while studying at UNI.
Panther Big Top	4:30 PM	8:30 PM		Join one of UNI's most exciting welcome events filled with games, activities, music, food, and entertainment. Panther Big Top is a fun, carnival-style celebration where students can relax, meet new people, and enjoy a lively campus atmosphere.
Movie on the Lawn	8:00 PM	10:00 PM		Relax under the night sky with a classic outdoor movie experience on campus. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy a fun, casual evening with fellow students.
Friday, August 21st				
CIEP Check In	8:30 AM	9:00 AM		Students will reconnect with staff and student leaders, receive any updated materials or schedule changes, and review important next steps for the remainder of orientation.
CIEP Placement Exam - Fall 1	9:00 AM	11:30 AM	MAU 113	This placement exam is used to help determine appropriate course levels for CIEP students in the Fall 1 session. It assesses academic skills to ensure students are placed in classes that match their current ability and support their success. Students should arrive on time, bring any required materials, and follow all instructions provided by staff before and during the exam.
CIEP Lunch at Piazza	11:30 AM	12:15 PM	Piazza	Enjoy Lunch! Meals covered through CIEP Orientation :)
CIEP Handbook Session	12:15 PM	1:15 PM	MAU 113	This session introduces students to the CIEP student handbook and important program policies. Students will review academic expectations, attendance guidelines, grading policies, and key procedures for success in the program.
CIEP E-Learning + Gmail Workshop	1:15 PM	2:00 PM		Learn how to use UNI's essential online tools, including the e-learning platform and your university Gmail account. This workshop will guide students through logging in, navigating course materials, submitting assignments, and managing email communication with professors and staff.
	2:00 PM	3:00 PM		This session provides an overview of health services and

CIEP Health Session				resources available to CIEP students at UNI. Students will learn how to access the campus health center, understand how health insurance works, make appointments, and seek care when needed.
Taste of UNI	3:00 PM	4:00 PM		Kickstart your weekend with free food from local food trucks, learn about resources, enjoy crafts, carnival games, a dunk tank & more.
CAB After Dark	8:00 PM	11:00 PM		CAB After Dark is a late-night campus event featuring entertainment, music, games, and social activities organized by the Campus Activities Board.
Monday				
Schedule Pickup	12:00PM	4:00PM	MAU113	Students will visit the Office of International Engagement to pick up their class schedules and receive important information about their courses. Staff will be available to answer questions, explain schedule details, and help students understand where their classes are located before the start of the semester.
Tuesday				
Classes Start	8:45AM	-	MAU113	Meet us at our office, and our staff get you to your classroom for the session. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER SEMESTER!

As the week and weekend continues on, UNI offers other Programming through Panther Welcome! Please scan the QR code below to explore other activities and ways to engage before classes start on Monday!

