Orientation 2011
doors opening

The Catholic University of America
Orientation Mission Statement

The Orientation program facilitates the successful transition of new undergraduate students into CUA’s intellectual, social, and faith-based communities, promotes student learning and development, encourages independence and individual responsibility, and facilitates continued student success to graduation. This is accomplished through programming that emphasizes the University’s academic and community expectations and social and developmental resources and opportunities. Through personal connections with peer leaders, faculty and administration, new students and their families will develop an introductory understanding and appreciation of the intellectual, social, and service opportunities available and gain knowledge of campus and community resources.
Welcome to CUA as a member of the Class of 2015!

This is a very exciting time for you and your family. The next couple of months will go by very quickly and soon you will be taking your place as a student at Catholic University. You will find that CUA has a lot to offer you — a variety of student organizations and service projects, spiritual engagement, internship opportunities in Washington, D.C., and outstanding faculty who are ready to engage you in new ideas.

At Catholic University you will develop yourself, shaping your intellect and learning to accept the challenges of a committed citizen who serves others. We hope that you will challenge yourself and lead others, taking responsibility for your CUA experience and making it everything you have dreamed. CUA faculty and administration are here to assist you in achieving your goals and reaching beyond them. All of this starts with Orientation.

- Orientation begins on Aug. 25, 2011.
- Parent sessions begin on Aug. 25 and end on Aug. 27, 2011.
- An additional orientation session will be offered for international students on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011.
- Refer to the Orientation website often for updates and important information: http://orientation.cua.edu.

Over the course of the next several weeks you will receive information from Orientation and other University offices. Please review each item carefully for deadlines.

The Catholic University of America is already preparing for your arrival. This mailing has been designed to answer many of your initial questions. In late June you will receive a phone call from a Student Life representative, who will be ready to address any questions you might have. We are ready to assist you with your transition.

At any time, please feel free to contact Orientation at 202-319-5627 or any other University office listed in this guide. On behalf of the Orientation staff, I welcome you. We are committed to supporting you and helping you make the transition to life at CUA and in Washington, D.C.

We look forward to seeing you in August!

Kathryn Jennings
Associate Dean of Students
Orientation Highlights

Orientation for freshmen, transfer students, and families begins on Thursday, Aug. 25, 2011. Students are expected to attend the entire Orientation. At Orientation you will take your place among the CUA community as a responsible, independent student.

Through Orientation and Orientation Extended you will:

• Become familiar with the campus and surrounding community
• Take your place as a participating member of a rich academic community
• Learn what it means to be a responsible student citizen who respects the campus community
• Embrace spirituality and welcome service into your daily life

Sessions for parents will provide an overview of:

• CUA’s commitment to academic achievement
• The University’s expectations for student citizenship
• The changes and challenges parents experience as their student joins the CUA community
• Ways students will engage spiritually

Orientation Registration and Information

To Register for Orientation

Please register by Aug. 12, 2011

1. Sign online to http://orientation.cua.edu
2. Click on “Register for Orientation,” where you will be redirected to Cardinal Station
3. Sign on to Cardinal Station*
4. Under the menu on the left, click on “Student Self-Service”
5. Click on “Register for Orientation”

* Your Cardinal Station User ID is typically the first four letters of your last name followed by four or five numbers. Your password was sent to you via postal mail when you were accepted to the University (or will soon be on its way if you were just accepted). If you have forgotten your password, you can get a new one by contacting the Information Center at 202-319-4357 or by e-mail at info-center@cua.edu.

You will receive notification in the mail confirming your registration for Orientation. Visit http://orientation.cua.edu to check out the 2011 Orientation schedule. Review the schedule to find out when you are assigned to get your Cardinal Card and attend the opening session. This will help you determine what time you should arrive on campus.

If you or a family member will need special accommodations while attending Orientation, please contact the Orientation office at 202-319-5627 or cua-orientation@cua.edu.

• Handicap parking spaces are located throughout campus. To park in one of these spaces, a vehicle must display a state-issued plate or placard.
• Materials in alternative formats and sign language interpreters or transcribers will be provided upon request.
The New Student Fee
The New Student Fee will appear on your tuition bill and covers the cost of Orientation. This is an inclusive fee that covers all orientation materials, some meals, and accommodations throughout the program. The academic year meal plan for residential students begins with dinner on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2011. For dinner on Saturday, commuting students may purchase meals on a cash basis.

International Students
The Office of International Student and Scholar Services will hold an orientation for international students on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This orientation is required for all “F” and “J” visa holders. It is designed to familiarize you with the legal aspects of maintaining your immigration status in the United States as well as to address various adjustment issues related to both the U.S. culture and to CUA’s community. Updated information is available on the International Student and Scholar Services website at http://international.cua.edu or by contacting the office at 202-319-5618. For detailed information on the orientation agenda please contact Gudrun Kendon at kendon@cua.edu.

Residence Hall Check In

Thursday, Aug. 25, 8 a.m.–3 p.m.
Residence Life and Housing Services have been busy preparing for your arrival to campus and are excited to have you join the CUA residential community. Living on campus at CUA is about more than your room — it is about being part of a dynamic and supportive community where opportunities to engage academically, spiritually, and socially are numerous. When you arrive to campus on Aug. 25, you will go directly to the check-in location for your residence hall. In early August, visit http://orientation.cua.edu for check-in information and locations. When you check in to your residence hall you will receive your room key(s), residence hall check-in materials, and Orientation information. If you arrive after 3 p.m. for Orientation you should proceed directly to the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center information desk. Orientation advisers will get you connected with your residence hall staff and Orientation group.

Commuter Students
You should plan to arrive on Thursday, Aug. 25, at least one hour prior to your assigned opening session. In early July visit http://orientation.cua.edu to see the finalized Orientation 2011 schedule. When you arrive on campus proceed directly to the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center information desk. Orientation advisers will check you in, get you connected with your Orientation group, and show you to the opening session.

Before You Arrive at CUA …
Check your To-Do List on Cardinal Station. Login to http://cardinalstation.cua.edu and on the right-hand side you will see your “To-Do List.” All of the items that appear on the list are personalized to you and will guide you through much of what is due to the University and when.

1. Activate Your Cardinal Mail Account
Student e-mail at CUA is provided in Cardinal Mail. All messages for CUA students are delivered to Cardinal Mail, and your CUA e-mail address is your username@cardinalmail.cua.edu. Go to http://computing.cua.edu/cardinalmail to learn how to access your Cardinal Mail account.

2. Financial Aid Awards
Accept and activate any financial aid awards you have received in Cardinal Station.
3. Set up an Authorized Payer in CardinalPAY
Students who wish to grant other individuals access to their account information (including notification of bills) must establish those individuals as Authorized Payers in CardinalPAY. The University is unable to discuss or disclose account information to any person other than the student unless the student has established that individual(s) as an Authorized Payer on his or her account. An Authorized Payer account should be established for each individual that a student wishes to have access to his or her account information.

Authorized Payers will have their own login name and password for the CardinalPAY website where they can access billing statements and make online payments. For information on how students can establish Authorized Payers on their account, visit http://enrollmentservices.cua.edu/payersetup.cfm. For more information, see page 9.

4. Register for Classes
A registration booklet accompanies this guide and explains how to register for classes. First-year students may consult MyCUA (http://my.cua.edu) and transfer students may consult http://registration.cua.edu for more information.

5. Math and Language Placement Exams
Take any necessary academic placement tests. Information regarding placement exams is included in the registration booklet that accompanies this guide. First-year students may consult MyCUA (http://my.cua.edu) for more information. Transfer students may consult http://registration.cua.edu.

6. Immunizations Due by July 1, 2011
Return the immunization form you received in your Welcome Packet to CUA Health Services by July 1 to avoid a $100 late charge. Forms can also be downloaded at http://health.cua.edu/immunizations.cfm. For more information, see page 8.

7. Athletic Medical Forms Due by July 1, 2011
If you will be participating in intercollegiate athletics, return athletic medical forms to the Department of Athletics. These forms can also be downloaded at www.cuacardinals.com/information/sports_med/physical_packet.

8. Final High School Transcripts Due by July 31, 2011
Submit your final transcripts to The Catholic University of America, Office of University Admissions, 620 Michigan Ave, N.E., Washington, DC 20064.

The Cardinal Card displays your photo and student ID number. It is your official University ID card. The Department of Public Safety offers Web upload of Cardinal Card photos for incoming students. Uploading your photo before coming to campus saves valuable time during Orientation and allows you to choose your best photo. You are strongly encouraged to upload your photo ahead of time. To upload, visit https://secure.cua.edu/idcards and follow the instructions on the screen. If you experience difficulties or have questions, contact the Department of Public Safety, Office of Campus Transportation Management and Identification, at 202-319-5113.

10. Tuition Refund Plan Due by Aug. 28, 2011
Given the substantial financial commitment that students and their families make to pay for an education at CUA, the University offers a voluntary insurance program designed to protect that investment should a student need to withdraw from the University for medical reasons. For more information, please visit the Office of Enrollment Services website at http://enrollmentservices.cua.edu/Student-Financial-Information/Refunds.cfm, apply online at www.collegerefund.com or call A.W.G. Dewar Inc. at 617-774-1555.

11. Student Medical Insurance Due by Sept. 9, 2011
Accept or waive the Student Medical Insurance at http://studentinsurance.cua.edu. For more information, see page 9.
Packing for College: What to Bring and What to Leave Behind

At CUA, we strive to make the transition from living at home to living on campus as easy as possible. Packing for college can seem overwhelming. How do you determine what you are going to need to live away from home for a year? Think about the things you use every day, keeping in mind that you will most likely be sharing your living space with at least one roommate. A standard double room at CUA is approximately 15½ by 12½ feet (probably a little smaller than your bedroom at home). You need items to make you feel at home, such as a comforter, extra long twin sheets, a pillow, some posters (to be hung with 3M Command products only) and framed pictures.

While a bed, mattress, desk, chair, dresser, and closet or wardrobe are provided by the University, you might like to bring some additional storage containers to put in your closet or wardrobe, under your bed and in your desk. Beds can be adjusted to raise and lower the height of the mattress and University-provided dressers can fit under your bed, which can give you some extra storage space and open up floor space in your room. Please note that additional items used to loft your bed are not permitted.

You will probably want to bring items for entertainment, such as a stereo, a television, a telephone, a DVD player, and a UL-approved surge protector. All rooms are equipped with one high-speed Internet port per student. A connection to the University network requires a computer with a network card installed. All residence halls with the exception of Caldwell and Seton have wireless capability. In addition, there is one cable connection per living area. Residents enjoy more than 80 TV stations within a media package that provides a mix of local and national network news, sports, and general entertainment programs. Each room also has one telephone connection per room.

You might decide that you and your roommate(s) will want to have a small microwave (less than 700 watts) and refrigerator (less than 36" tall and less than 300 watts or 2.5 amps) in your room. You should talk with your roommate before coming to CUA about larger items like these, so you can coordinate who will bring what to campus in order to not duplicate items.

The University strives to maintain communities in and around the residence halls that are safe and welcoming. A number of items are prohibited because they may have a detrimental effect on the residential communities and may be considered safety or fire hazards in a community living environment. Students are expected to maintain their living space in a manner that does not damage the building or that would require extensive maintenance, repair, and/or housekeeping to restore the building to a standard that is appropriate for future residents. Adhesives (other than 3M Command products) are not permitted in the residence halls.

Candles, halogen lamps, and space heaters are not permitted in any residence hall room. Certain kitchen appliances such as coffee pots, espresso machines, crockpots, electric frying pans, woks, grills, heating and immersion coils, hot plates, toasters, and toaster ovens are prohibited from residence hall rooms that do not have kitchens because the items pose a serious fire safety hazard and threat to the safety of students who live in the building.

Certain items, such as extension cords, cable splitters, splicers, or other devices used to re-route cable outside of the room in which the cable connection is located demand more energy, place a strain on available utilities, and may cause additional damage or harm to a building and therefore cannot be used in the residence halls.

If you have any questions about what to bring to campus, available amenities and services in the residence halls, items that may be prohibited, or general questions about living in the residence halls, please contact either the Orientation office at 202-319-5627, cua-orientation@cua.edu, or Residence Life at 202-319-6631, cua-residencelife@cua.edu.
Just for Parents

Parent Sessions Overview
Welcome! Your son or daughter is about to begin an exciting new journey and we at The Catholic University of America understand that you will be beside your student every step of the way. You play an important role in your student’s success.

Through Orientation we encourage students to learn and understand the expectations and offerings of the CUA community. We hope that you and your student will talk about expectations, responsibility, transitional fears, and exciting opportunities both before and during Orientation and throughout their time at CUA. In this light we have designed sessions specifically for parents in conjunction with the student orientation program. Students and parents will be encouraged to attend many sessions together, while other sessions will be marked specifically for parents or for students. All sessions marked for parents will conclude by noon on Saturday, Aug. 27. Please go to http://orientation.cua.edu to see the Orientation schedule.

Why are there separate sessions for students and parents?
Parents and students often have different concerns about the transition to college. Typically students tend to be concerned about their social adjustment, while parents have questions about academics, financial aid, housing, and health services. The sessions designed for parents will address the changes and challenges that you will experience as your son or daughter joins the CUA community. Your attendance at the parent sessions will provide you with an understanding of the University’s expectations for your student, explain University policies, and give you time to speak with representatives from various University offices. The University would like students to begin assuming primary responsibility for their academic and cocurricular decisions. Orientation is the beginning of this process, highlighting the relevant resources and reminding students that their decisions will have important consequences.

Why are parents encouraged to attend Orientation?
Studies show that input from parents is one of the most significant influences on the decisions students make while they are at a university. Informed parents can and do influence the success of their children when they are at a university. The more you know about the resources available to your son or daughter, the better prepared you will be to provide them direction as they navigate through their four years at CUA.

Registering for Orientation?
The best time for you to register for Orientation is when your son or daughter is registering. Your student will be asked whether parents or guardians will be attending with them. It is important for you to register online so that the appropriate number of meals and materials are ordered. There is no fee associated with the parent sessions.

Campus Services Checklist

✔ Banking
The Engraving & Printing Federal Credit Union has a branch office on campus in Leahy Hall, room 180. For information about available accounts, visit www.epfcu.org. The E&P Federal Credit Union features an ATM in Leahy Hall.

Capital One Bank operates a nearby branch located at 210 Michigan Ave., N.E. For information about available accounts, call 800-987-2265 or visit www.capitalone.com. Capital One Bank features the ATM Honor, Plus, and CIRRUS card systems; an ATM is available in Leahy Hall and the law school.
SunTrust Bank operates a nearby branch located at 410 Rhode Island Ave., N.E. For more information about available accounts, call 202-526-7973 or visit www.suntrust.com. SunTrust Bank features the ATM Quest, Plus, AFFN, CIRRUS, VISA, Discover, AMEX, and MasterCard card systems; an ATM is available in the Pryzbyla Center.

✔ Bookstore
The CUA Bookstore staff is dedicated to providing you with the best service possible to ensure you have exactly what you need for a successful semester. In addition to selling the new and used textbooks required for CUA coursework, we are pleased to announce that the CUA Bookstore will again offer textbook rental services this fall. Text Rental provides students upwards of 50 percent off the price of new textbooks and is an affordable alternative to rising education costs.

The CUA Bookstore also stocks general reading and reference books, a full line of residence hall accessories, school and architectural supplies, CUA imprinted clothing and gifts, Hallmark greeting cards, magazines, and health/beauty aids. The store also facilitates the distribution of graduation regalia. The CUA Bookstore is your destination on campus for all of your technology needs, providing academically discounted software, printer supplies, laptop bags, and accessories. The CUA Bookstore buys books back every day. The same great selection you can find in our store is available at www.cua.bkstr.com. You can place your order online and then pick it up at the store or have it shipped to you. Store hours of operation are posted on our website and are extended at the beginning and end of the semester. The CUA Bookstore accepts cash, the Cardinal Card, MasterCard, VISA, Discover, American Express, and personal checks (with proper identification).

✔ Center For Planning and Information Technology (CPIT)
CPIT has a wide range of computer services available for student academic technology use. At the top of the list are your logon accounts, which give you access to your e-mail, ResNet network, lab computers, and many other resources. CPIT can help you purchase a new computer and software at student rates, build your own website, or discover how technology can improve your lifelong learning experience. The gateway to these resources can be found at http://computing.cua.edu. Check out the FAQ under “Useful Information.” CPIT looks forward to assisting you.

✔ Disability Support Services (DSS)
DSS encourages all students with disabilities to register with Disability Support Services as early as possible. This includes students who have been diagnosed with AD/HD, blindness, chronic health conditions, deafness, learning disabilities, physical disabilities and psychological disabilities. DSS is here to help you with your transition to CUA. The first step in the process is to establish eligibility. For this, documentation needs to be submitted by a qualified professional. Because accommodations cannot be made retroactively, all students are asked to submit documentation of their disability and the completed necessary forms to Disability Support Services prior to arriving on campus.

It is also important to realize that:

• You are now your own advocate. You need to request accommodations and disclose them to your professors every semester.

• As a college student, you should structure and plan your own study time. Time management, organization, and general study skills take on even greater importance.

• As attendance requirements, assignment due dates, and exam requirements differ from class to class, it is your responsibility to study the syllabi and know the deadlines and other requirements of the class.
- Professors have different teaching styles; it is imperative for you to understand your own learning style and to adjust as needed.

To learn more about DSS and the registration process, visit the DSS website at http://dss.cua.edu. If you have any questions, please feel free to call, e-mail, or set up an in-person appointment. Our doors are always open. DSS looks forward to working with you.

✔ Housing Services

The University requires all freshman and sophomore undergraduate students to live in campus housing unless approved with commuter status. If you intend to live on campus for the upcoming academic year and have not yet applied for housing, please submit a completed Residence Hall and Dining Services Application to the Office of Housing Services. The application is available on the Housing Services website at http://housing.cua.edu.

Typically, assignments for students who have applied for housing prior to June 15 will be available online in MyHousing by July 1 and mailed to permanent addresses by late July. For applications received after June 15, assignments will be made on a rolling basis with a confirmation sent to the student in addition to being available online in MyHousing. MyHousing is accessed by logging on to Cardinal Station. If you have not received your housing assignment by mid-August, e-mail Housing Services at cua-housing@cua.edu to inquire about your housing status. Specific information on the opening of the residence halls will be available on the Housing Services website by late July. Housing Services also offers move-in services to support your transition to residential college life; information about these opportunities are available on the website and include MicroFridge rentals, carpet and linen sales, and a Ship to School program.

✔ Student Health Services:

Immunizations and Medical Consent

The Catholic University of America, in compliance with District of Columbia law, requires all students under the age of 26 to have the following immunizations: polio, Td/Tdap, measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or history of the disease, and Hepatitis B. In addition, all first-year students are required to receive the meningitis vaccine or sign a waiver declining the vaccine. Should you decide to waive the vaccine, a waiver form must be submitted and attached to the immunization record form that was sent in the “Welcome Packet.”

If you will be under the age of 18 on the first day of classes at The Catholic University of America (Aug. 29, 2011), a parent or guardian must sign a medical consent form stating that Student Health Services can provide medical treatment determined to be necessary for you. You must be in compliance with the policies concerning immunizations. Exceptions are not granted except in the very rare occurrence of a medical or religious exemption. The immunization record form must be completed in full and returned directly to Student Health Services by July 1, 2011. A late fee of $100 will be automatically billed to the student account of any student whose immunization record is received after the deadline or has been received but is incomplete.

You should keep a copy of the immunization record form for your personal files and bring it with you when you obtain your Cardinal Card. For more information, please visit the Student Health Services website at http://health.cua.edu. The waiver, meningitis FAQ sheet, immunization form, and medical consent form are available on the Student Health Services website.
Student Accounts, Billing, and Payment Plans

You will receive all billing notifications electronically at your official CUA e-mail account. The first fall term online billing statement will become available no later than early July. This bill may be adjusted prior to August to reflect actual tuition, room, and dining plans, if changes have occurred. Student accounts should be settled, financial aid in place, and payment plans arranged prior to Aug. 1. You can check your account online at http://cardinalstation.cua.edu and set up anyone else who is responsible for paying the bill as an Authorized Payer in the University’s e-commerce system, CardinalPAY, which is accessed through the student system, Cardinal Station. For more information about CardinalPAY, or for further information about student financial policies and procedures, please visit the Office of Enrollment Services Web page, http://enrollmentservices.cua.edu.

CUA’s payment plan partner is Tuition Management Systems (TMS), which offers both eight-month and ten-month options. These plans are interest free; the only cost to participate is a modest enrollment fee. Explore TMS online at www.afford.com/cua or call toll-free 800-722-4867.

We understand that circumstances sometimes mean that a student must withdraw from classes. Refunds for withdrawals are given according to the University’s refund policy. Refunds are based on total charges billed, not on payments made. For the complete official listing of the University’s refund policy, please consult the policies and procedures website at http://policies.cua.edu/finance/studentacc/refund.cfm or the financial aid website at http://financialaid.cua.edu. If you have any questions, please contact Enrollment Services by e-mail at cua-enrollmentservices@cua.edu or by phone at 800-787-0242 (toll-free) or 202-319-5300.

Student Medical Insurance

For all students, good health is essential to achieving educational goals. Without adequate coverage, unexpected medical expenses could alter your future dramatically. For this reason, CUA requires all students to carry quality health insurance.

All domestic students enrolled for 12 or more credits as well as all international students are required to have insurance. If you are covered by another medical insurance plan that meets certain criteria, you may qualify for a waiver. To apply for a waiver, you must successfully complete the online waiver application process before the defined deadline. If the waiver is approved, the charge will be removed from your bill. The waiver must be completed by going to http://studentinsurance.cua.edu or on or before Sept. 9, 2011.

Domestic students enrolled for fewer than 12 credit hours must complete the enrollment form if they wish to be covered under the CUA plan. Domestic students enrolled for fewer than 12 credits will not be automatically enrolled in the CUA plan. The enrollment form must be completed by Sept. 9, 2011. The CUA student medical policy is underwritten by UnitedHealthcare and runs from Aug. 14, 2011, through Aug. 13, 2012.

To find out more about the insurance provided and to keep up with waiver/enrollment deadlines and information, visit the student medical insurance website http://studentinsurance.cua.edu. You may also contact the student health insurance administrator at 202-319-4172. You will receive additional information in June with further instructions for verifying existing coverage or purchasing new coverage.
Getting to CUA

Arriving by Car

From the West, I-66
I-66 from Virginia becomes Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C. Continue east on Constitution Avenue and turn left on 6th Street, N.W. Turn right on E Street, N.W. Turn left on North Capitol Street. Drive approximately two miles and turn right on Michigan Avenue, N.E. You will soon see the dome of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on your left marking a University entrance at 4th Street, N.E.

From the South, I-95
When I-95 intersects the Capital Beltway in Springfield, Va., follow I-395 North. After crossing the Potomac River, take the “Route 1 North” exit. The road becomes 14th Street, N.W. Turn right on Constitution Avenue. Turn left on 6th Street, N.W. Turn right on E Street, N.W. Turn left on North Capitol Street. Drive approximately two miles and turn right on Michigan Avenue, N.E. You will soon see the dome of the Basilica on your left marking a University entrance at 4th Street, N.E.

From the East, Route 50
Take Route 50 West (becomes New York Avenue) and exit on South Dakota Avenue. After approximately 1.3 miles, turn left onto Monroe Street. Follow Monroe Street until it merges with Michigan Avenue. You will see the dome of the Basilica on your right marking a University entrance at 4th Street, N.E.

From the Northwest, I-70 to I-270
From Frederick, Md., take Exit 53, I-270 South to Washington. I-270 divides. Take the 495 East, Silver Spring/College Park exit (two left lanes). You will eventually feed onto I-495 (the Capital Beltway). Continue on I-495 and take Exit 22 B, the Baltimore/Washington Parkway. Continue traveling south on the parkway and exit at Route 50 West. Take Route 50 West (becomes New York Avenue) and exit on South Dakota Avenue. After approximately 1.3 miles, turn left onto Monroe Street. Follow Monroe Street until it merges with Michigan Avenue. You will see the dome of the Basilica on your right marking a University entrance at 4th Street, N.E.

From the North, I-95 to I-495
Follow I-95/I-495 South to Exit 22B, the Baltimore/Washington Parkway. Continue traveling south on the Parkway and exit at Route 50 West. Take the South Dakota Avenue exit. After approximately 1.3 miles, turn left onto Monroe Street. Follow Monroe Street until it merges with Michigan Avenue, N.E. You will see the dome of the Basilica on your right marking a University entrance at 4th Street, N.E.

Arriving at Union Station

Arriving via Metrorail or Train at Union Station
Take Metrorail (recommended): Take a Red Line train (direction of Glenmont) three stops to the Brookland/CUA station. Exit to the left when leaving the station.

Taxi
Cab fare from Union Station to CUA is approximately $11. CUA’s street address is 620 Michigan Avenue, N.E.
Arriving by Air

Baltimore/Washington International (BWI)
Visitors to Catholic University arriving at BWI on a weekday can take the MARC train to Washington’s Union Station. From there board Metrorail’s Red Line, in the direction of Glenmont, and take it to the Brookland/CUA stop. Travel Time: approximately 70 minutes. Cost approximately $9.

Visitors to Catholic University arriving at BWI on a weekend who wish to arrive by rail need to take Amtrak to Union Station. From there board Metrorail’s Red Line, in the direction of Glenmont, and take it to the Brookland/CUA stop. Travel Time: approximately 70 minutes. Cost approximately $17.

The Super Shuttle is another great way to access CUA from BWI. The Super Shuttle picks you up from the terminal and delivers you to your destination in about 45 minutes. Prices vary, but the average price for a trip to CUA is $37 for the first person, $12 each additional person.

Avis, Alamo, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Hertz, National, and Thrifty have car rental operations at BWI. Taxis from BWI to CUA cost approximately $76 each way with a travel time of 45 minutes.

Dulles International (IAD)
Washington Flyer is an affordable and expedient way to travel from Dulles to Washington. Leaving every 30 minutes, Washington Flyer delivers visitors to the West Falls Church Metro Station connecting them to Metrorail. Continue on the Metro to the Brookland/CUA station on the Red Line. The trip from Dulles to Catholic University via Washington Flyer is approximately 70 minutes and will cost approximately $10 a person (to West Falls Church Metro station) plus approximately $2.50 Metro fare.

The Super Shuttle is a convenient way to access CUA from Dulles. Picking you up at the terminal, the Super Shuttle delivers you to Catholic University in about an hour. Prices vary, but the average price for a trip to CUA is $29 for the first person, $10 each additional person. Taxis are also available. Travel time is 50 minutes and one way fare is approximately $57.

Reagan National (DCA)
Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport is the closest airport to Catholic University. Upon arrival visitors can take a taxi, Metrorail, or rental car to reach campus. Metrorail is the fastest and easiest way to reach campus. Travelers take Metrorail’s Yellow Line to Gallery Place-Chinatown, transfer to the Red Line in the direction of Glenmont, and arrive at the Brookland/CUA Metro station. Travel Time: approximately 30 minutes. Cost: $3.25.

Taxis from National Airport to CUA are approximately $15 each way with an approximate travel time of 20 minutes.

What to do in D.C.
If you have some free time and you want to see some D.C. sites, here are some of the top 10 things the Orientation advisers like to do in D.C.:

- Tour the monuments (day or night)
- Walk or bike along the National Mall
- Go to the Kennedy Center
- Visit Eastern Market
- Go to the museums
- Shop in Georgetown
- Visit the Botanical Gardens
- Visit the Sculpture Garden
- See Chinatown
- Go to the Old Post Office Tower

Orientation Advisers’ Restaurant Picks
(Metrail stop; street address)

- Buca Di Beppo (Dupont Circle, 1825 Connecticut Ave., N.W.)
- Busboys and Poets (U St., 2021 14th St.; Washington Convention Center, 1025 5th St., N.W.)
- Capital City Brewing Co. (Union Station, 2 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.; Metro Center; H and 11 St., N.W.)
- Chipotle (Columbia Heights, 3113 14th St., N.W.; Gallery Place/Chinatown; 601 F St., N.W.)
- Chop’t (Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Ave., N.E.; Gallery Place/Chinatown, 730 7th St., N.W.)
- Clyde’s (Gallery Place/Chinatown, 707 7th St., N.W.; Foggy Bottom/GWU, 3236 M St., N.W.)
- Filomena’s (Foggy Bottom/GWU, 1063 Wisconsin Ave., N.W.)
- La Tasca (Gallery Place/Chinatown, 722 7th St., N.W.)
- Matchbox (Gallery Place/Chinatown, 713 H St., N.W.; Eastern Market, 521 8th St., S.E.)
- Wok n’ Roll (Gallery Place/Chinatown, 604 H St.; N.W. Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan, 2400 18th St., N.W.)
Local Accommodations for Parents

The Catholic University of America is located in northeast Washington, D.C. To reserve a room at one of these hotels go to http://welcome.cua.edu and click on the “Places to Stay” link.

- **Comfort Inn Downtown D.C.**
  1201 13th St., N.W.
  Washington, DC 20005
  Phone: 202-682-5300
  www.comfortinn.com

- **The Fairmont Washington, D.C.**
  2401 M St., N.W.
  Washington, DC 20037
  Phone: 202-429-2400
  www.fairmont.com

- **Phoenix Park Hotel**
  520 N. Capitol St., N.W.
  Washington, DC 20001
  Phone: 202-638-6900
  www.phoenixparkhotel.com

- **The Henley Park Hotel**
  926 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
  Washington, DC 20001
  Phone: 202-638-5200
  www.henleypark.com

- **The Beacon Hotel and Corporate Quarters**
  1615 Rhode Island Ave., N.W.
  Washington, DC 20036
  Phone: 202-296-2100
  www.beaconhotelwdc.com

- **Comfort Inn & Suites, Washington D.C.**
  1600 New York Ave., N.E.
  Washington, DC 20002
  Phone: 202-832-3200
  www.comfortinn.com

- **St. Gregory Luxury Hotel & Suites**
  2033 M St., N.W.
  Washington, DC 20036
  Phone: 202-530-3600
  www.stgregoryhotelwdc.com

- **The Liaison Capitol Hill, An Affinia Hotel**
  415 New Jersey Ave., N.W.
  Washington, DC 20001
  Phone: 202-638-1616
  www.affinia.com

- **Washington Plaza Hotel**
  10 Thomas Circle, N.W.
  Washington, DC 20005
  Phone: 202-842-1300
  www.washingtonplazahotel.com

- **Morrison Clark Inn**
  1015 L St., N.W.
  Washington, DC 20001
  Phone: 202-898-1200
  www.morrisonclark.com

- **Embassy Suites**
  4300 Military Rd., N.W.
  Washington, DC 20015
  Phone: 202-362-9300
  www.embassysuitesdcmetro.com

- **Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill**
  400 New Jersey Ave., N.W.
  Washington, DC 20001
  Phone: 202-737-1234
  www.washingtonregency.hyatt.com

What happens on campus after Orientation is over?

Check out http://orientationextended.cua.edu in July for more information on
You may take care of the following during Orientation:

- Obtain your Cardinal Card (University ID card) on the 3rd floor of the Pryzbyla Center.
- Buy books at the bookstore on the 2nd floor of the Pryzbyla Center.
- Open a checking account with bank representatives on the first floor of the Pryzbyla Center.
- Ensure that you receive your pre-ordered refrigerator, microwave, or rug.
- Commuter students should purchase a parking permit, if necessary.
The Catholic University of America admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, or disability.