

DAKOTA COLLEGE AT BOTTINEAU

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

WELCOME PACKET

We are eager to welcome you to new student orientation this fall.

Your admission to Dakota College at Bottineau is a testament to your personal and academic accomplishments. You have chosen an institution that values and supports your individual contributions. We want to empower you in and out of the classroom to make a positive impact on the lives of others while reaching your highest potential.

During your orientation experience, you will explore new ideas and concepts, learn how to get involved, and explore ways of making a difference in your collegiate experience. Maybe even discover a new passion. Above all, we hope that you will have fun and make friends that last a lifetime.

This orientation packet for first-year students is full of useful information to prepare you for orientation and inform you about the day's events. Also included are valuable checklists we have created to help you keep track of your "to-do items" before arriving on campus.

If at any point you have a question, please let us know by contacting me directly or calling the Student Services office at 1-800-542-6866. We are here to help you.



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First Year Experience is Required

First Year Experience is a one credit class that all first-year students are required to take. You are graded on your participation, so you should expect to attend every session. There is essential information at each session and helpful staff here for the explicit purpose of preparing you for your first semester on campus. Failure to attend key elements of First Year Experience may mean you will be required to attend another session before being advised and registering for classes. This will also be your first grade on your official college transcript.



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Before Orientation

Before Orientation Checklist

- Submit ACT or SAT results if you have taken one of these exams
- Submit final high school transcript or GED results
- Submit official transcripts through all previous colleges you have attended
- Proof of immunizations against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella
- Proof of immunizations against Meningococcal disease (students under the age of 21)
- Activate your Campus Connection account
- Register for Fall 2019 classes
- Finalize financial aid and/or sign up for a payment plan
- Finalize your housing contract or request for freshman housing exemption

Immunization Records

MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)

The North Dakota State Board of Higher Education requires that all students born after 1956 provide documentation of two (2) doses of Measles, Mumps and Rubella administered no less than one month apart, or provide documentation of titers proving immunity to each disease.

Meningococcal (Students 21 and younger)

Effective Fall 2017, newly admitted students ages 21 and younger must provide documentation of immunity against Meningococcal disease in accordance with this policy. The Chancellor shall adopt procedures implementing these requirements. Documentation of immunity under subsection 2 in SBHE Policy 506.1 means evidence of at least one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine at age 16 or older.

DCB accepts copies of records issued by physician offices, local health departments, high schools, colleges, or military records.



Placement Testing

All students who have not taken the ACT or SAT will need to take a placement test when arriving to campus. Placement testing will take place in the computer labs on Monday, August 26 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am, or call 701-228-5657 to schedule an appointment for your placement test.

Financial Aid and FAFSA

To be considered for financial aid you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and include the DCB school code 002995 so that we receive your information. The U.S. Department of Education will determine your estimated family contribution (EFC) using the information supplied on the FAFSA. The FAFSA can be completed online at fafsa.ed.gov.

You may submit the FAFSA after October 1, for the following year. The priority deadline to apply for Student Aid is April 15. Financial Aid award notices are mailed in late-May or early-June.

For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office at 701-228-5469.

Fall Housing Information

If you are an unmarried freshman, under the age of 21 years, and will not be living at a parent or legal guardian's permanent home, you are required to complete a housing contract.

If you have any questions, please contact the Housing Director at 701-228-5670.

Notifind Emergency Notification System

Notifind is an emergency notification system that informs all students via e-mail, voicemail, and text in the case of any type of campus-wide incident. Student safety is a high priority at DCB; therefore, all students are automatically enrolled in Notifind.

In case of inclement weather, DCB will notify students via Notifind.

If you would like to opt out of the Notifind alerts or update your primary communication preferences, please log into your Campus Connection account.



Preparing to Attend

What to Bring, Pack, and Wear

- Comfortable shoes as you will be engaging in activities
- An alarm clock or cell phone with an alarm clock
- Toiletries
- Any medications that you take
- Sunscreen/bug spray
- Sunglasses
- Swimming suit
- Also, see suggested packing list from Housing Contract

Directions to Campus

- Come to Bottineau, ND, on ND Highway 5
- Turn north onto Main Street (right if you are coming from the east; left if coming from the west)
- Go through town, approximately .9 miles, until you cross the railroad tracks
- As you cross the railroad tracks, you will see a sign for Dakota College at Bottineau; Make a right onto 2nd Street, go two blocks east
- Make a left onto Simrall Boulevard, go one and a half blocks north and the college is in sight



Transportation to Campus

(Volleyball and football players please disregard this section)

DCB offers a discounted shuttle service on Thursday, August 22, 2019 for first-year students. This service runs to the Minot airport/train station. Students must submit their request for the discounted shuttle service by 4 pm on August 16. Students requesting transportation will pay \$10 for the service. DCB will only accommodate students who have submitted their requests for transportation by August 16 and arrive before 10 pm on Thursday, August 22. If the time does not fit your travel schedules, you will have to arrange your own mode of transportation and pay for it.

What to Expect at Orientation

You will:

- Learn about your college and major
- Meet other new students
- Learn about different campus services and resources like academic support, dining and living on campus, health services, safety, and the best ways to get involved and enjoy your time here
- Have the opportunity to speak with important officials on campus
- Learn about the Bottineau community
- Meet with advisors to create an academic plan
- Eat great food with DCB faculty and staff
- Discover what makes DCB unique

Student Check-In

Student check-in is anytime between 10:00 am and midnight on Thursday, August 22. Students, parents, and guests can park their vehicles and check-in at their assigned residence halls.

Getting Your Campus ID Card

Students will have the opportunity to have a photo taken during orientation on Friday, August 23rd. IDs will be printed and picked up from the Business Office.



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Emergency Contact Information

If you need assistance during orientation, please call our office 1-800-542-6866 Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. This number will be answered by our office staff. After hours call our emergency phone number 701-201-0350 if you need assistance. This number is to a professional staff member and should be used for emergency purposes only.



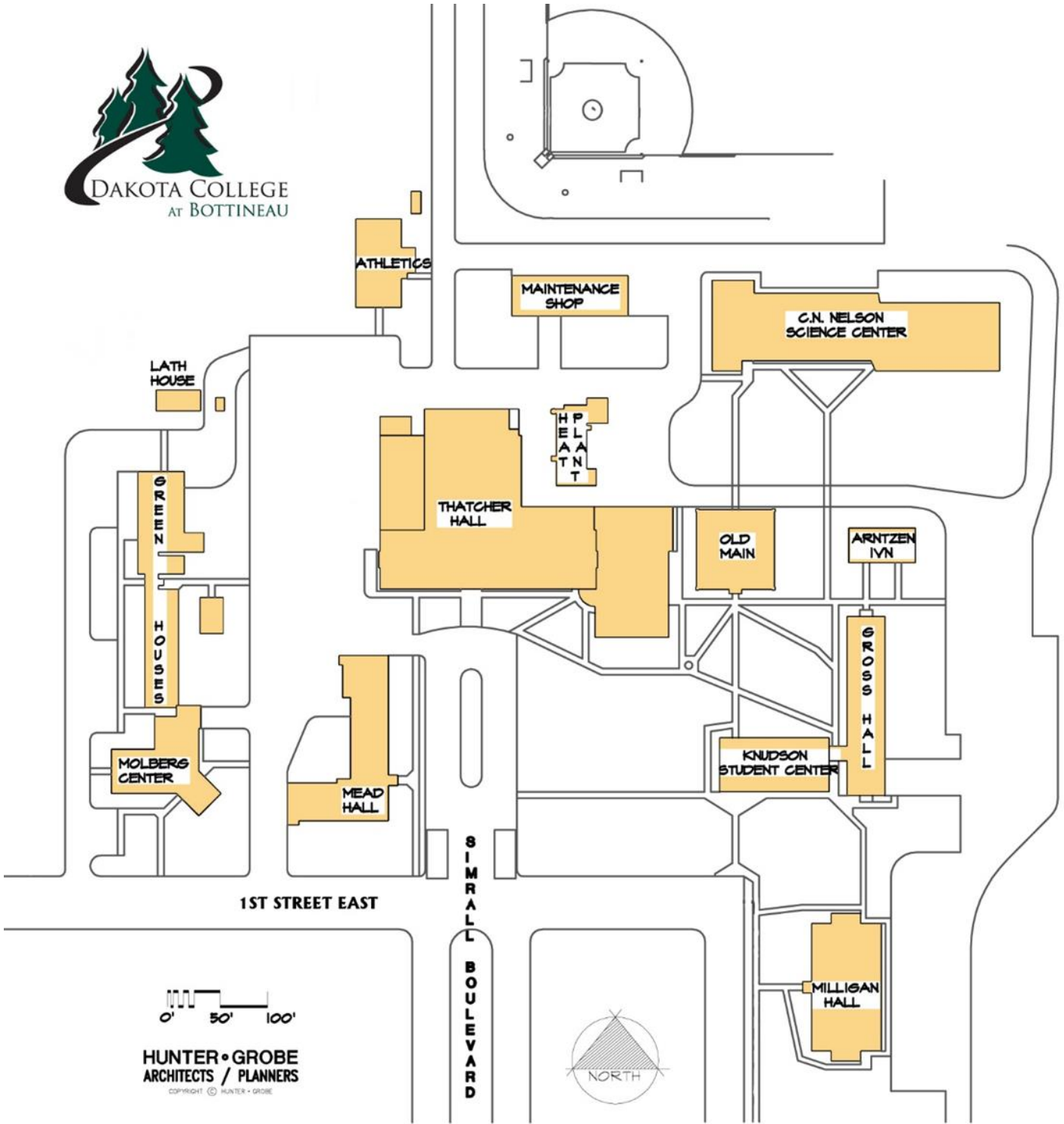
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First Year Experience Itinerary

Itinerary beginning on Thursday, August 22, 2019

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	
8 am					Placement Testing— AccuPlacer (optional)	
9 am			9:30 Welcome / Group Activity	9:30 Welcome / Group Activity		
10 am	Residence Hall Check-In 10 am to Midnight	Welcome / Group Activity	Session	Session	9:30-11:30 Advisor / Involvement Fair	
11 am		Session	Session	Session		
12 pm		Lunch	Lunch / Football Game	Lunch	11:30-1:00 Lunch / Community Fair	
1 pm		Session		Session		
2 pm		Session		Session		
3 pm		Session		Session		
4 pm		Session		Session	Classes begin at 4:00	
5 pm		Supper	Supper		Supper	
6 pm					Lake Metigoshe State Park	
7 pm			Activity	Activity	Supper served at the lake	
8 pm						





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