

EASTMAN WELCOME WEEK 2026

UNDERGRADUATE SCHEDULE

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00 AM **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MOVE-IN • SLC LOBBY, 100 GIBBS ST.**

Pick up your orientation materials starting at 9:00 am in the Student Living Center lobby. Your packet will include your orientation schedule, your Student ID, your orientation small group assignment, and more. Shuttles will run from the Airport from 10am-4pm.

12:00 PM **LUNCH • DINING CENTER**

5:00 PM **RA WELCOME DINNER • DINING CENTER**

Students will have dinner with Resident Advisors. Dinner is served until 7pm.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

8:00 AM **ORIENTATION CHECK-IN • SLC LOBBY, 100 GIBBS ST.**

Pick up your orientation materials starting at 8:00 am in the Student Living Center lobby. Your packet will include your orientation schedule, your Student ID, your orientation small group assignment, and more. International students can pick up their packet at this time if they did not do so during international student move-in.

9:00 AM **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WELCOME SESSION • HOWARD HANSON HALL**

An info session for our new international students to learn about Eastman, academic & campus resources, and to connect with other international students.

12:00 PM **LUNCH • DINING CENTER**

Students & families are welcome to enjoy a lunch hosted by Dining Services. Students will use their meal plans & families will receive a free meal tickets during check-in. Lunch served until 2pm.

2:30 PM **WELCOME SESSION • KODAK HALL**

Your Eastman experience begins with a welcome from Dean Kate Sheeran, followed by introductions to our administration, staff, and student leaders. Students will then go to a meeting with their small groups while parents and families stay in Kilbourn Hall for the next session.

3:00 PM **PARENT & FAMILY SESSION • HATCH RECITAL HALL**

An info session just for families of undergraduate students, with an opportunity to have questions answered by deans and staff from Public Safety, Dining Services, University Health Service, and the University Counseling Center.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 CONTINUED**3:00 PM SMALL GROUP MEETING & CLASS OF 2030 PHOTO KODAK HALL**

Students will meet their group leader and group for the first time. Your small group will continually meet for the remainder of orientation. Students will take Class of 2029 Photo in Kodak Hall.

4:30 PM FAMILY FAREWELL

At this time, parents and family members should plan on saying goodbye to their student. After dinner, students will be busy with orientation activities and there are no further events for parents and families.

5:00 PM DINNER • DINING CENTER

Students can have dinner with their small group or with families before going to their next session.

6:30 PM MEET RESIDENTIAL LIFE • HATCH RECITAL HALL

Meet the Office of Residential Life and bring your questions about living on campus, getting involved beyond the classroom, and more.

8:00 PM FLOOR MEETING • STUDENT LIVING CENTER

Connect with your RAs and learn about the expectations and policies of the SLC in this important Floor Meeting for all incoming residential students. Your RA will inform you of your meeting spot.

8:30 PM RESIDENTIAL LIFE GAME NIGHT • SLC

Your RAs will host a game night just for you!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26**RIVER CAMPUS DAY****7:00 AM BREAKFAST • DINING CENTER****8:30 AM SMALL GROUP MEETING • MULTIPLE LOCATIONS**

Start your day by connecting with your small group to review the day's schedule and ask any questions.

9:30 AM EASTMAN VIP TOUR • MILLER CENTER & MAIN BUILDING

With your small group, you will visit several important offices and locations across the school to meet the staff and learn about the resources they will provide you during your time at Eastman.

Sibley Music Library, Eastman Bookstore, George Walker Center, Office of the Registrar, Financial Aid Office, Institute for Music Leadership, Concert Office, Technology & Media Production, Writing Center, Ensemble Library.

12:00 PM LUNCH

Students will use their meal plans. You will receive instructions on where to eat lunch.

TBD BUSES ARRIVE • STUDENT LIVING CENTER**2:30 PM RIVER CAMPUS TOUR • RIVER CAMPUS**

Students will be given a brief tour of the Eastman Quad and Wilson Quad

4:00 PM CONVOCAATION ON THE RIVER CAMPUS & CLASS ROLL SIGNING • RIVER CAMPUS

This ceremony signals the start of your academic career at the University of Rochester. It provides the opportunity for University leadership to welcome you as we begin the new academic year.

5:00 PM DINNER • DINING CENTER**TBD STUDENT LIFE PARTY • WILSON COMMONS**

Students will mix and mingle with River Campus student for a night of fun activities and giveaways.

TBD CANDLELIGHT • EASTMAN QUADRANGLE**TBD RETURN TO EASTMAN • STUDENT LIVING CENTER**

Buses will begin taking students back to Eastman.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27**7:00 AM BREAKFAST • DINING CENTER**

Breakfast is available for all new students who live in the Student Living Center. Students will use their meal plans from this point forward. Breakfast is served until 9am.

9:30 AM SMALL GROUP MEETING • MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Start your day by connecting with your small group to review the day's schedule and ask any questions.

10:00 AM INTRO TO ENRICHMENT & ENGAGEMENT @ ESM • KILBOURN HALL

This session will introduce you to the George Walker Center and show how we can all strive to embrace the tenets of enrichment and engagement in our daily lives as members of the Eastman community. This session will include breakout sessions with your small groups.

12:00 PM LUNCH • DINING CENTER**12:00 PM LUNCH • DEAN'S DINING ROOM
DUAL DEGREE LUNCH W/ DEAN HAIN AND LOUISE**

While you eat, meet advisors from Eastman, the School of Arts & Sciences, and Hajim and ask questions about the dual degree program. This lunch is open to current dual degree students and students who are interested in adding a second degree program and want to learn more.

2:00 PM UNIVERSITY DINING SERVICES • KILBOURN HALL

University Dining Services will facilitate an interactive discussion about the University of Rochester Dining Services, meal plans, student feedback, and more.

3:00 PM MEET ACADEMIC AFFAIRS • KILBOURN HALL

Meet the Office of Academic Affairs and learn about Eastman's academic policies, how we can help you adjust to a new academic environment and access the resources to guide you on your academic journey at Eastman, and otherwise thrive during your time in Rochester!

5:00 PM DINNER • DINING CENTER**7:00 PM LATE NIGHT IN COMINSKY • COMINSKY PROMENADE**

Your Team Captains have prepared some games, activities, and movies for you in Cominsky Promenade. Come hang out and enjoy the festivities!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28**8:30 AM BREAKFAST • DINING CENTER****9:00 AM SMALL GROUP MEETING • MULTIPLE LOCATIONS**

Meet your orientation group and Team Captain to get ready for the day.

9:30 AM STAYING SAFE @ EASTMAN • KILBOURN HALL

This session will provide undergraduates with important information on living, learning, and staying safe in downtown Rochester.

10:30 AM STAYING HEALTHY @ EASTMAN • KILBOURN HALL

An introduction for undergraduates to University Health Service and University Counseling Center. Learn tips on avoiding illnesses, injuries, and where to go when you need medical assistance.

12:00 PM LUNCH • DINING CENTER**12:00 PM TRANSFER STUDENT LUNCH • DEAN'S DINING ROOM**

All new transfer students should join the Office of Academic Affairs for lunch in Dean's Dining Room, as students can bring questions they have about transfer student advising, scheduling, registration, and their transition to Eastman.

2:00 PM STUDENT ACTIVITIES FAIR • LOWRY HALL

All students are invited to attend the student activities fair to learn more about different clubs and organizations at Eastman.

5:00 PM DINNER • DINING CENTER

8:00 PM NEW STUDENT SEMI-FORMAL • THE PENTHOUSE

Get dressed up for an exciting night of fun, music, and food with the Eastman New Student Semi-Formal Dance.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

10:00 AM BRUNCH • DINING CENTER

5:00 PM DINNER • DINING CENTER

7:00 PM CELEBRATE ROCHESTER • KODAK HALL

Celebrate the global community at the University during our annual Celebrate Rochester event through performances by our amazingly talented students from Eastman and the River Campus colleges. Sit back and enjoy a unique evening filled with song, dance, poetry, and music!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

1:00 PM YELLOWJACKET SUPPLIES RUN

Students are invited to take a day of rest before the finale of welcome week activities or get on a bus to Target to shop for school or room supplies.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

The first step on your journey at Eastman officially begins!

The Dining Center begins its normal schedule today , so don't forget to eat!

The Media Lab begins its regular hours.

YELLOWJACKET WEEKEND @ EASTMAN**THURSDAY, SEPT 3****2:30 PM CONVOCAATION • KILBOURN HALL**

The ceremony signals the start of your academic career at Eastman and the University of Rochester. It provides the opportunity for University leadership and Eastman faculty & staff to formally welcome you to Eastman as we begin the new academic year.

3:30 PM CLUB EASTMAN • GIBBS ST

Club Eastman is an initiative sponsored by the Office of Student Activities that endeavors to bring faculty, staff, and students together in meaningful ways. Join us for the first Club Eastman of the 2025-2026 academic year! Refreshments will be served, and you can mix and mingle with people from across the school.

3:30 PM STUDENT RESOURCE FAIR • LOWRY HALL

Offices from around campus will be available for students to learn more about campus resources and student employment opportunities.

FRIDAY, SEPT 4**8:30 PM MOVIE NIGHT IN THE COURTYARD • SLC COURTYARD**

All students are invited to a special movie night in the Eastman Commons courtyard. Dress down in your comfy clothes and enjoy a night of relaxation after your first few days as a student!

SATURDAY, SEPT 5**12:00 PM YELLOWJACKET CARNIVAL @ RIVER CAMPUS • WILSON QUADRANGLE**

Celebrate your first weekend after classes have started with Games, Food, and Fun Activities on the River Campus!

SUNDAY, SEPT 6**7:00 PM CAB GAME NIGHT • DEAN'S DINING ROOM**

Come to Dean's Dining for games and food with our Campus Activities Board!