



## New Student Orientation Schedule

### Thursday, January 22 – Sunday, January 25, 2026

*Please note all sessions are mandatory unless listed as optional. Shaded sessions in gray are reserved for International/Fearless First Students.*

Wednesday, January 21, 2026: <i>International &amp; Fearless First Academy Pre-Orientation Arrival/ Check-In</i>		
Time	Session Information	Location
10 a.m - 12 p.m	Check in for International and Fearless First Academy Students	Blanchard Hall 205

Thursday, January 22, 2026: Domestic Student Arrival - <b>Welcome MoHome!</b>		
Time	Session Information	Location
9 a.m. - 12 p.m	<b>Check-in for new domestic students</b> New (domestic) students can check-in and get their residence hall key in the Blanchard Hall atrium.	Blanchard Hall 205
10 a.m - 12 p.m	<b>Drop In Resource Fair</b> After you grab your key and drop off your belongings, stop by the drop-in resource fair and meet with campus departments.	Great Room, Blanchard Hall
10 a.m. - 12 p.m	<b>Pick up Your Firstie Plant at Talcott Greenhouse</b> Pick up your firstie plant at the Botanic Garden's Talcott Greenhouse – a Mount Holyoke tradition! If this is your <i>first-time</i> or <i>first-year</i> as a student at Mount Holyoke, this plant is for you! Remember to bring a bag, or something to cover your plant, so that you can protect it from the cold. Staff will be around to answer any questions and welcome you to the Botanic Garden.	Talcott Greenhouse
10 a.m - 1 p.m	<b>Mean Squirrels: A Library, Information, and Technology Services (LITS) Scavenger Hunt</b> The campus squirrels are always up to something, but this time they've gone too far! They're causing mischief in the library, and we need you to solve puzzles and follow clues to help us catch them before they get into TOO much trouble.	Williston Memorial Library
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	<b>Transfer &amp; Frances Perkins Scholars Campus Tour</b> Tour of our beautiful campus, where you'll see spaces designed to spark curiosity and bring people together. Learn about your new community, resources, and the fun and inclusive traditions in store for you! The tour will end at the Dining Commons for lunch.	Admission Office, Newhall Center
12 p.m - 1:15 p.m	<b>Lunch</b> Enjoy lunch in the Dining Commons!	Dining Commons, Blanchard Hall
12 p.m - 1:15 p.m	<b>Lunch with Transfer and Frances Perkins Scholars</b>	Library Room, Dining Commons

	Meet other Frances Perkins Scholars & Transfer students during this lunch hosted by Assistant Director of Admissions, Evelyn Trier.	
1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	<b>Family, Friends, and Supporters Session: Student Life &amp; Services Panel</b> Student life and academic professionals discuss your student's transition into college life at MHC. Offices represented will include Residential Life, Student Success & Advising, Community & Belonging, Counseling Service, Public Safety, Health Services and Dean of Students. Those attending will have the opportunity to have questions answered. <i>*This session is for family, friends, and supporters of new students</i>	Great Room, Blanchard Hall
1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	<b>Trivia with the Orientation Team</b> Join the orientation team for a fun-filled trivia game where you can show off your knowledge, connect with fellow students, and win some exciting prizes! <i>*This session is for new students</i>	New York Room, Mary Woolley Hall
2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	<b>Small Break</b> Take a moment to connect with your families and say 'see you soon!' before heading to the next session.  After, students will make their way to the Great Room, while families and supporters are welcome to depart at this time.	First Floor of Blanchard Hall
3:00 p.m - 4:00 p.m	<b>Welcome MoHome!</b> Join the Division of Student Life and student leaders to learn more about what to expect during orientation and items to know as you join the Mount Holyoke community.	Great Room, Blanchard Hall
4:00 p.m - 5:15 p.m	<b>Meet your Orientation Group</b> Enjoy time with your orientation group!	Various locations within Great Room/Blanchard
5:15 p.m - 6:30 p.m.	<b>Dinner with your Orientation Group</b> Join your orientation group for dinner in the Dining Commons!	Dining Commons, Blanchard Hall
6:45 - 7:50 p.m	<b>Meet Your Residential Life Staff</b> Get to know your Residential Life Staff and learn about residential policies and procedures.	Great Room, Blanchard Hall
8 p.m - 10 p.m	<b>"Dirty Dancing" Movie Screening</b> Come join your fellow new students and cheer when "nobody puts Baby in the corner" because "Baby's starting Mount Holyoke in the fall"!	Great Room, Blanchard Hall

### Friday, January 23: Academic Success and Career Preparation at Mount Holyoke

Time	Session Information	Location
8:30 a.m - 10 a.m.	<b>Breakfast with Orientation Group</b> Meet your Orientation Leader for Breakfast in the Dining Commons!	Dining Commons, Blanchard Hall
10 a.m - 11 a.m	<b>Managing the Transition to MHC</b> This session focuses on how we all show up in the many parts of our campus community. Through reflective activities and an overview of expectations at MHC, students will be ready to succeed in all aspects of MHC. Our hope is that by communicating our expectations of our community members you will be eager to engage in all MHC has to offer.	Great Room, Blanchard Hall
10 a.m - 11 a.m	<b>Transfer &amp; FP Academic Success Session</b>	Blanchard Hall 213

	<i>*Mandatory for Transfer and Frances Perkins Scholars</i>	
11:15 a.m - 12:15 p.m	<b>Managing Academic Anxiety</b> Do you procrastinate at times? Is it hard to speak in class? Are you worried about approaching professors? Join this workshop to learn how anxiety could be related to academic challenges and what strategies are available to effectively manage fears related to academic performance. Facilitated by Michelle Carbonneau and Shirley Yuanrui Li from the Counseling Service.	Great Room, Blanchard Hall
12:20 - 2 p.m	<b>Lunch</b> Enjoy lunch in the dining commons!	Dining Commons, Blanchard Hall
2 p.m - 3 p.m	<b>Academic Advising Sessions</b> Find your advising appointment time on Pathways!	Faculty Offices – <i>Check your MHC email for more information!</i>
3:30 - 4:30 p.m	<b>Disability Services 101</b> An introduction to Disability Services (DS) and their support for d/Disabled students and students with disabilities at MHC. This is hosted by Corwyn Ross, accommodation coordinator, who may be joined by student workers in the DS Peer Fellows position. We'll share information about how to apply for and implement accommodations, and your rights and responsibilities as a student in using them. We'll also go over some examples, an FAQ and helpful policies and procedures to know about. We typically have five to 15 minutes for questions at the end. If you have a personal question or need relating to your access and/or accommodations at MHC, please get in touch with us directly by emailing <a href="mailto:disability-services@mtholyoke.edu">disability-services@mtholyoke.edu</a> . This session is open to all students regardless of disability status. Please get in touch with the Orientation Team if you have any accessibility concerns and/or accommodation requests.	Great Room, Blanchard Hall
4:30 - 5:30 p.m	<b>Start Your Career Adventure With the CDC</b> Your career exploration journey starts now! Join this session to learn how the Career Development Center can support you with tools, resources, and guidance as you begin to explore your future. We'll share practical ways to use your first semester to reflect on your interests, connect with opportunities, and start building a foundation for your career goals.	Great Room, Blanchard Hall
5:30 p.m - 6:15 p.m	<b>Dinner with your Orientation Group</b> Enjoy dinner in the dining commons!	Dining Commons, Blanchard Hall
6:30 p.m - 7:30 p.m	<b>Honor Code Ceremony</b> Celebrate joining the Mount Holyoke community by hearing from campus leadership and signing the Mount Holyoke Honor Code.	Abbey Chapel
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>Mount Holyoke Traditions: Your First Milk &amp; Cookies (also known as M&amp;Cs)!</b> After the ceremony, come join one of the most delicious MHC traditions, Milk and Cookies! (In Mary Lyon's day, it was crackers.)	Reading Room, Williston Library

## Saturday, January 24: Community & Core Values at Mount Holyoke

Time	Session Information	Location
8:30a.m - 10 a.m	<b>Breakfast</b> Enjoy breakfast in the Dining Commons!	Dining Commons, Blanchard Hall
10:15 a.m - 12:00 p.m	<b>Nondiscrimination and Title IX</b> Being an involved member of our inclusive and diverse community is a pivotal part of the Mount Holyoke experience. In this session, students will learn about the College's Nondiscrimination, Anti-Harassment, and Sexual Harassment policies and procedures, including our Title IX responsibilities. We'll discuss how to navigate interpersonal communication, how to report discrimination and harassment, and the steps that may follow. Attendees should be aware that topics and scenarios concerning civil rights and protected classes will be discussed during this session.	Great Room, Blanchard Hall
12:00 p.m - 2:00 p.m	<b>Lunch</b> Enjoy lunch in the dining commons!	Dining Commons
2:15 p.m - 4:15 p.m	<b>You, Me, and We: Finding Justice at the Intersections...An Introduction to the Mount Holyoke College Community</b> What does justice mean in our everyday lives and how do our identities shape the ways we experience it? In this foundational workshop on social justice and intersectionality, students will explore how race, gender, class, sexuality, ability, and other identities intersect to impact individual experiences and collective systems.  Through interactive activities, storytelling, and reflection, students will begin to understand their own social locations and learn how they can assist in building inclusive, equity-driven communities on campus and beyond while learning about the many on-campus resources that are available to assist them on this Journey. Come ready to listen, share, and discover how "you," "me," and "we" are all part of the journey toward justice.	Great Room, Blanchard Hall
4:30 - 5:15 p.m	<b>Meet with your orientation group</b> Enjoy time with your orientation group!	Great Room, Blanchard Hall
5:15 - 7:00 p.m	<b>Dinner</b> Enjoy Dinner in the Dining Commons!	Dining Commons, Blanchard Hall
7 p.m - 8:30 p.m	<b>Community &amp; Belonging Cultural Center Arts and Crafts Night</b> Join Community & Belonging staff for a night of arts and crafts in the Unity Center.	Unity Center, Blanchard Hall
8:30 p.m - 9:30 p.m.	<b>First Saturday: Grocery Bingo</b> Celebrate the end of your first Saturday at Mount Holyoke!	Great Room, Blanchard Hall

Sunday, January 25: Be Well at Mount Holyoke		
Time	Session Information	Location
8 a.m - 10 a.m	<b>Breakfast</b> Breakfast in the Dining Commons	Dining Commons, Community Center
10:15 a.m - 11:15 a.m	<b>Be Well (Virtual)</b> Please join Ju Hong, Director of Be Well to learn about the college's wellness program and how it fits into your student experience. You will also get a chance to meet our Be Well student leaders and have some fun with your new peers in a relaxed and fun space! We will discuss how you can learn more about Be Well Be Together, a program that helps to bring students together to create friendships and connections. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to Mount Holyoke!	Virtual, <a href="#">Zoom Link</a> ID: 975 5869 2921
11:30 a.m - 3:00 p.m	<b>S'more Fun &amp; Games with the Orientation Leaders</b> Looking for something fun to do? Join the orientation leaders for smores, snacks, games, and fun!	Great Room, Blanchard Hall
11:30 a.m - 4:00 p.m	<b>Lunch</b> Lunch at the Dining Commons	Dining Commons, Community Center
5 p.m - 6:30 p.m	<b>Dinner</b> Dinner in the dining commons	Dining Commons, Community Center
6:45 p.m - 8 p.m	<b>Orientation 101</b> Join in a tradition that helps you get acquainted with the ins and outs of life at MHC. The only prerequisite is a sense of humor. This is a spirited (and loud!) event with a great deal of cheering as the returning students welcome you to the community.	Great Room, Blanchard Hall

Monday, January 26, 2025		
Time	Session Information	Location
8:30 a.m - 10 a.m	<b>Breakfast</b> Breakfast in the dining commons	Dining Commons, Community Center
12 p.m - 2p.m	<b>Lunch</b> Lunch in the dining commons	Dining Commons, Community Center
2 p.m - 4 p.m	<b>Design your wings with the Springie Committee</b> Get ready to let your creativity take flight! Join the Springie Committee for a cozy, crafty afternoon of decorating your very own wings. You can wear these wings to Convocation in the fall to show off your Springie pride (the mascot for the Springie committee is a fairy!) We will be inviting Springies of other class years as well, so this is the perfect chance to unwind and connect with other Springies right before classes!	Great Room, Blanchard Hall
5 p.m - 7 p.m	<b>Dinner</b> Dinner in the Dining Commons	Dining Commons, Community Center

**Tuesday, January 27, 2025 – First Day of Classes!**