



UNIVERSITY OF
DETROIT MERCY

PROLOGUES, TRANSITIONS, AND VIEWPOINTS (PTV)

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Two maroon banners hang from a black pole against a background of green trees. The left banner features a white and blue stylized 'D' logo. The right banner has the text 'THE WORLD NEEDS TITANS' in white, with 'TITANS' in a larger font.

HI THERE!

We are so excited that you will be joining us for PTV! This program has been created to provide you with more details on what to expect as you prepare for your first semester as a Detroit Titan. Within these pages, you will get to know more about the sessions scheduled during orientation as well as the student leaders who will guide you throughout the week.

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WHAT IS PTV?

Prologues, Transitions and Viewpoints (PTV) is the final part of freshman orientation.

PROLOGUES

Prologues is a unique program focusing on academics and emphasizing interaction, integration and connection with faculty. You will be introduced to Detroit Mercy professors from various disciplines who will discuss academic success in college. The time spent alongside members of the University's faculty will help prepare you for the rigors of academic work.

TRANSITIONS

Participation in Transitions will give you a good foundation to begin collegiate life by developing a personal identity and interpersonal relationships with current Detroit Mercy students and the campus community. You will participate in activities to create awareness of personal value and a sense of connectedness. We want our students to be successful, and this starts with a solid transition to college.

VIEWPOINTS

Viewpoints is an introduction to Detroit's remarkable social and cultural environments. The program will help you begin to understand the needs of the city and its residents, and ways you can develop the leadership skills necessary to address those needs. You will spend a few hours engaged in a community project with one of our partner agencies.





WEEK OVERVIEW

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

Move in day! Whether you are moving in to your new residence hall or just checking in for the week, the Detroit Mercy community welcomes you as the next Titan class. Get ready to meet your orientation leader who will guide you through the week's activities as well as other first-year students who are in your college or school and will navigate this week with you. You, along with your families, are officially invited to First Year Convocation, a formal celebration as you begin your academic journey. After dinner, students will say goodbye to their families and find several ways to say hello to new friends during Playfair.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

Wednesday is focused on viewpoints. You will have the opportunity to learn what it means to be a Titan with Jesuit and Mercy values and traditions while engaging with the Detroit community in service projects. Back on campus, you will have an opportunity to meet current students and the organizations you can get involved with on campus. End the night by cheering on new friends or taking your own turn on stage during karaoke!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

Thursday is focused on prologues and transitions. You will get the opportunity to explore campus in several ways: meetings with faculty of your college or school, physically moving throughout buildings to find your classrooms before courses start, and meeting with several institutional departments that will help provide resources that will make your first semester a success. There are also several sessions throughout the day for some fun where you will be introduced to students who share similar experiences with you. End the night by being entertained by award-winning comedy magician Trent James.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

Friday is a day full of excitement as we wrap up orientation and get ready for the school year to begin. Check in with your orientation leader and group to share your experiences from the week and make plans to connect during the coming weeks. Enjoy a mocktail while learning about alcohol safety, and then get ready for some fun and games with several options for wrapping up your week in Downtown Detroit.

PROGRAM DETAILS

TUESDAY

CHECK IN

9am-12pm: Residential Students; **Shiple Hall**

1-2pm: Commuters Living on Campus during PTV; **Shiple Hall**

1:30-2:30pm: Commuter Students; **Student Union Lobby**

Check your UDM email for your specific move in time if you will be living on campus for the semester or the week. We will have plenty of student leaders available to help carry in items and help you navigate your new home! Make sure to take a break and enjoy lunch outside of Shiple Hall.

Whether you start at Shiple Hall or the Student Union, friendly faces will greet you and provide you with materials you'll need for the week.

MEET YOUR LEADERS: WHAT TO EXPECT

2:30-3:45pm; Student Union Fountain Lounge and Ballroom

You will be introduced to your orientation leader who will guide you through this week's activities. Your leader has been preparing for your arrival all summer and is looking forward to sharing all the details of what to expect as well as answering any questions you may have. Additionally, you will meet your group who will attend the week's sessions together. Heads up- there will be some friendly competition throughout the week. You'll learn more about what it takes to be victorious in order to win unique Detroit Mercy swag here.

PROCESSIONAL LINE UP

3:45-4pm; Fountain Area outside of Student Union

Join all first-year students in your college and prepare to process into First Year Convocation. Your orientation leaders will help direct all students to their proper locations.

FIRST YEAR CONVOCATION

4-5:30pm; Fitness Center

President Taylor, the faculty, administration, and staff of the University of Detroit Mercy officially welcome first-year students and their families to the First Year Convocation. This event formally marks the beginning of the college experience. The program features a student processional, introduction to key administrators and a keynote speaker.

PROGRAM DETAILS

TUESDAY

CLASS PICTURE

5:30–5:45pm; Kassab Mall (Rain: Fitness Center)

Join President Taylor and commemorate this day with the Class of 2028 Class Picture at the new Titan installation near the Kassab Mall.

DINNER

5:45–7pm; Fountain Area outside of Student Union

Following First Year Convocation, all friends and family are welcome to join their first-year students for dinner.

BREAK

7–8pm

Take a break, say goodbye to any friends and family that helped you settle in and get ready to get a bit silly for Playfair.

PLAYFAIR

8–9:30pm; Calihan Hall

It's entertainment! It's fun! It's the perfect way to make new friends on campus. Playfair is known as the ultimate icebreaker and it will give you plenty of opportunities to meet new students before the night is over.

PROGRAM DETAILS

WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST

7:30–8:30am; Student Union, Fountain Lounge

Enjoy breakfast with your peers before the day's sessions begin.

INTRODUCTION AND PRE-REFLECTION

8:30–9:15am; Student Union, Fountain Lounge

Gather together to engage in conversation on why community engagement is important to the mission and identity to being a Titan at the University of Detroit Mercy. Students will meet with their groups and prepare for engaging at service sites within the Detroit community.

SERVICE SITES

9:15am–12:30pm

Students will be traveling to service sites with their leaders and engaging with a variety of our community partners.

LUNCH AND BREAK

1–2:30pm; Student Union Titan Dining Room

Students will eat lunch and have the opportunity to freshen up after their community engagement learning activity. Commuter students who are not living on campus during the week are welcome to utilize the Fitness Center- remember to bring toiletries and a towel if needed!

POST-REFLECTION

2:30–3:30pm; Student Union, Fountain Lounge

After participating in the morning community engagement activities, students will connect back into their small groups and reflect on their experiences.

PROGRAM DETAILS

WEDNESDAY

UNIVERSITY MINISTRY

3:30–4pm; Student Union, Fountain Lounge

Meet the University Ministry team and learn more about the opportunities to engage with them throughout the year.

BRAVE AND BOLD DIALOGUES

4–5pm; Student Union, Ballroom

Students will participate in a session around social and personal identities and how to have difficult yet constructive conversations around these topics. Rasheed Ali Cromwell, JD, President of the Harbor Institute will empower students with the confidence and knowledge to initiate and navigate brave and bold dialogues with their communities.

DINNER

5–6pm; Student Union, Titan Dining Room

STUDENT ORGANIZATION FAIR AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

6–7:30pm; Student Union, Fountain Terrace

Meet current students involved in a variety of the student organizations on campus. Learn about opportunities to get involved and meet new friends in organizations that match your interests while enjoying ice cream from Gilly's Ice Cream!

KARAOKE

8–10pm; Student Union, Ballroom

Get ready to sing your heart out and cheer your friends on with your favorite songs.

PROGRAM DETAILS

THURSDAY

BREAKFAST

7:30–8:30am; Student Union, Titan Dining Room

Enjoy breakfast with your peers before the day's sessions begin.

WEIGHTLIFTING FOR THE BRAIN

Check Group Schedule for Details; Ford Life Science 115

Join Erika Budson from the Wellness Center and define mindfulness and meditation as well as learn how these two concepts differ. We will cover the benefits of mindfulness and meditation including stress reduction, increased focus and concentration, and improved relationships. You will learn a mindfulness skill in this session that you can practice on your own.

FRESHMAN COMPETITION

Check Group Schedule for Details; Fitness Center

Face off against other first-year students in several quick games and earn points for your group. Only one group will end victorious at the end of the week!

CAMPUS EXPLORATION

11am–12pm; Fountain Area

Take some time exploring campus and find your specific classroom locations for next week. Leaders will be stationed throughout each academic building to help navigate. Make sure to stop by the library to meet helpful resources such as the librarian for your major and the Student Success Center!

LUNCH WITH COLLEGE/SCHOOL

12–1:30pm; Check Group Schedule for Details

Meet with the faculty of your specific college or school to learn more about your unique major and academic expectations. This session will join with your college joining you for lunch at the Titan Dining Room.

EXPECTATIONS: RESIDENCE LIFE/COMMUTERS

Check Group Schedule for Details; Residential Students: Ballroom and Commuter Students: Architecture Exhibit Space

Meet campus administrators in that will help you make the most of your college experience and provide you with critical information for the first semester.

PROGRAM DETAILS

THURSDAY

CENTER FOR CAREER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Check Group Schedule for Details; Ford Life Science 113

Join the Center for Career & Professional Development to learn why connecting to career services is imperative during your first year of college.

INTRODUCTION TO BANNER AND BLACKBOARD

Check Group Schedule for Details; Ford Life Science 115

Students will receive an overview of the two main systems utilized on a daily basis for university activities- Banner and Blackboard. Amy Wisniewski, Interim Associate Vice President and University Registrar, will provide an overview of the Banner system and key areas for students navigating their digital student record. Abigail Youngerman, Instructional Designer in the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, will highlight the Blackboard system for course management.

PUBLIC SAFETY MEET & GREET

4-5pm; Student Union, Ballroom

Meet our Public Safety officers, learn more about the services available to you through the Public Safety Office, and be able to ask any questions that you may have about navigating campus and interacting with our officers.

PICNIC DINNER

5-6pm; Student Union, Fountain Lounge

TRENT JAMES: COMEDY MAGICIAN

6:30-7:30pm; Fitness Center

Be ready to laugh and be amazed by comedy magician, Trent James. Trent has received over twenty high honor awards, including the Milbourne Christopher Award.

WATER BALLOON FIGHT

8:15-9pm; Outside of Shiple Hall

Whether you are interested in cooling off or versing your orientation leaders, join the fight outside of Shiple Hall!

PROGRAM DETAILS

FRIDAY

BRUNCH

10am–12pm; Student Union, Titan Dining Room

Enjoy brunch with your peers before the day's sessions begin.

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS AND PTV EVALUATIONS

12:30–2pm; Leaders will communicate meeting areas

Groups will join together to review the week's activities, prepare for classes to start and answer any lingering questions as the week of orientation comes to a close.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAMMING

2–3pm; Student Union, Ballroom

Meet Peer Wellness Educators with mocktails and refreshments as you discuss the importance of alcohol awareness and safety on campus. At the end of the session, you will also learn the winning group from the week's competition!

BREAK

3–5pm

INVITATION ONLY: TITAN MENTOR PROGRAM MEETING

3–3:30pm; Check email for more details!

FIRST GENERATION IDENTITY GROUP

3:30–4:30pm; Student Union, Ballroom

Are you a first generation student? Please join us for this session where we will introduce you to first generation students and staff who can share their experiences at Detroit Mercy.

DINNER

4:30–5:30pm; Student Union, Titan Dining Room

DOWNTOWN DETROIT EXPERIENCE

6pm; Check Group Schedule for Details

At 6pm, students will board buses to head downtown either for a scenic boat cruise on the Detroit River or a scavenger hunt throughout the city to find iconic city landmarks and have some fun with new friends. Details on how to choose your activity will be discussed in the Tuesday Meet Your Leader discussion.

MEET YOUR LEADERS



Megan Finazzo

Megan is an Orientation Director who has spent the past three years as a member of the orientation staff! She is in the 5 Year Accelerated MBA program. Megan is also involved on campus as the president of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, a senator in the Student Government Association, and a member of the Student Alumni Leadership Council.



Mercedes Bales

Mercedes is a Chemistry major who is also involved on campus as a desk attendant in the Shiple Residence Hall, a member of the Children Oral Health Club, and on the executive board for both the First Generation Network as Public Relation Coordinator and PAWS as Vice President.



Cailyn Calhoun

Cailyn is a returning orientation leader who majors in Nursing. She also serves as the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. - Theta Tau Chapter President, a member of the National Panhellenic Council, Greek Council, Black Student Union, and Dance Team captain while also working in Admissions as an ambassador.



Mary Courtright

Mary is a Biology, Pre-Physician Assistant major. She works on campus as a desk associate in Residence Life and is a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority and club volleyball team.



Qamar Elia

Qamar is a Biology major who is also involved with the University Ministry office. She is a member of the First Generation Network, Titan Equity Nourish Network, Titan Dreamers, and FemCo.



Rebecca Goulette

Rebecca is a Nursing major who also works in the Registrar's Office and is a member of the Volleyball Club.



Griffin Steffes

Griffin is an Orientation Director who has spent the past three years as a member of the orientation staff! He is a Chemistry major and involved on campus as the Phi Kappa Theta fraternity president, a teaching assistant, and senator in the Student Government Association.



Isaiah Bonner

Isaiah is a Biology major who is on the Track and Field/Cross Country team as well as the Sigma Pi fraternity president and a tour guide in the Admissions Office.



Simon Choi

Simon is a returning orientation leader who is in the 7-Year Dental program. Additionally, he is the president of MaltaUDM and a member of APO.



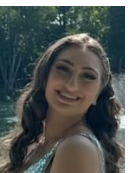
Marcus Dally

Marcus is a Biology major who is also involved in the Phi Kappa Theta fraternity.



Isabelle Francis

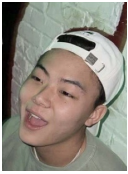
Isabelle is a Political Science major. She also works on campus in the Admissions Office in addition to being a member of the Political Science Student Association, the Cybersecurity Club, Titan Equity Nourish Network, and a senator in the Student Government Association.



Alexandria Jarbo

Alexandria is a Biology, Pre-Physician Assistant major who is a member of the Tennis Club, Biology Club, Chemistry Club, Pre-PA Club, CASA, and the president of the Commuter Student Association. She also works as a tour guide and social media intern.

MEET YOUR LEADERS



Heewoong Kim

Heewoong is in the 7 Year Dental program. Additionally, he is a member of APO, MaltaUDM, PDSA, USNDA, a senator on the Student Government Association and works as a teaching assistant.



Julia Kroha

Julia is a returning orientation leader who is a Biology, Pre-Physician Assistant major. She works on campus in the Fitness Center as well as being a member of the Chemistry Club, Club Volleyball, and ISA.



Sierra Metiva

Sierra is a returning orientation leader in the 5 Year Physician Assistant program. She is also a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority and Pre-PA Club.



Zoë Morris

Zoë is a Nursing major who is on the Track team, Cheer team, and a member of CRU.



Cecilia Phipps

Cecilia is a returning orientation leader who is a Biology major. She serves as treasurer in the Kappa Beta Gamma sorority and the coordinating captain for the dance team.



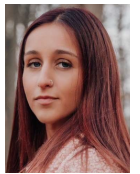
Evan Todd

Evan is a Biology major who works in the Fitness Center as well as being a member of the Phi Kappa Theta fraternity and Biology Club.



Eduardo Valladares

Eduardo is a Biochemistry major who is a member of the Chemistry Club and Tennis Club.



Victoria King

Victoria is an Accounting major and leadership minor who is also working on completing a certificate program in Catholic Studies. She is a member of Protect Life, Titan Equity Nourish Network, Commuter Student Association, Campus Ministry, and Alpha Sigma Nu.



Ji Luth

Ji is a Biology major who works as a teaching assistant and is a member of the Chemistry Club and Pre-Dent Club.



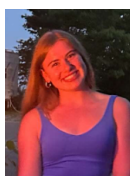
Shruti More

Shruti is a returning orientation leader and a Biology major. She is a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority and Pre-PA Club.



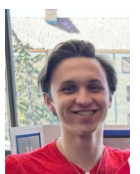
Sophia Nelander

Sophia is a Pre-Dental Hygiene major who also works on campus as a Biology teaching assistant.



Grace Steffes

Grace is a Communication Studies major who is also on the Track and Field team.



Luke Tomaszek

Luke is a returning orientation leader who majors in Business Administration and works as a Student Ambassador. Additionally, he is a member of SAB, the Entrepreneurship Association, Accounting Club, and intramural Basketball and Football clubs.

GET IN TOUCH



Have questions? The Student Life Office is available to you during orientation and beyond!

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