

Computing Technology Graduate Orientation Session

Introduction

International Graduate Orientation begins on Monday, August 18, 2025. In-person attendance is required for all students. Please plan your travel accordingly, arriving in the U.S. shortly before the 18th of August 2025. A laptop computer will be needed for orientation and throughout your degree program.

NOTE: The session is scheduled with students from 1:30PM-3:00PM (1.5 hours), however, the calendar reservation is for 2 hours (15 minutes before and after).

Room reservations are in 101, 126, and 128, so you do not need to reserve a room (unless you prefer a different room).

College orientation is a period before the semester begins where new students are introduced to campus life, meet faculty and staff, and learn about academic resources and policies, often including campus tours and registration for classes

Thank you, Christine christine.rousseau@unh.edu

Orientation Information

For more information about orientation details, please contact Christine Rousseau at christine.rousseau@unh.edu.

Internship Options

There are two internship courses options available for students, out of which if students supposed to secured the external internship then they are eligible for the COMP 891 Internship experience, or else if student are not able to secure any external internship by their final semester then students have to take the COMP 893 Team Project Internship :

1. COMP 891 (Internship Experience)
2. COMP 893 (Team Project Internship)

For more information about internship opportunities and requirements, please contact Professor Karen Jin at karen.jin@unh.edu.

Program Information

For more information about program details, course information, please contact Professor Timothy Finan at timothy.finan@unh.edu.

Health Insurance Information

All F-1 students are required to purchase health insurance through UNH. For detailed information about the Student Health Benefits Plan (SHBP), please visit:

<https://www.unh.edu/health/student-health-insurance>

The 2024-2025 Student Health Benefits Plan brochure is available at:

https://www.unh.edu/health/sites/default/files/media/2024-06/unh-shbp-brochure-2024-2025_final.pdf

Tuition Information

For information about tuition and fees for UNH Manchester graduate programs, please visit:

<https://www.unh.edu/business-services/tuition-fees/unh-manchester-graduate-school>

\$820 per credit hour for New Hampshire residents and \$1,010 per credit hour for out-of-state residents.

Faculty Information

Faculty for Information Technology (MS IT)

To find information about faculty for the MS in Information Technology program:

1. Visit <https://manchester.unh.edu/program/ms/information-technology>
2. Scroll down to "Explore Program Details"
3. Click on "Faculty directory"

Faculty for Cybersecurity Engineering

To find information about faculty for the MS in Cybersecurity Engineering program:

1. Visit <https://manchester.unh.edu/program/ms/cybersecurity-engineering>
2. Scroll down to "Explore Program Details"
3. Click on "Faculty directory"

To search for specific faculty or staff members, you can use the UNH Directory:

<https://mobile.unh.edu/UNHMobile/directory/facultystaff.jsp>

UNH New International Grad Student Guide 2025

Hello!

We are pleased to hear that your visa has been approved and that you will be joining UNH Manchester for the Fall 2025 semester, WELCOME!

The details provided within the International Student Guide should address all your prearrival queries. Please read through the information carefully and save this message for future reference as needed. Where applicable, links to web pages with additional information have been included. Reviewing these web pages may provide quicker answers than contacting the department directly.

If you still have questions after reading this message and reviewing applicable webpages, please contact the relevant department directly using the information provided below. For example, Immunization questions are directed to Health & Wellness, IT questions (such as claiming your USNH account, email, etc.) are directed to the Technology Help Desk.

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A laptop computer will be needed for the first day of orientation and for the duration of your degree program, a cell phone or a tablet/iPad will work for many situations, but not everything.

IT TIP:

When setting up Multi-factor Authentication for your USNH account, consider using your personal email address as an MFA backup method in addition to, or instead of your current mobile telephone number.

When traveling internationally, most students are always able to access their personal email accounts even if they cannot receive text messages or telephone calls on their cell phone from home.

The UNH Manchester campus is looking forward to meeting you in person on Monday 8/18/2025.

Safe travels and see you soon!

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International Graduate Student Orientation

Orientation is a crucial part of your transition to our university. It begins on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 12:30pm EST, and ends on Friday, August 22, 2025. Orientation will provide you with important information, resources, and opportunities to meet faculty, staff, and fellow students. It sets the foundation for your success and helps you get acclimated to campus life. Arriving on time and participating fully in all orientation activities is essential. In-person attendance is mandatory. Don't forget to bring your laptop computer! Cell phones and tablets/iPads will work in many situations; however, a laptop is necessary!

Arriving in New Hampshire

Students are encouraged to arrive in New Hampshire a few days before orientation to adjust to the time difference and to get settled into their new living space.

The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS)

OISS provides immigration advising and support for international students. The Office of International Students and Scholars is located on the UNH Durham campus. OISS holds monthly office hours at UNH Manchester during the fall and spring semester, office hours and dates are posted on campus and virtually.

The OISS immigration check-in will take place during orientation, students are not required to check in at UNH Manchester or with OISS before orientation. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** All questions related to your non-immigrant student status must be directed to OISS at (603) 826-1288 or oiss@unh.edu. This includes I-20, visa, and U.S. employment questions, for example. Admissions, The Graduate School, and International Student Success cannot assist with immigration advising.

Campus Visits Before Orientation

We kindly ask students to refrain from visiting campus before the designated orientation time on Monday, August 18, 2025, as we are unable to accommodate drop-in visitors. We look forward to welcoming you at orientation and ensuring you have a smooth start to your academic journey!

Immunization Requirements

Download and print our Immunization Form or use your provider's form. **IMPORTANT!** Failure to comply with the immunization requirement could result in difficulty completing registration. If you have immunization questions, email Health & Wellness directly at: health@unh.edu.

Immunization Form Link: <https://www.unh.edu/health/sites/default/files/media/2022-08/unh-health-wellness-immunization-form-2022.pdf>

Required Immunizations

1. Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR): 2 doses at least 28 days apart, initiated after 12 months of age, or immune titer.
2. Meningococcal (ACWY): 1 dose required within 5 years of enrollment; a booster dose required if initial dose administered prior to age 16.
3. Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap): within 10 years, after completion of primary series.
4. Chicken Pox (Varicella): two doses of vaccine, separated by four to eight weeks, or immune titer.

Tuberculosis Requirement

Students must have TB testing done prior to arrival to rule out an active infection of Tuberculosis. Please refer to the Tuberculosis Screening Form for the various acceptable methods of testing and what to do if your results come back positive.

Strongly Recommended Immunizations

1. COVID-19: staying up to date per CDC recommendations.
2. Hepatitis B (HepB): series of 3.
3. Human Papillomavirus (HPV): series of 3 doses.
4. Influenza: annually.

Physical Exams are not required for graduate students.

UNH Student Health Benefits Plan (SHBP)

UNH policy requires all F-1 students to purchase health insurance through UNH. Medical care is very expensive in the United States, and this requirement is for your own protection. SHBP plan information and coverage details are available online in the health insurance brochure (Link: https://www.unh.edu/health/sites/default/files/media/2024-06/unh-shbp-brochure-2024-2025_final.pdf) for 2024-2025. At UNH Manchester, SHBP enrollment takes place during orientation, so students are not required to enroll until then. If you have questions about SHBP, contact Health & Wellness directly at (603) 862-0066 or email unh.shbp@unh.edu or link <https://www.unh.edu/health/student-health-insurance>

Health & Wellness Items to Remember

1. Plan accordingly to avoid a lapse in prescribed medication. Bring prescription information with you (including the original container) to make it easier for U.S. doctors to prescribe refills if necessary.
2. Dental care and vision care are not covered by SHBP; obtaining dental and vision care before leaving your home country may be more economical than seeking care after arrival in the U.S.

Enrollment and Registration

International graduate students must maintain their full-time student status by registering for a minimum of 9 credit hours per semester.

Students in the Cybersecurity Engineering and IT degree programs are usually registered for their first semester classes by their department shortly before orientation.

All students should monitor their UNH email account for messages about registration and orientation. For information on claiming your USNH account, please refer to the online document or contact the Technology Help Desk for assistance.

Tuition Bills

Tuition and fees must be paid by the due date listed on the electronic statement. Payments not received by the due date are subject to a late fee.

Scholarships will be applied to student accounts shortly before the first day of the semester. To avoid late fees on tuition bills, scholarship recipients must pay their tuition bill, deducting the \$1,000.00 award, before the deadline if the award has not been applied to the bill. In other words, do not wait to pay your bill, pay the bill except for the \$1,000.00 scholarship award!

Spring tuition bills will post August 10th and are due September 1st.

A late fee will be charged monthly for any unpaid balance. The late fee will be calculated as 2% of billed charges or \$100, whichever is lower. Late fees will be billed monthly on the 10th of every month and due on the 1st of the following month.

UNH does not send bills through the mail. Bills are posted to students' individual WebCat accounts. Students will be notified through their UNH-assigned email accounts when new bills are posted.

How to View Your Bill (after it has been posted)

Log into Webcat. Select Billing. Select View Your Account/Pay Bill for a real-time view of your account. To view your most recent bill, select Bill Statement at the upper right.

The UNH online billing and payment system allows students to:

- View monthly billing statements.
- Enroll, cancel, and change payment plan method.
- Make payments to accounts.
- View billing and payment history.

If you have tuition, billing, or payment questions, contact Student Accounts (603) 641-4137, Student.Accounts@unh.edu.

USNH Endpoint Hardware Recommendations 2024-2025 (Computer Recommendations)

Minimum Hardware Specifications

- Intel Core i5 Processor.
- 8 GB RAM.
- 256 GB Solid State Hard Drives.
- Integrated sound and video, webcam.
- Wireless: 802.1ac (Wi-Fi 5). 802.11ax.
- Standard manufacturer warranty.

Recommended Hardware Specifications

- Intel Core i7 Processor, Apple M1.
- 16 GB RAM.
- 512+ GB Solid State Hard Drives.
- Integrated sound and video, webcam.
- Wireless: 802.1ac (Wi-Fi 5). 802.11ax (Wi-Fi 6) is preferred.
- Standard manufacturer warranty.
- Accident protection is highly recommended.

USNH Endpoint Software Recommendations 2024-2025 (Computer Software Recommendations)

Minimum Software Specifications

- Windows 10 OR MacOS 12: Monterey.
- Microsoft 365 Apps, including OneDrive for cloud storage/backup (formerly Office 365) - free for USNH users.
- Anti-virus Software.

Pantry

UNH Manchester do have Pantry for students.

Recommended Software Specifications

- Windows 11 OR MacOS 13: Ventura.
- Microsoft 365 Apps, including OneDrive for cloud storage/backup (formerly Office 365) - free for USNH users.
- Anti-virus Software.

Laboratory Coats

Laboratory Coats are required for anyone working in the biotechnology labs. Biotechnology students must bring a coat or purchase one in the United States. Lab Coats are mandatory for the first week of classes and for the duration of the Biotechnology degree program.

Housing

UNH Manchester does not offer on-campus housing for students. Students typically need to find off-campus housing in the Manchester area <https://www.apartments.com/manchester-nh/> . Several apartment complexes are located near campus, including Colonial Village Apartments, Greenview Apartments, Halstead Countryside, Heritage at the River, The Lofts at Millwest, and The Residences at Manchester Place.

When looking for housing, you should:

- Start your search early, especially after receiving visa approval.
- Use resources like Apartments.com <https://www.apartments.com/manchester-nh/> , Zillow, and Craigslist to find listings
- Set a clear budget that includes rent, utilities, and other expenses
- Visit properties in person whenever possible before signing a lease
- Consider temporary housing options like hotels or Airbnb when you first arrive if permanent housing isn't secured
- Be cautious of rental scams, especially deals that seem too good to be true

The university doesn't endorse specific properties, so students should exercise due diligence before signing any rental agreements. The UNH does not review lease agreements or assist with housing disputes.

For more information about housing options in Manchester, you can visit:

<https://www.apartments.com/manchester-nh/>

On campus housing is not available for the students.

Rental Websites: Use rental websites like Zillow, Apartments.com

<https://www.apartments.com/manchester-nh/>, and Craigslist for your area. Social media: Join social media communities where people post available rentals and roommate opportunities.

Local Newspapers: Look for rental listings in local newspapers. Other Students: Check for housing advertisements from other students.

Tips for Finding the Right Place

<https://www.apartments.com/manchester-nh>

Set a Budget: Determine how much you can afford to spend on rent each month, including utilities and expenses. **Visit in Person:** If possible, visit the rental in person to inspect its condition and ensure it meets your expectations. **Ask Questions:** Ask questions about the lease term, utilities, and any other concerns you might have. **Read Reviews:** Check online reviews to learn about past tenants' experiences. Calculate the distance between your rental and campus to determine transportation options (bus, walk, etc.).

Security Tips

Avoid Scams: Be cautious of deals that seem too good to be true. Verify the legitimacy of the rental or view it in person before sending money. Do not give out personal financial information when it is not necessary. **Check Credentials:** Do not wire money to anyone claiming to live outside of the United States. **Look for Email Errors:** Watch for improperly formatted email addresses or email addresses that have grammatical or spelling errors. Verify that the email address follows the correct structure before messaging. Valid email addresses are formatted as: username + "@" symbol + domain name, for example: msmith@gmail.com. Invalid email addresses are formatted to look like valid addresses; however, with careful review, the differences can be spotted. If something does not seem right, discontinue communication. If a rental sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

Temporary Housing

If you need a place to stay while you search for permanent housing, consider booking a hotel or an Airbnb for a few days. This will give you time to explore the area and find a suitable long-term rental.

Housing Words to Know

A **Lease Agreement** is the customary way to rent an apartment. It outlines the terms of tenancy and is a legally binding contract. The lease states the tenant's obligation to pay rent for a specific duration of time, the monthly rental cost & due date, along with the rules and regulations tenants are required to follow. Once a tenant has agreed to the lease terms, they must abide by them for the duration of the lease period as specified in the agreement.

A **Security Deposit** is an initial payment by the tenant to protect the landlord from property damage caused by the tenant or for cleaning costs if a tenant leaves the property in unsatisfactory condition. If the rental is damage-free and/or does not require extensive cleaning, the deposit (or a portion of the deposit) can be returned to the tenant. Review the lease agreement for security deposit withholding conditions and for information on the deposit return deadline. Security deposit costs vary but are generally limited to the cost of the first and last month's rent.

A Co-Signer or Guarantor is a person who agrees to be legally responsible for paying the rent if the tenant does not.

Due Diligence is the process of investigating and verifying information before entering into an agreement with another party to avoid or minimize risks.

Renters Insurance protects tenants living in rentals from financial loss due to damage or destruction of personal property.

Subletting is a lease from one tenant (or lessee) to another and may be prohibited. Review your lease for subletting information.

Utilities generally consist of heat, hot water, electricity, cable television, and the internet. The lease agreement will list the utilities the tenant is responsible for paying and the utilities that are covered by the rent (if any).

Lease Components

Address of the unit you are agreeing to rent View the actual unit before signing the lease. Rent and Deposit Confirm the monthly rent amount, due date, and the amount of the security deposit. Understand the conditions for getting your deposit back. Lease Term Check the start and end dates of the lease. Know if it is a fixed-term lease or a month-to-month agreement. Renewal and Termination Review the terms for renewing or terminating the lease. Know the notice period required if you plan to move out. Rules and Regulations Be aware of any rules regarding pets, guests, noise levels, smoking, subleases, and other community guidelines. Roommates share the monthly rental cost to lower the cost of living for everyone. Most landlords require that each roommate is named as a tenant in the lease agreement. Taking a roommate without the landlord's permission may violate the lease agreement. Review the lease agreement BEFORE taking a roommate or BEFORE becoming a roommate. Guests can be prohibited from staying at a rental for extended periods of time. Review the lease agreement BEFORE having guests stay with you for more than 7 days. Utilities included in the rental cost (if any). Pre-Move-In Repairs the landlord has agreed to complete before the move-in date (for example, replacing the rugs). Routine Maintenance and Repairs Know who is responsible for maintenance and repairs and the process for reporting issues. Contact Information for the owner, landlord, management company and building manager (name, telephone, etc.)

Tips for Signing a Lease

Read the lease thoroughly. Make sure you understand the terms and conditions. Ask questions about anything that is unclear. Verify the details; your name, rental address, rent cost & due date, length of the lease, early termination penalties, etc. Inspect the rental for damages, document the condition, take photos, and report any preexisting problems. Confirm utilities included with the

rent or if you will be responsible for them separately. Get everything in writing; verbal agreements are hard to enforce.

After Signing the Lease

Keep a Copy of the lease After signing the lease, keep a copy for your records. It will be important if any disputes arise. **Set Up Utilities** If you are responsible for any utilities, set them up in your name as soon as possible. Consider purchasing renters' insurance to protect your personal belongings and provide liability coverage. Know who to contact in case of an emergency or urgent repair needs. Toiletries, sheets, towels, and personal items can be purchased at local retailers. **Be a Good Tenant.** Follow the lease terms, pay your rent on time, and communicate respectfully with your landlord. **Stay Organized** Keep all rental documents, receipts, and communication with your landlord organized and easily access. **Know Your Rights** Familiarize yourself with tenant rights and landlord responsibilities in your area. This can help you understand what is legally required by both parties.

Suggestions for Adjusting to a New Place

Explore Your Surroundings: Walk around your neighborhood and campus. Get familiar with shops, restaurants, and services. **Join Student Groups:** Get involved in student organizations and clubs. It is a wonderful way to meet new people and make friends. **Stay Connected:** Keep in touch with family and friends back home. Regular communication can help ease homesickness. **Stay Organized:** Keep track of documents, schedules, & deadlines. Use a planner or digital calendar to stay on top of things. **Ask for Help:** Ask questions or seek assistance from staff and professors. We are here to help you succeed! **Take Care of Yourself:** Maintaining a healthy lifestyle will help you adjust to your new environment; eat, sleep & exercise! **Embrace the Experience:** Studying abroad is a unique opportunity, be open to new experiences & enjoy your time in the U.S.

Travel Tips

Carry the following items in your carry-on bag (NOT in your checked luggage):

1. Passport with F-1 visa stamp.
2. SEVIS Form I-20.
3. Form I-797 SEVIS fee receipt.
4. Evidence of student status (e.g., letter of admission).
5. Office of International Students & Scholars information: ois@unh.edu; (603) 862-1288.
6. Cash and/or traveler's checks.

If you need something from home that is not available in the U.S., consider bringing it with you (if you can travel with it and if it is allowed by CBP).

Money

You may want to have \$500 USD available for incidental expenses on the way to the United States and for living expenses when you first arrive. Keep about \$100 of this in cash, and the rest in traveler's checks in U.S. dollars. Expenses may be higher when you first arrive in the U.S., so it is a good idea to verify your government's regulations concerning transferring funds to the United States and the estimated time it will take to receive the funds.

While studying in the United States, employment opportunities are limited, and regulations are strictly enforced. International students should not expect to support themselves financially by working during their degree program.

United States Customs and Border Patrol Links

You've Arrived short video explaining entry process. Prohibited and Restricted Items The products CBP prevent from entering the United States are listed on this web page. Money and Other Monetary Instruments This web page contains currency reporting information when entering the U.S.

Transportation

Logan International Airport (BOS) in Boston, Massachusetts is the closest international airport to NH. When planning your travel to the United States, look for flights that land at Logan (BOS).

Have a plan for your transportation from Boston Logan International Airport to New Hampshire.

Buses travel from Logan International Airport to NH regularly and are the most cost-effective method for getting to NH. The Boston Express Bus (aka Concord Coach) makes several stops in Londonderry, N.H. (just over the border from Manchester) daily. The fare for the bus from Logan to NH is approximately \$25.00. For accuracy, refer to their websites for the current schedules <https://www.bostonexpressbus.com> and <https://concordcoachlines.com/route/concord-nh-north-londonderrysalem-to-from-bostonlogan-airport/>

Coordinate your flight arrival time with the departure time of the bus service that will take you to NH. If you arrive at Logan International Airport after the last bus to NH has departed, you will have to stay overnight in Boston until the buses resume the next day. The Hilton Boston Logan Airport hotel is directly connected to Boston Logan Airport terminal E by a covered walkway. The hotel also has a free 24-hour shuttle.

Hilton Boston Logan Airport | 1-617-568-6700 | One Hotel Drive, Boston MA, 02128

Once you arrive at the bus stop use a ride service (Uber or Lyft) for transportation to your rental or hotel. The fare for Uber or Lyft will cost approximately \$10.00 - \$25.00 (depending on the pickup location and destination).

Do not take a ride service or taxicab from Boston to Manchester unless it is unavoidable. Bus service to NH combined with a ride service to your destination is an affordable option.

Have a plan for where you will stay when you arrive. It is common for new students to stay at a hotel for several days while looking for housing or before the move in date at their rental. Book your hotel before you travel so you have a place to stay! Do not arrive in the U.S. without temporary housing (hotel, friend, family, etc.)!!

CONCORD COACH LINES

Contact: (Toll free) 1-800-639-3317 General Information

Concord Coach Lines discharges and picks up passengers at Terminals A, B, C & E only. Please be aware that some coaches are dropping off passengers ONLY. Concord Coach Lines drops off and picks up on the lower level. No skycap services are available.

Allow 30-45 minutes between Logan Airport and South Station to make connections. Due to traffic, the bus may not be able to stop in the exact location but will pull to the curb as close as possible. The driver will exit the bus and call the destination of that coach. It is important for passengers to pay attention and be in the designated area prior to departure time.

All Logan Airport arrival and departure times listed in our timetable are for Terminal A. All other stops are approximate: for Terminal B, add 2 minutes; Terminal C, add 4 minutes; Terminal E, add 5 minutes.

Concord Coach Lines does not have a ticket counter at Logan Airport. Tickets will be purchased at the next scheduled stop. They accept Cash, Visa & MasterCard. Terminal has access to ATM and public telephone for your convenience.

Terminal E is the International Terminal at Boston Logan International Airport