You are now part of our family!

We are excited to welcome you to the Morris community! No doubt you have many questions about Morris, programs and services available to you and your student, and how to best help your student succeed here.

This guide will assist you in learning about the many offices that are ready and willing to help!

For the families of new Morris students.
**Important Dates for 2016–17**

**Orientation:** Sunday, August 21–Tuesday, August 23  
**First Day of Class:** Wednesday, August 24  
**Welcome Weekends:** Friday, August 26–Sunday August 28 and Friday, September 2–Monday, September 5 (Labor Day)  
**Homecoming:** Friday, October 7–Sunday, October 9  
**Fall Break:** Monday, October 17, and Tuesday, October 18  
**Thanksgiving Break:** Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25  
**Fall Semester Final Exams:** Tuesday, December 13–Friday, December 16  
**Holiday Break:** Monday, December 19–Monday, January 16  
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service:** Monday, January 16  
**Spring Semester Begins:** Tuesday, January 17  
**Spring Break:** Monday, March 13–Friday, March 17  
**Spring Semester Final Exams:** Tuesday, May 9–Friday, May 12  
**Last Day of Spring Final Exams:** Friday, May 12

**SUMMER 2017 SCHEDULES**

**May Session:** Monday, May 15–Friday, June 2  
**Summer Session I:** Monday, May 22–Friday, June 23  
**Summer Session II:** Monday, June 26–Friday, July 28
New Student Orientation
Sunday, August 21–Tuesday, August 23, 2016

Full of important first meetings, help with college logistics, activities, information, and fun, New Student Orientation prepares incoming students for life at Morris. It begins with Move-In Day on Sunday, August 21, and concludes with the annual Activities Fair and Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, August 23. For a full schedule, visit morris.umn.edu/orientation/schedule

What Do Students Do During Orientation?
• Make connections with an Orientation group of new students and an upper-division student leader.
• Move into the Residence Halls, meet their neighbors, and get to know their Community Adviser.
• Meet new people, connect with incoming and returning students, faculty, and staff.
• Get started with college academic life: first class sessions for the Intellectual Community program, academic adviser meetings, and more.
• Learn about campus life: the opportunities, atmosphere, and cultural perspectives that make Morris a unique place to be.
• Sign up for student organizations and get involved.
• Explore the campus and Morris community.
• Take care of logistics like buying books, connecting with campus resources, auditioning for music performance groups, bike registration, and finding their classrooms before classes start.

Move In
Current students and staff volunteer to help move new students into their dorms. Just make sure your student labels belongings with name, hall, and room number.

Not sure what to bring? morris.umn.edu/residentiallife/housingfaq

Get Connected!
Parents as well as students follow Morris on social media! Discover what's happening on campus, see photos throughout the year, and read posts that include your student.

The Spring Break Photo Contest is an annual event on Morris social media.
College Finances and Student Records

FINANCIAL AID STATUS
Students should check their financial aid status in July to view their official award package. We encourage families to have conversations on topics such as budgeting, loan borrowing, and student employment.

BILLING AND PAYMENT
A few days after classes begin, billing emails are sent to students and individuals with parent/guest access. Students are billed for one semester of charges; the bill is due in full by September 13, or students can opt into the installment plan and pay in three portions for a nominal fee.

onestop.morris.umn.edu/pay

DIRECT DEPOSIT
Students should set up direct deposit for their student employment paychecks and for any financial aid funds that exceed the charges on their student accounts.

PARENT/GUEST ACCESS
Students should set up Parent/Guest Access if they want anyone other than themselves involved with their grades and finances at Morris.

onestop.morris.umn.edu/access

The Cow Palace, the lecture hall in John Q. Imholte Hall, earned its affectionate name during the years when the campus served as a residential agricultural high school (1910–63).

94% of recent Morris graduates were either employed or pursuing a higher degree within one year of graduation.

94% of alumni say their Morris degree was a smart investment.
Morris Resources

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS
morris.umn.edu/academicsuccess 320-589-6178
Home of the Academic Assistance Office, Advising Office, and the Disability Resource Center, the Office of Academic Success offers assistance related to major or adviser changes, deciding whether to drop or add classes, and finding a tutor or other academic support resources at Morris.

ACADEMIC CENTER FOR ENRICHMENT (ACE)
morris.umn.edu/ACE 320-589-7014
Known as the ACE Office, this is your student’s one-stop shop for academic enrichment opportunities—study abroad, National Student Exchange, the Honors Program, undergraduate research, and national scholarships.

OFFICE OF EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS (EDI)
morris.umn.edu/equitydiversity 320-589-6095
EDI provides academic, social, and cultural support services and programs including the Multi-Ethnic Student Program and International Student Program. EDI works with campus partners to meet students’ needs, foster inclusive diversity, and promote intercultural competence for all students.

OFFICE OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE (ORL)
morris.umn.edu/residentiallife 320-589-6475
ORL oversees on-campus living opportunities. It provides students with respectful, diverse, and inclusive living communities that enhance students’ personal development and academic success.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES, CONFERENCES, AND EVENTS
morris.umn.edu/connect 320-589-6080
Student Activities offers more than 100 student groups and coordinates intramural athletics, student government, the Performing Arts Series, and other campus events. Involved students are happier and more successful in college!

CAREER CENTER
morris.umn.edu/career 320-589-6065
The Career Center helps students prepare for a great job and career. With one-on-one and group career counseling, career and interest assessments, a career library as well as job-hunting tools, it’s a resource for students seeking internships, summer jobs, graduate school admission, and field experience.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
ummcougars.org 320-589-6425
One in five Morris students is involved in varsity athletics. Morris offers 19 sports for men and women. Cougar athletes compete in the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference and NCAA Division III. All students can cheer on the Cougars at home games and meets at no charge. Go Cougs!

CENTER FOR SMALL TOWNS (CST) and COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
morris.umn.edu/cst 320-589-6451
morris.umn.edu/communityengagement
Students engage with the area community in meaningful, reciprocal course-based and co-curricular partnerships—including research projects, service learning courses, community building events, and volunteer programs.
Health, Wellness, and Well-Being
Morris resources support students’ health and foster well being for success in college and in life.
morris.umn.edu/wellness

HEALTH SERVICE
morris.umn.edu/wellness/physicalhealth  320-589-6070
This outpatient health care clinic provides a nursing staff and access to physicians and medical staff from the local clinic, Stevens Community Medical Center. It offers medical treatment, routine laboratory tests, immunizations, and some prescription drugs. Students who register for six or more credits and complete their Comprehensive Student Health and Disability Report can use Health Service through a mandatory health and wellness fee, paid with each semester’s tuition. Students are required to have health insurance; many use a University-sponsored plan.

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (DRC)
morris.umn.edu/academicsuccess/disability  320-589-6178
Morris is committed to providing equitable access to learning opportunities for all students. DRC collaborates with students who have disabilities to provide and/or arrange reasonable academic and residential accommodations and provides support for students with physical, psychological, and/or cognitive disabilities.

STUDENT COUNSELING AND WELLNESS
morris.umn.edu/wellness/mentalhealth/studentcounseling  320-589-6060
Student Counseling helps students meet the challenges of college, address mental health issues, and transition to adulthood. Counselors provide confidential services to all students, free of charge, including short-term, individual, personal, or undecided major/career counseling. The Wellness Center encourages healthy living through resources like Peer Health Educators, the Violence Prevention Program, and Morris Healthy Eating.

CAMPUS POLICE
onestop.morris.umn.edu/safety  320-589-6000
Students rate Morris in the top 5–10% of colleges nationwide for their sense of safety and security. Licensed, uniformed Campus Police officers and security staff provide proactive patrol, crime prevention, safety programs, safe escort services, parking, and law enforcement and emergency services 24 hours a day. Students can register family members for TxtU emergency notifications.
morris.umn.edu/txtu

EATING GREEN

GARDEN!
Student-run gardens help supply produce to campus dining and community meals including a fall harvest dinner sharing traditional Native American foods.

SKIP THE TRAY!
We save energy and water by not using trays in the Dining Hall. And, we cut our food waste in half!

EAT LOCAL!
Sodexo Dining Services partners with students, our West Central Research and Outreach Center neighbors, local farmers, and Food Alliance Midwest to bring local, sustainably raised fruits, vegetables, and meats to campus meals and farmers markets.

GREEN TO GO!
Forks made from potatoes, cups made from corn: our to-go items are entirely compostable.

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Gallup: The six college experiences linked to lifelong success

“SIMPLY GETTING A DEGREE IS NOT ENOUGH”

New report findings from Gallup indicate that six college experiences are strongly linked to time-to-degree and post-graduation success.

1. A professor who made them excited to learn;
2. A professor who cared about them as individuals;
3. A mentor who pushed students to reach their goals;
4. Working on a long-term project;
5. Completing a job or internship related to classroom lessons;
6. Being engaged in extracurricular activities and groups.

Of graduates who strongly agreed their schools prepared them well for life, 82% reported experiencing all big six, compared with just 5% who said they experienced none. The big six are also connected to time-to-completion: 75% of graduates who “strongly agreed” they experienced all six finished their degrees in four years—while that rate fell to just 61% for respondents who reported experiencing none.

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ACTION STEPS FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The Big Four.                        Plus Two from Morris.

1. ATTEND CLASS REGULARLY.
2. MANAGE TIME EFFECTIVELY.
3. GET TO KNOW FACULTY.
4. SEEK HELP EARLY.

1. MAKE MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS ON CAMPUS.
2. BUILD Grit, Resiliency, and a Growth Mindset.


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The census bureau reports that people who earn a bachelor’s degree make $1,000,000 more in a lifetime than people who hold only a high school diploma.

http://www.bls.gov/emp/ep_chart_001.htm
Pointing Your Student in the Right Direction

Questions that come up in a student’s first year in college... and where they’ll find help with the answers.

I have a hold on my student account.
I would like to find an on-campus job.
I am thinking of dropping a class and want to know if it will affect my financial aid.
I need help deciding how much of my loan to accept.

**Where should they go?** One Stop Student Services

I am changing my academic major and want to know how to change my adviser.
You were right, college is harder than high school. I need a tutor.
I want to talk to someone about the academic benefits of adding a class I think looks interesting.
I think I need some accommodations for my classes.

**Where should they go?** The Office of Academic Success

I want to sign up for the weekend bus to the Twin Cities area.
I’ve heard students can get discounted tickets for movies at the Morris Theater. I need to buy a movie ticket for the show tonight.
I can’t find the phone number for that one office on campus.
I’d really like a good cup of coffee right about now.

**Where should they go?** Higbies/Information Desk

I think I’m sick.
I’m not sure how to get my prescription refilled.
I’d like to get a free flu shot and stay healthy this winter.
I need a physical for my summer job.

**Where should they go?** Health Service