



Hope
COLLEGE



2025

A GUIDE
TO GETTING
STARTED

HOPE COLLEGE | HOLLAND, MI

CLASS OF 2030

CLASS OF 2030 + FAMILIES

Welcome to the Hope College community!

We are so excited to partner with you as you begin this exciting new chapter. Whether you're a student preparing to take your first steps on campus or a parent supporting your student from home, this is the beginning of a transformative journey.

To help guide you through the important steps ahead, we've created this Guide to Getting Started at Hope College —your go-to resource for deadlines, to-do's and everything you need to be ready for the fall semester. This guide will walk you through key dates, housing information, orientation details and more. Throughout the summer, you will receive weekly emails that go into greater detail about everything presented here. Make sure you are checking your Hope College email!

Students, this is your time to take the lead. College is a time to grow—not only academically, but also personally. We encourage you to take ownership of your preparation for college: read your Hope email consistently, keep track of important deadlines and communicate directly with Hope staff if you have questions. The more you invest in this transition, the more confident and ready you'll feel when you arrive on campus.

Parents and families, we are so grateful for the role you play in supporting your student. We know this is a big transition for you as well. As much as you want to help, we ask you to step back just a bit—allowing your student the space to learn, stumble and succeed. One of the greatest gifts you can give them during this time is the opportunity to begin developing the independence they'll need throughout their college experience and beyond.

We are honored to welcome you into the Hope community. We can't wait to see all the ways you'll grow, lead and thrive in the months and years ahead.

With hope and excitement,

Your First Year Transition Team

Ellen Awad, *Associate Dean for Student Life*

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Katie DeKoster, *Director of Family Engagement*



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SUMMER CHECKLIST

- Submit your **Housing and Dining** application through your Hope Housing Portal. Housing and roommate assignments will be released the week of July 6.
DUE JUNE 12

- Submit your **course registration** worksheet.
DUE JUNE 17

- Waive or accept **health insurance**, and submit your TB questionnaire and immunization record, through the Volta Health app.
DUE JULY 1

- Submit your **Clifton Strengths** assessment and the information for your **My Academic Advisor** survey.
DUE JULY 31

- Select your **move-in** time slot.
AVAILABLE THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST

- Register for **Orientation** (including any family members!)
DUE AUGUST 17

SUMMER TIMELINE

● **May 19, 2026**

Class registration survey sent to your 1Hope email address.

● **June 12, 2026**

Housing application, including your meal plan selection, is due in your housing portal.

● **June 17, 2026**

Class registration survey is due.

● **July 1, 2026**

Deadline to waive or enroll in Hope's health insurance and submit your TB questionnaire and immunization record through the Volta Health app.

● **June 30, 2026**

Registration opens for Orientation.

● **July 7, 2026**

Emails will be sent to both students and guardians about how to access your bill.

● **July 21, 2026**

Course schedules will be available in your My College account, accessed through app.hope.edu.

● **July 31, 2026**

Clifton Strengths assessment and information for My Academic Advisor survey are both due.

● **August 27-29, 2026**

Family Orientation

● **August 27-30, 2026**

New Student Orientation

● **August 31, 2026**

First Day of Classes!



WEBSITES & APPS

(Student log-in required for some of the following links)

BUSINESS SERVICES: hope.edu/business

DINING: hope.edu/dining *(Update your dining plan in your housing portal.)*

EMAIL: 1.hope.edu *(Check your Hope email consistently throughout the summer!)*

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE: hope.edu/fye

HEALTH CENTER: hope.edu/healthcenter

HEALTH CENTER PATIENT PORTAL: hope.edu/patientportal

HOPE HOUSING PORTAL: hope.edu/housing-portal

REGISTRAR: hope.edu/registrar

RESIDENTIAL LIFE: hope.edu/reslife

SLATE PORTAL: hope.edu/portal

THE HOPE COLLEGE APP: app.hope.edu

BOOKMARK AND SAVE THESE LINKS!

RESIDENTIAL LIFE AND HOUSING

EXPLORE OUR RESIDENCE HALLS

Most first year students will live in a residence hall. The rooms and features of each hall will vary. Most of our housing is based on a double and triple room occupancy in facilities without air conditioning. Additionally, we house students by floor or unit based on biological sex.

If you have any questions about room amenities or whether lofting and bunking are permitted, you can find detailed information and photos for each residence hall at the link below.



link.hope.edu/explorehousing

For more information, contact our Residential Life and Housing Office.

housing@hope.edu

CAMPUS PRINT AND MAIL SERVICES

All mail should be sent to the address below. When students have a package or letter to pick up at the mail room, they will be notified by email.



hope.edu/mail

SENDING MAIL

(for all students who live on campus)

Student Name
Mail File # (from your housing portal)
141 E. 12th Street
Holland, MI 49423



DINING INFORMATION

There is a meal plan to fit every preference and personal schedule. Students have through the first week of classes to adjust their meal plan in their housing portal.



Check out hope.edu/dining-plans for all of the benefits associated with each plan.

For more information, contact our Dining Services office:
dining@hope.edu



View our daily menus and more!

ACCESSING YOUR BILL

Your first bill will arrive the week of **July 7**. Students and guardians will both receive an email to set up access as a “payer.”

If you have any other questions, contact Business Services:
businessservices@hope.edu or call **616.395.7810**.

MOVE-IN DAY!



In early August, students will sign up for a move-in day time slot. These shifts allow for more space in the halls and the parking lots. Touch base with your roommate before signing up for a time slot, as some pairings prefer some personal space and others prefer to move in together.

When your vehicle pulls up to your residence hall, be prepared to check in with a photo ID.

From there, teams of Orientation Assistants (OAs) in orange t-shirts will meet you and carry all of your belongings up to your room. Please make sure that you pre-label all belongings with your first and last name and room number.

Residential Life staff and Physical Plant staff will be in every hall to help with lofting, bunking and any questions you may have. Once your move in slot ends, please move your vehicle so that the next wave of families has space.



Need more help on where to go?
Check out our online campus map! maps.hope.edu



ORIENTATION **AUGUST 27-30, 2026**

Our goal is for you to have a smooth and easy transition to Hope.

The Orientation website contains detailed schedules for both **students and families**. Yes, families are included in Orientation!

Each student will be placed in a small group with two Orientation Assistants (OAs). The purpose of these groups, and the weekend as a whole, is to help you begin building community, learn to navigate campus and become familiar with life at Hope.

On Friday of Orientation, all students will have their first in-person meeting with their academic advisor! Advisors will contact their students via email in the week before move in with instructions for that meeting.

FAMILY SCHEDULE



[link.hope.edu/
family-orientation](https://link.hope.edu/family-orientation)

STUDENT SCHEDULE



[link.hope.edu/
student-orientation](https://link.hope.edu/student-orientation)

ON INSTAGRAM:

 [hopeorientation](https://www.instagram.com/hopeorientation)

orientation@hope.edu | hope.edu/orientation

COURSE REGISTRATION

Students complete their course registration survey **by June 17**. This survey includes information like any AP, IB or transfer credits, potential majors and specific courses you are interested in taking.

From there, the Registrar's staff will craft a unique schedule for every student. They have a vested interest in ensuring that all students start on the right path! If students have questions after receiving their schedule, they should reach out to firstyearreg@hope.edu.

For more information, contact our Registrar:
registrar@hope.edu

COMPUTING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (CIT)

Check out the CIT website for technology recommendations, FAQs and the unique services that this team offers.

**Contact our CIT
department:**
cit@hope.edu



**Learn
more at**
hope.edu/cit



CAMPUS SAFETY

Campus Safety is on call 24/7/365!

Check out the Campus Safety website, or stop by in person, to take advantage of any of their services.

- Vehicle registration
- Bike registration
- Safety escorts
- Campus shuttle
- Lost and Found
- ID cards

For more information, contact Campus Safety:
pubsafe@hope.edu | hope.edu/campus-safety
616.395.7770



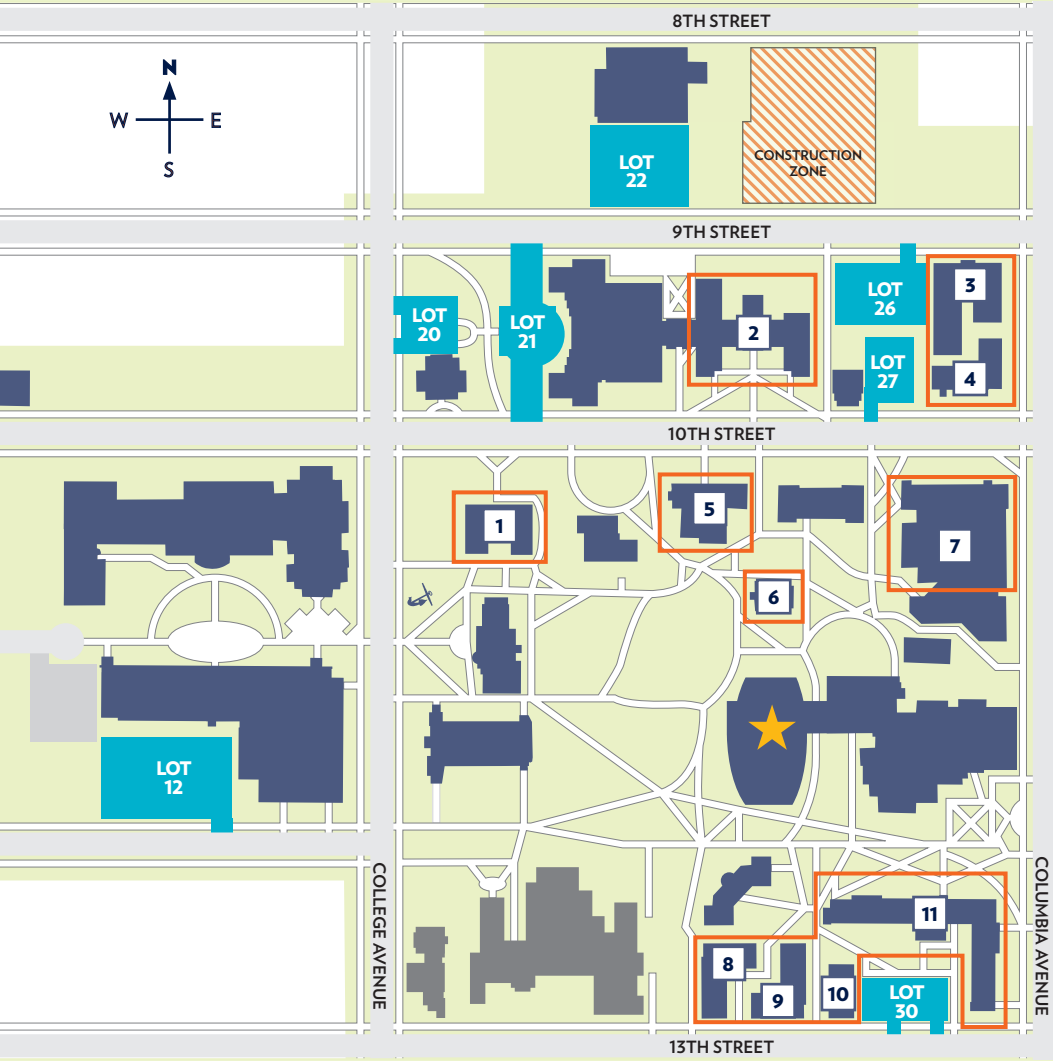
THE HEALTH CENTER & COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

We are committed to caring for every student's physical and mental health! It is worth noting that these teams do not work full time over the summer, so response times will be slower.

Contact CAPS:
caps@hope.edu
hope.edu/caps

Contact the Health Center:
healthcenter@hope.edu
hope.edu/healthcenter

MOVE-IN MAP



 **Residence Halls**

 **Parking Lots**

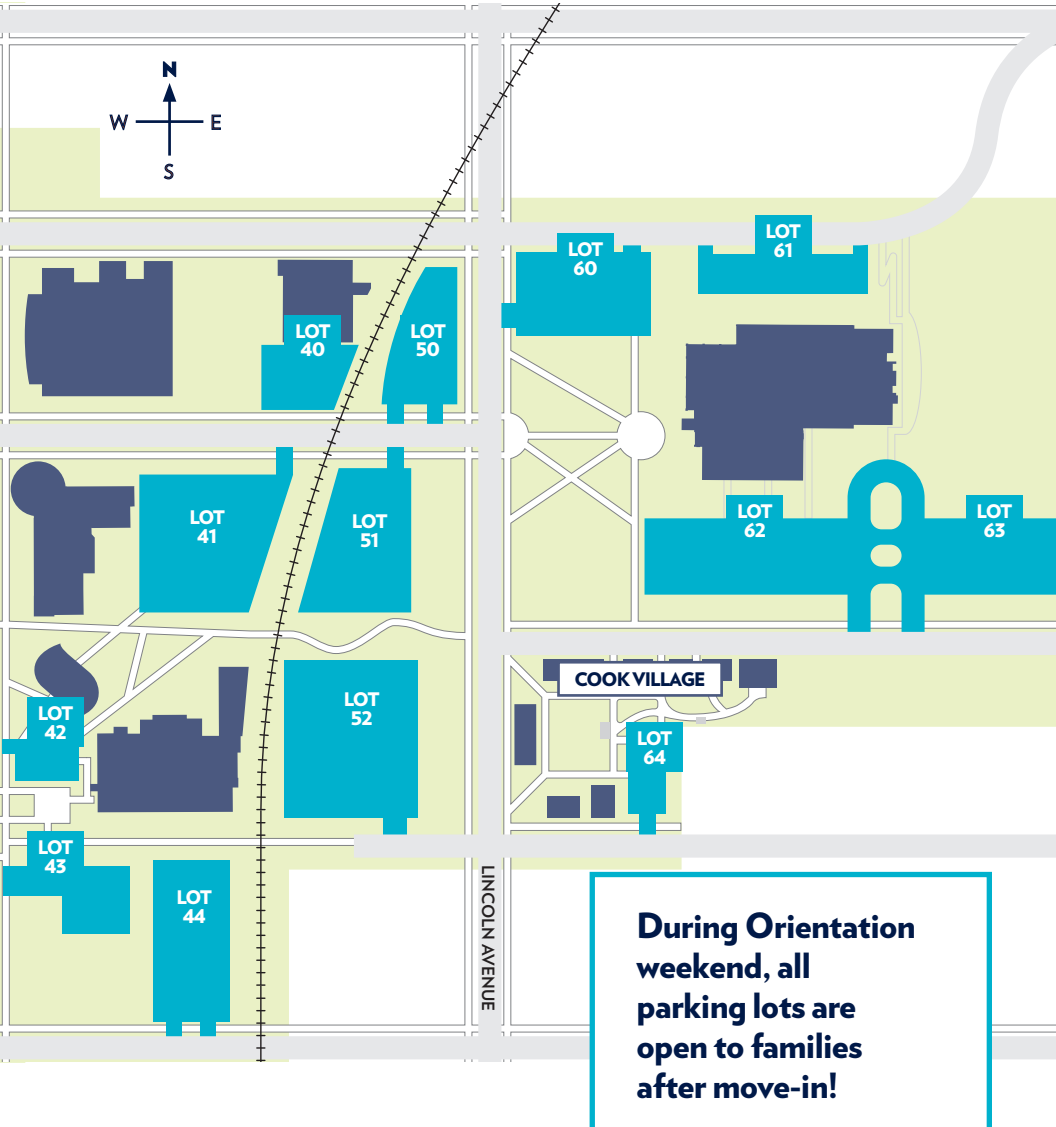
 **Bultman Student Center**

1. Voorhees Hall
2. Cook Hall
3. Dykstra Hall
4. Gilmore Hall

5. Durfee Hall
6. Van Vleck Hall
7. Phelps Hall
8. Wyckoff Hall

9. Scott Hall
10. Lichty Hall
11. Kollen Hall

MOVE-IN DAY PARKING



Check out our online campus map!
maps.hope.edu

2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

August 31: Classes Begin

September 7: Labor Day, Classes in Session

October 2: Fall Recess Begins, 6pm

October 7: Fall Recess Ends, 8am

October 15 and 17: **ONE BIG WEEKEND** (HOMECOMING AND FAMILY WEEKEND)

November 25 - 29: Thanksgiving Recess

December 14 - 18: Semester Examinations

December 18: College Housing Closes, 5pm

January 9: College Housing Opens, 12pm

January 11: Classes Begin

February 12: Winter Recess Begins, 6pm

February 17: Winter Recess Ends, 8am

March 12 -21: Spring Recess

March 26: Good Friday, no classes in session

March 29: Easter Monday, no classes in session

April 29: Honors Convocation

May 3 - 7: Semester Examinations

May 7: College Housing Closes, 5pm

May 9: Baccalaureate and Commencement



**CHECK OUT THE FULL ACADEMIC YEAR
CALENDAR** hope.edu/academic-calendar

ACADEMIC RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS



ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Your advisor is always a good first step when you have questions. Reach out to them via email or stop by. They want to get to know you and support your goals!

hope.edu/advising



ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

Free tutoring, academic coaching, group study sessions, peer partnership learning and study sessions.

hope.edu/asc



DISABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES

Support for students who experience barriers as a result of a chronic medical condition, mental health, physical or sensory disability, an injury or temporary condition, learning disability and/or ADHD.

hope.edu/dar



KLOOSTER CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN WRITING

Support for students through every phase of the writing process. Valuable for all majors.

hope.edu/klooster



VAN WYLEN LIBRARY

Students have access to research support, technology lending and the digital media lab.

hope.edu/library

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE hope.edu/fye





Alumni and Family Engagement
DeWitt Student and Cultural Center
141 East 12th Street
Holland, MI 49423

