

RESOURCES FOR NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

FALL 2018 SEMESTER BEGINS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 20, at 8:00 A.M.

A-Z INDEX OF UNIVERSITY RESOURCES

View this index at <http://www.uni.edu/resources/a-z-index>

CAMPUS MAP

View the Campus Map at <http://uni.edu/campusmap/>

CAMPUS LIFE

View Campus Life information at <https://uni.edu/resources/campuslife>

CATID

Your CatID consists of your username and passphrase (password). They are your login credentials. You create your CatID when you complete your application for admission. Your CatID is used to login to your UNI e-mail account, MyUNiverse, and eLearning. The system will prompt you to change your passphrase every 90 days. View additional information at <https://it.uni.edu/> and click on the CatID Passphrase Information.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION ABOUT CEDAR FALLS-WATERLOO

Cedar Falls Main Street: <http://www.communitymainstreet.org/>

Cedar Falls Tourism & Visitors Bureau: <http://www.cedarfallstourism.org/>

Greater Cedar Valley Alliance & Chamber <http://cedarvalleyalliance.com/>

Waterloo Convention & Visitors Center: <http://www.waterloocvb.org/>

UNI E-MAIL ACCOUNT

All students, faculty, and staff are provided with an email account hosted by Google Apps for Education. All University communications will be sent to your UNI email address so it is important that it is checked often. You will receive your e-mail account information via the email you provided when you applied for admission. Review email information at <https://it.uni.edu/services/email>

DINING ON CAMPUS

UNI is proud to offer a vast selection of dining outlets featuring quality food, variety, convenience, and flexibility. With two dining centers, three convenience stores, two cafes, a coffee shop, and food court conveniently situated throughout campus, there's sure to be something to satisfy all. UNI Dining offers a selection of [meal plans](#) to fit the needs of our student population. Visit dor.uni.edu/dining/locations to map out your first and next meal on campus and find out why we were named the #1 college food in Iowa!

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

The Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships provides financial aid information for graduate students at <https://finaid.uni.edu/financing-graduate-school>

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

If you have questions regarding graduate assistantships, contact your respective department. For additional information review Assistantships & Graduate College Tuition Scholarships at <http://www.grad.uni.edu/assistantships>

GRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOK

The Graduate Student Handbook <https://www.grad.uni.edu/grad-student-handbook> serves as resource for campus resources for graduate students.

HEALTH REQUIREMENT FORM – MANDATORY

New graduate students will need to provide their completed Mandatory Health Requirement Form to the Student Health Clinic prior to **September 5, 2018**. If a student is not in compliance by that date, a \$30 fee will be assessed and a hold will be placed on the student's account preventing them from registering for any classes the following semester. If you attended UNI for your undergraduate program you should have already provided this information. For information regarding this requirement, including exemptions, review health.uni.edu/requirements

HOUSING, ON CAMPUS

Enjoy the convenience of living on campus! The [Department of Residence](#) offers a variety of accommodations to meet the needs of our graduate students. We recommend specifically taking a look at options within [Lawther Hall](#), [Panther Village](#), [Roth Apartments](#), and [Jennings Court Apartments](#).

HOUSING, OFF CAMPUS

The Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier, the daily local newspaper, includes advertisements for housing rentals <http://wcfcourier.com/homes>. The following are also websites with information regarding housing in the Cedar Valley area <http://www.apartmentfinder.com/>, <https://www.zillow.com/>, and <https://www.apartments.com/>.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS OFFICE

Learn about Spring Orientation and information on immigration, programs and events plus more at <https://isso.uni.edu/>

MYUNIVERSE AND STUDENT CENTER

MyUNiverse <https://it.uni.edu/services/myuniverse> is a personalized Web portal that UNI students, faculty, and staff use to access and update their personal records. Your Student Center in MyUNiverse is your academic management tool. This includes registration, billing and financial aid information, academic progress reports (degree audits), and much more. Login to MyUNiverse with your CatID to view your personal records and access administrative systems. Assistance can be found at <http://www.uni.edu/sis/content/student-center-help>

NORTHERN IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT (NISG)

Learn about NISG at <https://nig.uni.edu/>. Services offered for students include the Bike Share Program <https://nig.uni.edu/bike-share-program>, Panther Shuttle <https://nig.uni.edu/panther-shuttle>, Safe Ride <https://nig.uni.edu/safe-ride> and Voter Registration <https://nig.uni.edu/voter-registration>

PANTHER SHUTTLE

The Panther Shuttle is the free on campus bus service for UNI students and staff and operates during the academic year. Review the schedule at <https://publicsafety.uni.edu/parking-division-panther-shuttle>

PAYING YOUR UNIVERSITY BILL (U-BILL)

- Find information which includes the process and schedule for paying your University Bill (U-Bill) at the Office of Business Operations at <https://obo.uni.edu/student-accounts> For the Fall 2018 semester the first due date is August 20, 2018. The website also features YouTube Tutorials including
 - **Introduction to the U-Bill for New Students and Parents**
 - **How to Grant Third Party Access**
 - **How to View the U-Bill**
 - **How to Access the Account Activity**
 - **How to Pay the U-Bill by E-Check**
 - **How to Enroll in a Payment Plan**
 - **How to Sign Up for Direct Deposit for Student Refunds**
 - **How to Set Up Direct Deposit for Parent Plus Loans**
 - **How to Grant Permission for Federal Aid to Automatically Pay Miscellaneous Charges**
 - **How to Access the 1098-T Tax Form**

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Department of Public Safety <https://publicsafety.uni.edu/> provides information regarding crime prevention, personal and property protection, safety escort services, emergency procedures and on campus parking policies. If you'll have a vehicle on campus, learn about vehicle registration, parking policies and parking facilities at <https://publicsafety.uni.edu/parking-division>

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Black Hawk County, known as MET Transit, provides public transportation in Waterloo and Cedar Falls, including to the UNI campus. Review real time map routes, fares and paratransit information plus the Rider's Guide at <http://www.mettransit.org/>

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Learn about Student Employment opportunities, both on campus and off campus through Career Services at <https://careerservices.uni.edu/campus-jobs>

UNI BOOKSTORE

The UNI Bookstore <https://unibookstore.com> operates as a not-for-profit entity of the university allowing them to maintain reasonable educational costs for students for textbooks and merchandise.

UNI IDENTIFICATION CARD

University identification cards (ID Cards) <https://dor.uni.edu/idcard> are issued to students, faculty, staff and emeritus. The ID Cards are widely used across campus for identification and validating privilege use at the dining centers, library, athletic and performance events, the Wellness Recreation Center and for electronic access doors. All ID Cards are issued in the Department of Residence office in Redeker Center. Initial ID Cards are given at no cost. The cost for a replacement card is \$30.