

# Preparing for VNSO Q&A

## VNSO

### When does VNSO begin?

Each VNSO session will begin at 11:00 am EDT and runs until 6:30 pm EDT. For the full schedule, you can visit this [page](#).

### Is there time for a lunch break?

Yes! There will be time for a lunch break during the “Break and Browse the Resource Fair” time at 2:30 pm EDT. There are also a number of stretch breaks scheduled during the day. For the complete schedule, visit this [page](#).

### How many students will attend each VNSO session? Is the parent required to be there?

Each VNSO session maxes out at about 200 incoming students. This is due to the person limit that is imposed by our meeting application, Zoom, as well as ensuring there is enough space for parents and those running VNSO. Parents are not required to attend VNSO with their student, but we recommend they do so that everyone is getting the same information and can get any questions answered. We will also host Parent/Family Lounges that parents will be able to attend as well.

### What happens if we accidentally miss our date? Can we schedule for another?

There are a limited number of seats in each session, set to accommodate our incoming fall class. We strongly recommend marking your calendar and identifying any other reminders to help you attend the session you register for. However, if you have issues that come up, please contact Student Transitions and Family Programs at 937-229-2229 or stfp@udayton.edu to get guidance on moving forward with the VNSO requirement.

### I tried to submit my VNSO registration, but it would not let me enter my student ID number to complete my registration.

The registration form should have your information, like your student ID number, already pre-loaded. Please try to access your orientation registration via [porches.udayton.edu](https://porches.udayton.edu) and call Student Transitions and Family Programs at 937-229-2229 if you need help navigating!

### Where can I find orientation information regarding parents?

You can find VNSO information by visiting this [page](#). You can find more parent-specific information, including information on Parent/Family Lounge session by following this [link](#).

## PARENT/FAMILY LOUNGE

Is it correct that the Parent/Family Lounge is a different date than the student's VNSO?

Yes! After the student attends orientation, the parents will get an email with a sign-up link for a Parent/Family Lounge which will take place on Tuesdays. For more information on Parent's Lounge sessions, please visit this [page](#) or call Student Transitions and Family Programs at 937-229-2229.

How long are the Parent/Family Lounge sessions? Is this session required?

The Parent/Family Lounge is an optional session. We are still shaping this experience, as it will be a time for parents and families to ask questions to our team. Currently, we have an hour carved out for the lounge, but that could evolve as we better understand the questions and needs of the parents in this space. They will all be held in the evening at 7 pm EDT to accommodate working families.

When will the confirmation email for the Parent Lounge be sent out?

We will be sending out the emails twice per week-- once on Tuesdays and once on Fridays-- to all parents/family members of newly registered students. Parents should receive the email within a week of their student registering for VNSO. If that is not the case, please reach out to Student Transitions and Family Programs at 937-229-2229!

## CAMP BLUE

What is Camp Blue?

Camp Blue is a high-energy and action-packed week exclusively for University of Dayton's incoming class of First Year students. Camp focuses on leadership and the University of Dayton's philosophy of, "Learn Lead, Serve." For more information on Camp Blue, please visit this [page](#).

If my student participates in Camp Blue, is there any need to sign up for Early Drop-Off?

Camp Blue participants will move in on Sunday, August 16, the Sunday before Welcome Weekend. While you can sign up to do Early Drop-Off the day before, please note that there is time during the Camp Blue scheduled for students to move in on that first day.

If students register for camp blue and it's cancelled will the fee be refunded?

Absolutely! We are hopeful that we will be able to move forward with Camp this year, but if it does get cancelled and you have registered then you will receive a refund.

## COURSE PREFERENCES AND ADVISING

### When do course preference selections begin?

Course preferences is now open, and students can do that process through their Porches account.

### Can students talk to an academic advisor prior to scheduling courses?

Going through Course Preferences is a sort of way of communicating with your advisor as they will receive your preferences for your schedule. While they are not able to walk you through your Course Preferences directly, your advisor will be able to help you adjust your schedule as need be following your submission. Information for your advisor can be found under the Academic Advising tab on Porches, so feel free to contact them with any questions or concerns!

## ACCESS TO UD EMAIL, PORCHES, ISIDORE, AND MORE

### Where can I access my UD email?

You can access your UD email through your Porches account. Under your Front Porch, there will be a "Mail" icon that will send you to your UD email.

### How do I access or find Porches?

Students can access Porches by following this [link](#), and entering their UD username and password.

### What is Isidore, and how do students get access?

Isidore is the University of Dayton's Learning Management System. If your class has an online component, it will likely be done through Isidore. Examples of things that you can see on Isidore are the syllabus, your gradebook, and assignments for each class! Students can access Isidore by going to this [link](#) or going through Porches. To log in, students will use their UD username and password.

### Do first year students have access to DegreeWorks? Where do I find it?

Incoming first year students currently do not have access to DegreeWorks, but it will become available later in the summer. Once it is available, students will be able to find it in Porches under the Flyer Student Services tab.

### Can we download the 1850 app now, or do you recommend waiting until post-orientation?

You can wait until after orientation! We won't be using the app much until we get ready for Welcome Weekend. You'll have plenty of time to familiarize yourself with the functions of the app after orientation. For information on 1850 and Campus Groups, visit this [page](#).

## HOUSING-RELATED QUESTIONS

### Where do we go to sign up for Early Drop-Off?

Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, Housing and Residence Life is currently not accepting applications for Early Drop-off. They will send a series of emails of throughout the summer with a link for early drop off signup when it is available.

### I have not signed the housing contract, is that a To Do item in porches? If you have a housing assignment, does that mean that the housing contract has been signed?

The housing contract is a To Do item in Porches for all incoming first-year students that will be living on campus. If you have a housing assignment, you have gone through the process of the housing contract. For more information on university housing, please call the Housing and Residence Life office at 937-229-3317 or visit their [page](#).

### Do honors students have a separate move-in date and/or time?

Yes, Honors students move in at an earlier hour to allow them time to attend the Honors Welcome that happens in the morning during the regular move-in time.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### What is Handshake, and how do you access it?

Handshake is where all external partners and UD offices post student work opportunities, including internships! This can be accessed by following this [link](#).

### When is the due date to provide vaccination records? What if we cannot get into our doctor's office due to coronavirus?

The due date for vaccination records of students starting in the fall is June 7th! The required form can be found [here](#). With this ongoing pandemic, we recommend reaching out to your doctor's office directly to see what protocols they have in place for immunization records. Since many schools require these records, offices should be fielding questions from families and may be able to get the records to you electronically. If you have more health-related questions, please contact the Health Center at 937-229-3131 or visit their [page](#).

### Is there a certain laptop that you recommend for freshman?

Laptop recommendations will vary based on the student's academic major. UDiT has a list of computer specifications for each major, which can be found [here](#).

### How long are the Community Education Modules?

Each Community Education Module will likely take a student 1-2 hours to complete. There are four required modules, so students should budget their time wisely. More information on each module can be found [here](#).

### When will we receive our Flyer Card?

Flyer Cards will be available when you move into your residence hall. If you are commuting, then you will receive it during Welcome Weekend. For a student to receive their Flyer Card, students must upload a picture by the required deadline.

### How do we order spirit wear?

Within the orientation registration process, there is a spirit wear store! If you did not order spirit wear and would like to, students can go back to their orientation registration in Porches and order!

### Where can I access the past webinars?

Recordings for our past webinars regarding Course Preferences and VNSO can be found [here](#) under the Webinars tab!

### By what date will we know if fall classes will be on campus or virtual?

Details on the start of school are continuously being discussed. We plan to be back in session in the Fall. What it will look like is unknown. Information will be coming soon to parents and to students! For more information and updates, please visit the Path Forward [page](#).