



Spring 2022 – New Student Orientation

Frequently Asked Questions

When is New Student Orientation?

- **Mandatory New Student Orientation will be held virtually, via Zoom, on January 7, 2022.** Please plan to login via Zoom at approximately 9:00am EST. Individual event registration links will be posted via your [personalized Admission's website](#) on or before January 5th.
- [Virtual Howard](#), a self-paced module, must be completed between **January 5 - January 14**. Visit orientation.howard.edu to register and complete the [Virtual Howard](#) modules.
- Additional orientation programming will occur virtually during the week of January 10, 2022.

Will New Student Orientation be held virtually or in person?

New Student Orientation events will be held virtually. After the move-in date, various Schools and Colleges may elect to hold special face-to-face events at their own discretion.

How will I find out more information about New Student Orientation, Academic Advising, and other pertinent information?

Information will be sent to your [personalized Admission's website](#). Once you have paid your enrollment fee and your Howard University email has been issued, additional information will be sent to your Howard University email. The email process usually takes about 72 hours to be completed once the fees have been resolved.

Your Howard University email, ending in “@bison.howard.edu” will become your official mode of communication. Once your Bison email is setup, please conduct all University business using your University-issued email address.

How do I access my Bison email account?

Visit [My Helpdesk](#) or access your login information from [BisonWeb](#) (under Personal Information and View Email Addresses).

If you have issues logging into your Bison Email, please contact the Help Desk at huhelpdesk@howard.edu.



Is the Math Placement Exam (MPE) required?

Incoming first-year students are required to take the Math Placement Exam. There are some exceptions for students who have earned mathematics credits at previous Universities or through other channels such as advanced placement credits. Additional questions about the Math Placement Exam should be sent to *Tutoring and Learning Support Services* at tlss@howard.edu.

MPE Quick Links:

- [MPE Instructions](#)
- [ProctorU - How it Works](#)
- [Math Placement Exam Score Chart](#)

Can I change my major?

Most programs have accepted students based on their enrollment capacities. Thus, incoming first-year students are generally not able to change their majors until fall 2022 (after establishing a grade point average at Howard). Policies may vary by School/College. Contact your [Academic Advisor](#) for more information.

Will I register for Spring 2022 classes?

Incoming first-year students will be registered by an academic advisor. Transfer students will self-register. In all cases, students should consult an [academic advisor](#) about their schedules.

How many classes will I take in my first semester?

All new students who have received a freshman scholarship must take a minimum of 15 credit hours (5 or 6 courses) during their first semester at Howard University.

A typical first-year first semester course schedule will consist of the following: Freshmen Seminar course, English course, Introductory Major course, Afro-Cluster course, and Elective courses (2).

Who is my Academic Advisor? How do I schedule an appointment with my academic advisor?

All new (first-year and transfer) students are assigned an academic advisor. During Orientation, you will have the opportunity to hear from an advisor to learn more about University requirements, degree requirements, and your course schedule. Click [here](#) to access the [2022 Undergraduate Academic Advising List](#).

How do I transfer my credits if I participated in Dual Enrollment and/or took AP exam(s) in high school?

Visit <https://www2.howard.edu/academics/registrar/transfer-credit-articulation-agreements> for more details.



Who do I contact if I am having technical difficulties with my Bison email account?

Email ETS at huhelpdesk@howard.edu.

Who do I contact if I have questions about my financial aid package, including grants, scholarships and student loans?

Visit the [Student Financial Services](#) page for more information and to set an appointment.

Who do I contact if I have questions about my bill and/or payment plan options?

Payment plan information is available at <https://www2.howard.edu/student-financial-services/how-make-payments>. Please contact bursarhelp@howard.edu for additional billing questions.

Have additional Orientation questions?

Please email us at orientation@howard.edu.

QUICK REFERENCE LINKS:

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Virtual Orientation Date	January 7, 2022
New Student Checklist	https://howard-2253.microsite451.sites.451.io/dashboard
Virtual Howard	https://orientation.howard.edu (January 5 - January 14, 2022)
List of Academic Advisors	https://ous.howard.edu/sites/ous.howard.edu/files/Revised-2021-Undergraduate-Advising-List.pdf
Registration FAQs	https://ous.howard.edu/files/ftic-transfer-student-registration-advising-faqs.pdf
Math Placement Exam	Email: tlss@howard.edu
Housing Information	https://studentaffairs.howard.edu/housing/apply-housing
Pay Your Bill	https://epay.howard.edu/C20088_tsa/web/login.jsp
Student Health Center & Med+Proctor	http://huhealthcare.com/healthcare/students/Health%20Requirements