Friday, August 20

Move In, 8:00 - 11:00 am
Main Campus

Residence Halls
It’s time to officially make UNK your new home! Students can use this time slot to move college necessities into dorm rooms before the fun begins.

Campus Walk, 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Enter Campus - All Students

To avoid the first-day jitters, take a trip around campus to find where your classes will take place. Become familiar with the campus map and explore UNK. Super Leaders will be stationed to guide you through buildings and answer questions about the departments.

Meet with your New Herd, 5:00 - 5:30 pm
Residence Halls, First Year Students

Meet up with your Career Leaders who will be your guides for the weekend and have the opportunity to take pictures with your new friends and family before the weekend begins!

Parade of Lopers, 5:00 - 4:00 pm
Bell Tower to Health and Sports Center - First Year Students and Parents

Be a part of the tradition. Now students will walk under the Bell Tower and lead to their official convocation. Parents/family, faculty/staff, community members and alumni welcome to take the sidewalk between the Fine Arts Building and Parking Lot 10 to cheer on our new students and make them feel welcome!

Welcome Convocation, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Health and Sports Center - First Year Students

Join fellow incoming students, Chancellor Kristensen, Student Regent Noah Limbach, the UNK Marching Band, Cheer & Dance Teams, and faculty/staff to kick off your college career!

Blue Gold Showcase, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Cope Fountain and Campus Greens - All Students

Don’t miss our traditional welcome festivit with over 200 Kearney area businesses and campus organizations! Meet the Kearney community, enjoy live entertainment and get free stuff!

Chancellor’s Picnic, 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Campus Greens - All Students

Chancellor Kristensen hosts a picnic for everyone attending Blue Gold. Come check out the vendor booths and enjoy free meal!

UNK Pride of the Plains, 7:30 - 8:00 pm
Foster Field - All Students

The talented student musicians in the Pride of the Plains Marching Band will perform a selection of songs to kick off all of this week’s excitement. Don’t forget to stand and clap along as they play the school song!

Residence Hall First Floor Meeting, 8:30 - 9:00 pm
Floor Leaders - All Students

Living in a community is exciting and scary. We host these floor meetings to help you meet new people at college and navigate this exciting time in your life.

Loper Late Night Hangout, 9:30 - 11:15 pm
Cope Fountain - All Students

Come hang out with UNK and listen to the DJ playing some hit music!

Saturday, August 21

Breakfast & Class Picture, 8:00 - 9:30 am
Cope Student and Transfer Center - First Year Students

Rise and shine and bring your best smile for the most important meal of the day and for the 2021 incoming class photo.

First Year Ready Orientation, 9:30 - 12 pm
Ponderosa Room - First Year Students

During the orientation, you will become familiar with your new home and its rules and expectations. Learn your way around campus, and find out more about health services, meal plans, computer needs, and more.

Professor Conversations & Lunch, 12:00 - 2:00 pm
Ponderosa Room and Health and Sports Center - First Year Students

Students will meet with professors and start building connections within their department, while enjoying a free lunch.

Swingin’ Kick Off, 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Ponderosa Room - First Year Students

College is about trying new things and jumping outside your comfort zone, all while pursuing your passions. Tom Kringenstein is a motivational speaker who will inspire you to take on new adventures and make the most of your college experience.

Open Office Hours, 3:30 - 5:00 pm
All Offices - All Students and Parents

During this downtime, students have the opportunity to enter any office, ask questions, and become acquainted with UNK resources and faculty.

Playfair, 4:30 - 10:00 pm
Foster Field - First Year Students

Playfair is like nothing you have experienced before! It’s an interactive and fun way to make new friends & start building those relationships that will last a lifetime!

Sunday, August 22

First Year Community Social, 12:30 - 1:30 pm
Ponderosa Room - First Year Community Students

Communities are welcome to attend and encouraged to dive into campus life, even if they did not bring a campus.

Open Office Hours, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
All Offices - All Students and Parents

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Transfer Student Orientation, 1:30 - 4:00 pm
All Offices - First Year Students

Transfer students can attend to learn about the differences and similarities UNK has compared to other universities.

Residence Hall Floor Meeting, 10:00 - 11:00 am
Floor Leaders - All Students

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Tuesday, August 24

Loper Ropes: You’ve Been to Class, Now What?, 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Ponderosa Room - First Year Students

After your first couple of classes, you may have questions on a variety of college “Mights.” Between who you need to connect with, what to download, or even just getting up for Day 2, join student affairs professionals to get you set for tomorrow and the rest of the semester.

Thursday, August 26

Destination Downtown, 3:00 - 11:00 pm
Downtown Kearney - All Students

Explore “The Bricks,” downtown Kearney, and experience awesome vendors, delicious food, and cool prizes. Stick around to enjoy the popular band, Lemon Fresh Day! Shuttles leave from the north-side of the Union starting at 5:00 pm.

Wednesday, September 1

Student Organization Fair, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Cope Fountain and green space - All Students

Over 150 student organizations welcome you. Learn how to join or get involved.

Required Event