



New Student Orientation Summer 2020

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Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to take the Math Placement Exam (MPE)?

Yes, all incoming first-year students will take the Math Placement Exam either in the summer or in the fall based upon their School/College and major. *All students in the following Schools/Colleges and majors will take their math placement exam in the summer: School of Business, College of Engineering and Architecture, College of Nursing and Allied Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Math, Health Education, Human Performance and Leisure Studies majors only).* These Schools/Colleges and majors require the completion of a math course in your first semester at the University.

All other first-year students will take their math placement exam in the fall and complete a math course in their second or third semester at the University.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Math Placement Exam, please contact Tutoring and Learning Support Services at tss@howard.edu.

When is Bison Week?

Bison Week will be held August 17th – August 22nd. Bison Week will consist of events and activities for all new students to actively participate (virtually, in-person, hybrid) and engage with fellow classmates to ensure a successful and seamless transition to Howard University. The Bison Week schedule will be published in early August 2020.

Can I change my major?

No, incoming first-year students **cannot** change their major until Spring 2021 semester.

Can I double-major?

No, students are not permitted to double-major at this time.. Please speak with your academic adviser for further information.

Will I register for fall 2020 classes?

No, incoming first-year students do not register for fall 2020 classes. An academic adviser in the Schools/Colleges will register incoming first-year students for the fall 2020 semester.

Please note: all incoming first-year students' course registration are pre-determined based upon their intended major. A typical first-year first semester course schedule will consist of the

following: Freshmen Seminar course, English course, Introductory Major course, Afro-Cluster course, and Elective courses (2).

How many classes will I take in my first semester?

All new students will take a minimum of 15 credit hours (5 or 6 courses) during their first semester at Howard University.

Who is my Academic Adviser? How do I schedule an appointment with my Academic Adviser?

All new (first-year and transfer) students are assigned to an Academic Adviser(s) in their School/College. Students should contact their School/College using their bison email account to meet and/or schedule an appointment with an academic adviser. You can find your academic advisers' contact information on the New Student Orientation website under FAQ'S. If you have any other questions regarding your academic adviser, you can email orientation@howard.edu or undergraduatestudies@howard.edu.

How do I transfer my credits if I participated in Dual Enrollment and/or took AP exam(s) in high school?

If you participated in a dual enrollment program, you will need to have an OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT sent from the college/university you attended the Registrar's Office. When requesting to have your official transcript sent, you can send it to transfer@howard.edu or registrar@howard.edu.

If you took an AP exam(s), you will need to have your score sent from College Board to the Office of Registrar at registrar@howard.edu.

Once your official transcript and/or AP scores are received, they will be evaluated for transfer credit. The transfer credit will appear on your Howard University transcript.

When will I receive my housing assignment and move-in date for fall 2020 semester?

The Office of Residence Life and University Housing is working diligently to accommodate incoming and continuing students for the upcoming 20-21 school year.

Move-In Dates and Times

Beginning August 14th, students will be notified of their individual day and times. *Please note: these dates are subject to change. An official notification will be sent to the Bison E-mail account.*

Fall Housing Assignments

The Office of Residence Life and University Housing continues to make housing assignments on

an ongoing basis via StarRez, the University's housing application system. Students should log-in to StarRez to confirm their housing assignment before their scheduled check-in date.

If you have any other questions or concerns regarding University Housing, please contact the Office of Residence Life and University Housing at hureslife@howard.edu

Who do I contact if I have questions about my financial aid package, including grants, scholarships and student loans?

Email the Office of Financial Aid at finaid@howard.edu

Who do I contact if I have questions about my bill and/or payment plan options?

Email the Office of Bursar at bursarhelp@howard.edu

Have additional questions relating to Orientation?

Email us at orientation@howard.edu