

Called for More

New Student Orientation: Fall 2026 Student Schedule

08/15/2026 – 08/19/2026

Saturday, August 15th, 2026

9:00am – 1:00pm

Residential Life Check-In

Emilie Hall: Students living in Emilie Hall & Mother Joseph Hall

Argo Hall: Students living in Argo, Sr. Rita Mudd, Sikora Halls

Move Crew help is available 9:00am-1:00pm.

11:00am – 1:00pm

Lunch

Students, Parents, and Guests Welcome

Student Center Dining Hall: Table of the King

As a young woman, and before she became Sister Emilie Gamelin, Emilie was committed to serving the poor and vulnerable of Montreal, Canada. She opened her home to provide meals for those in need. It was referred to as “Table of the King” - serving a hot meal with gracious hospitality.

9:00am – 1:00pm

New Student Campus Check-In

Make sure you are positioned for a great start at UP by checking in with these offices and services. Collect the required number of signatures to be entered into a drawing for a free Nintendo Switch. The drawing will take place following the informational sessions on Sunday morning. Must be present to win!

Checklist for Success!

Submit outstanding documents needed for admission, i.e., final high school transcripts, proof of MMR vaccination.

Admissions, Library and Academic Success Center

Register for classes/make schedule changes/make an advising appointment.

Academic Success Center, Library and Academic Success Center

Learn about the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and complete a FERPA release, if applicable. Learn how

to access your course schedule and more.

Registrar, Library and Academic Success Center

Make a payment/set up payment plan.

Student Accounts, Library and Academic Success Center

Verify that your financial aid is accurate and accepted, loan requirements met, and aid dispersed.

Financial Aid, Library and Academic Success Center

Get your student I.D. and parking permit.

Campus Safety, Campus Safety Office

Obtain assistance with academic or medical accommodation.

TRIO/Accessibility Services

Get help with securing access to UP technology.

Information Services, Library and Academic Success Center

Learn about on campus student employment opportunities.

Career Services

9:00am – 3:00pm

ArgoStore Hours

Get your Argo gear!

McLaughlin Center

1:00pm

UP Women's Soccer Exhibition Match

Argo Field

5:00pm

Welcome Dinner

Chapel Quad (Inclement Weather Location: University Center)

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Orientation Group Meetings

Chapel Quad (Inclement Weather Location: Student Center)

8:00pm – 9:00pm

Resident Hall Floor Meetings – Students only

Emilie Hall Residents by Floor

9:00pm

S'more Fun & Games (Parents Welcome)

Join your fellow first year students for s'mores, good music, and lawn games.

Emilie Hall Quad/Chapel Quad (In case of inclement weather, event may be cancelled/postponed to later date.)

Sunday, August 16th, 2026

9:00am – 10:00am

Breakfast

Parents will meet their students at the University Center Conference Rooms for breakfast and morning sessions.

University Center Conference Rooms A and B

9:30am – 10:15am

Start Your Journey with the Finish Line in Sight

Hear firsthand from recent University of Providence graduates as they share their experiences transitioning from student life to career and graduate school success. This interactive session offers valuable insights, real-world perspectives, and the chance to ask questions of young alumni who recently navigated the same journey you're about to begin.

University Center Conference Rooms A and B

10:15am – 10:45am

Living the Mission: UP Core Values

AJ Hoy, PhD(c) Vice President for Student Life & Mission Integration

University Center Conference Rooms A and B

11:00am – 12:00pm

Sunday Morning Mass

Each Sunday the University of Providence community gathers for the celebration of our shared resurrection. This form of prayer is often called "the Mass". In so gathering and praying, we bring ourselves closer to God as we share in the meal we call "eucharist", meaning "thanksgiving". As a community of many faiths, the University of Providence welcomes students and guests of all faiths to participate.

Trinitas Chapel

12:00pm – 1:30pm

Lunch

Student Center Dining Hall: Table of the King

12:30pm-1:30pm

ArgoStore Hours

Get your Argo gear!

McLaughlin Center

1:30pm – 3:00pm

Orientation Group Activity – The Great Game

Join your orientation group leaders for some fun, games and a little healthy competition as you get to know your fellow first year Argos. You must attend to receive your free UP New Student Orientation T-shirt.

Chapel Quad

3:15pm – 3:30pm

Class of 2030 Photo

Argo Field (wear your Orientation Shirt)

3:30pm – 5:00pm

Goodbye to Parents and Guests

Private time for students to say goodbye to their parents/guests and grab any needed items for your room.

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Dinner

Student Center Dining Hall: Table of the King

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Bowling Night @ Little's Lanes

Join your fellow new students at Little's Lanes, a UP-Student favorite in Downtown Great Falls.

Little's Lanes Bowling Alley

Monday, August 17th, 2026

7:30am – 9:00am

Breakfast

Student Center Dining Hall: Table of the King

9:15am – 11:30am

Student Sessions

Students will join their Orientation Groups and rotate through informative sessions regarding important offices and resources that the University of Providence has to offer. These sessions are mandatory for all first-year students.

Meet at Providence Plaza @ 9:15am

11:30am – 1:00pm

Lunch

Student Center Dining Hall: Table of the King

3:00pm – 5:00pm

Lawn Games

Compete against other orientation groups on Providence Plaza in classic lawn games including water balloon toss, egg toss, three-legged races, and much more.

Providence Plaza

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Dinner

Student Center Dining Hall: Table of the King

7:30pm – 8:30pm

Praise & Worship & Sundaes on Monday!

Come to the Chapel/Emilie Hall Quad to lift your voices in praise of our God who longs to spend time with you. This upbeat time of communal prayer will include music, a message and prayer. More Good News: there are Sundaes to be made (and eaten) afterwards!

Chapel Quad. Inclement weather space: Trinitas Chapel

Tuesday, August 18th, 2026

07:30am – 9:00am

Breakfast

Student Center Dining Hall: Table of the King

9:00am – 11:00am

Corps of Discovery: Who We Are & Why We Serve

One of the ways University of Providence expresses its Catholic identity is by encouraging its students to participate in service activities and by providing a framework within which to understand the meaning of these activities. The reflection assignments in service-learning provide one such framework. This presentation will set the stage and launch you into what this looks like at UP. Bonus: you will be on your way to fulfilling your service requirement for the course before classes even begin.

Presented by: Dr. Matt Pietropaoli, Dr. Sarah Spangler, Roy Lanham

This is a Corps of Discovery requirement. You must attend this session in conjunction with the afternoon activities to receive credit

University Center Conference Rooms A & B

11:00am

Grab & Go Lunch

Student Center Dining Hall: Table of the King

12:00pm – 4:30pm

Corps of Discovery: Immersion to Service Learning

You and your fellow first year students will join UP faculty/staff/leadership in the Great Falls community to be in service to those in need. You will grab your lunch and meet back at the University Center.

This is a Corps of Discovery requirement. You must attend this session in conjunction with the morning session to receive credit

Everyone is asked to wear closed-toed shoes for this afternoon of service

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Dinner

University Center Conference Room A

7:00pm – 9:00pm

University of Providence Night @ The Ballpark

Join your fellow Argos at Centene Stadium, Home of the Great Falls Voyagers. The Voyagers are a member of the Pioneer League, an MLB Partner League, with teams in five different states. Each year, UP sponsors two games during the Crosstown Clash Series. There will be a shuttle bus for students leaving at 6:30pm (Emilie Hall Parking Lot) and returning to campus after the 3rd inning, 6th inning, and 9th inning (end of game). Students may choose to drive themselves.

Centene Stadium

Wednesday, August 19th, 2026

7:30am – 9:30am

Breakfast

Student Center Dining Hall: Table of the King

11:00am – 4:30pm

Missouri River Float Trip (Option 1) – Stickney Creek to Prewett Creek

The bus will leave Emilie Hall @ 10:00am

Join your fellow first year students on a float trip on the mighty Missouri River. This is a relatively leisurely float, with a fast current and a few riffles, but no rapids or white water. Here you can relive part of the Lewis and Clark expedition by floating the

river, just like the Corps of Discovery did in 1805. Much of this stretch of the Missouri remains untouched and still resembles what the Corps of Discovery would have seen when they first ventured through the canyon in the early 1800s. As you float through this dramatic canyon scenery, you will travel past sheer cliff walls of igneous rock (some over 300 vertical feet tall), beautiful forest and meadow scenery, wildlife viewing opportunities, and historic Tower Rock near the take-out point.

We will eat lunch when we arrive at Stickney Creek Access Site and then proceed onto the river. Rafts will have a cooler of water available. The float will be about 4 hours on the river, including some stops to swim so wear appropriate clothing and utilize sunscreen! Stay hydrated!

11:00am – 3:30pm

Hike @ Sluice Boxes State Park (Option 2)

The bus will leave Emilie Hall at 10:00am

Join your fellow first year students on a hike through the beautiful Sluice Boxes State Park, located a short 35 minutes from Great Falls. Soaring cliffs and precipitous ledges mark the Belt Creek Canyon as it slices out of the Little Belt Mountains and winds toward the town of Belt, Montana. Remains of mines, a railroad, and historic cabins line Belt Creek as it makes its way through the beautiful canyon, carved in limestone. This rugged area has many fishing, camping, hiking and recreational activity opportunities, with the old Barker Mines and remnants of the Montana Central Railroad being just a small part of the rich history of Sluice Boxes State Park.

* This hike will be led by Cole Irwin – TRIO Counselor Advocate.*

* This hike is on a moderate trail and will be roughly 3-4 miles in total. There are parts of the trail that those with a fear of heights may find difficult. Lunch will be provided, along with water. Feel free to bring your own water bottle. *

5:30 – 7:30pm

Dinner

Student Center Dining Hall: Table of the King

9:00pm

Movies & Milkshakes

Who doesn't like to see a film on the big screen under Montana's Big Sky? As part of C.O.D., come out and relax on the lawn. Enjoy homemade milkshakes, popcorn and a flick.

Scholars Circle, BYOB (Bring Your Own Blanket)

Thursday, August 20th, 2026

Happy First Day of Classes!!

5:00pm – 8:00pm

Welcome Back BBQ

Your orientation all ends here with a party: The Welcome Back BBQ on the Chapel Quad. There will be music, lawn games, axe throwing, a dunk tank, a mechanical bull, free caricatures, free UP swag, great food, and much more! All University of Providence students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend and have some fun.

Chapel Quad