



international & tck student

ORIENTATION

AUGUST 15-21
2025



Hope
COLLEGE

welcome!

we're so glad you're here.

This is your guide to
everything happening during the
2025 International & TCK
Student Orientation.

Be sure to connect with the
Center for Global Engagement staff
with any questions or concerns!



Hope COLLEGE

CENTER FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

day one.

FRIDAY 8.15.25

Use Hope ID for all meals at Phelps Dining Hall

7-8:30 am	Breakfast	Phelps Dining Hall
9:00 am	Orientation Kickoff	MMC 1st fl. rotunda
10:00 am	Student Expectations & Icebreakers	MMC 239
11:00 am	Explore Michigan Meeting	MMC 239
12 noon	Lunch	Phelps Dining Hall
1:00 pm	Student Photos	MMC 239
1:30 pm	Campus Tour	Campus
3:00 pm	Health & Safety Session 1: Campus Safety Active Aggressor Training	Intl Student Lounge
Note: 3pm	OD/OA panel at parent session in MMC 135	
4:00 pm	Reminder and Review Schedule for Explore Michigan Trip	Intl Student Lounge
4:15pm	Free Time	
5:00 pm	Dinner	Phelps Dining Hall
7-9 pm	Shopping at Meijer / Free Time	Meet at flagpole by DeWitt



days two-four.
SATURDAY - MONDAY
8.16.25 - 8.18.25

EXPLORE *michigan*

An orientation trip for international & TCK freshmen students

Meet in the MMC 1st floor rotunda at 7:45 am on
Saturday, August 16 with your bag for Explore Michigan packed!

We will return to campus on Monday evening, Aug 18.

The trip itinerary will be distributed at the Explore Michigan meeting.



day five.

TUESDAY

8.19.25

7:30 am	Breakfast	Phelps Dining Hall
8:00 am	Health & Safety Session 2: Vaccination clinic & TB testing	Health Center
11:00 am	Academic Session 1: Boerigter Center Vocational Discernment and Academic Major Selection	MMC 239
12 noon	Lunch	Phelps Dining Hall
1:00 pm	Student Support - Registrar's Office	MMC 239
1:30 pm	Academic Session 2: Plagiarism	MMC 239
2:30 pm	Break & Short Activity with ODs/OAs	MMC 239
3:00 pm	Business Services & Insurance Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insurance• Finding Info about Hope's Insurance• Questions about payment• Financial holds	MMC 239
3:30 pm	Short Break	MMC 239
3:40 pm	Academic Session 3: Academic Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registrar's Office• What is in plus.hope.edu• How to make a schedule change	MMC 239
4:00 pm	Review schedule and commitments	MMC 239
4:15 pm	Free Time: Explore bookstore/campus	
5:00 pm	Dinner	Phelps Dining Hall
7-9 pm	Shopping at Walmart / Free Time	Meet at flagpole by DeWitt

day six.

WEDNESDAY

8.20.25

7:30 am	Breakfast	Phelps Dining Hall
9:00 am	Cultural Adjustment Session 1: Cultural Intelligence	MMC 239
10:00 am	Learn about All Freshmen Orientation	MMC 239
10:20 am	Cultural Adjustment Session 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IRC: Events• Host Family Program• Images and Food Fair• Calendar	MMC 239
10:50 am	Walk to the Van Wylen Library	Campus
11:00 am	Academic Session 4: Library	Van Wylen Library
12 noon	Lunch	Phelps Dining Hall
1:00 pm	ODs & OAs - Activity with Students	MMC 239
1:15 pm	Computing & Information Tech (CIT) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navigate Moodle & CIT Services	MMC 239
1:35 pm	ODs & OAs - Activity with Students	MMC 239
2:00 pm	Health & Safety Session 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health benefit/services (Health Ctr)• Counseling & Confidentiality (CAPS)	MMC 239
3:00 pm	Academic Session 5: Faculty Panel	MMC 239
3:50 pm	Short Break	MMC 239
4:05 pm	Academic Session 6: Academic Success Center	MMC 239
4:25 pm	Review Thursday's schedule	MMC 239
4:45-7pm	Picnic at Kollen Park	Leave from MMC 1st fl. rotunda at 4:45pm

day seven.

THURSDAY

8.21.25

7:30 am	Breakfast	Phelps Dining Hall
9:00 am	Health & Safety Session 4: Title IX & Equal Opportunity Training	MMC 135
9:35 am	Immigration Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signature/Traveling• PDSO/DSO roles• Maintaining status• On-Campus Employment• Social Security Card• Driver's License	MMC 135
	Note: Concurrent TCK session in MMC 249	MMC 135
10:30 am	Break	
10:45 am	International Orientation Wrap-up	MMC 135
11:00 am	Free time	
12 noon	Lunch	Phelps Dining Hall

**Join the 2025 All Freshmen Orientation on
Thursday, August 21 at 1:00 pm!**

Classes begin on Monday, August 25, 2025

Meet Your Orientation Directors

Dani

Home Country Honduras
Year in College Senior
Majors Sociology & Global Studies
(Global Cultures and Societies Concentration)



Hey! I'm Dani, and I'm happy to be your orientation director! What I am most excited about orientation is helping you all feel welcome and supported as you get used to a new place and culture. I know it can be a big change, and I'm here to help make it a little easier along with my cool orientation assistants and co-director!

One of my favorite parts of orientation is the ice breakers—although they sound scary, they help everyone relax, laugh, and start making new friends. I also love the kayaking trip! It's a great mix of teamwork and fun, and paddling hard and laughing a lot. It's also a great way to bond or maybe even compete to get to the finish line;)

As your OD, I hope to help you feel good about starting this next chapter. I want to be someone you can count on not just during this week of orientation but throughout the school year! I'll do my best to help you with any questions or concerns so that you can enjoy the start of college. You belong here!

Fun Fact I have two pet turtles named Sammy and Shelly!

Meet Your Orientation Directors



Davi

Home Countries Brazil & Thailand

Major Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Year in College Senior

What excites or delights you about Orientation?

Getting to meet and help prepare the new students for a wonderful time at Hope!

Favorite International Orientation activity

The Explore Michigan trip - especially the Mackinac Island trip because I love the views.

What do you hope to accomplish with the new students?

I hope to be a good resource and help the new internationals feel ready to be freshmen.

Something unique about yourself

Although I'm from Brazil, I was actually born and raised in Thailand!

Meet Your Orientation Assistants

Addie

Home Countries
USA & Thailand

Major: Studio Art

Year in College: Sophomore

What excites or delights you about Orientation?

Getting to experience new places - outdoor beauty with the new international students!

Favorite International Orientation activity

I love exploring Macinac Island, because I grew up going to that island in the summertime as a kid, and I love biking, hiking, and exploring the downtown area.

What do you hope to accomplish with the new students?

I want to be someone who they can turn to in the first few hard months of college- and I also want to help build an international community that they can feel welcome in.

Something unique about yourself

I brew kombucha!



Meet Your Orientation Assistants



Annabelle

Born in the US, but grew up in
El Salvador, Ireland, & Taiwan

Majors: Chemistry & Biblical Studies

Year in College: Junior

What excites you about International Orientation?

I love the community the orientation gives you. It was so well done during my year because it allowed a group of 20 people to know everyone and connect well immediately. I am delighted to be able to help foster that this upcoming year.

Favorite International Orientation activity

My favorite activity was the small minigames that helped us learn each other's names and grow a sort of fun competitive atmosphere. It was really great. I remember specifically the blanket splitting half of the room and dropping it before trying to guess the other person's name before the other. I also remember the fun cup game where someone would call out different body parts to touch until you got to 'cup' and tried to grab it. That was so much fun.

What do you hope to accomplish with the new students?

I hope to give the students a great community and show them that college is a fun experience. I want to show them that they can pursue their interests and be seen, regardless of where they come from.

Something unique about yourself I can knit with my feet.

Meet Your Orientation Assistants

Diego



Home Country Peru

Major Biochemistry

Year in College Sophomore

What excites or delights you about Orientation?

Giving a hand to the new international students so that they can make Hope their new home.

Favorite International Orientation activity

Biking around the island was a delightful idea.

What do you hope to accomplish with the new students?

I want them to feel welcome and build trust so that they have someone to rely on their first college year.

Something unique about yourself

I lift hearts and weights.

Meet Your Orientation Assistants



Emilia

Home Country **Ukraine**

Major **Studio Art**

Year in College **Sophomore**

What excites or delights you about Orientation?

Getting to know new international students and making unforgettable friendships from all around the world! I am so excited to walk them through life in Hope College.

Favorite International Orientation activity

Hide and seek in one of Hope's buildings

What do you hope to accomplish with the new students?

Make them 100% confident in what opportunities they have here at Hope College and get into American life very quickly!

Something unique about yourself

I have visited 30 US states and 25 countries!

Meet Your Orientation Assistants

Joy

Home Countries

Philippines & Thailand

Major Civil Engineering

Year in College Sophomore

Hi! My name is Joy and I come from the Philippines. I am currently studying civil engineering here at Hope College and I am a sophomore. I will be an international OA and I am excited to meet new students from all over the world.

Favorite International Orientation activity

My favorite activity during International Student Orientation was going around Mackinac Island, riding my bicycle, and eating fudge.

What do you hope to accomplish with the new students?

I hope that I can unite different students and create lasting friendships during International Orientation.

Something unique about yourself

Lastly, something unique about myself is that I am Filipino but can only cook Thai food...



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