



First-Year International Experience

YOUR COBBER LIFE BEGINS HERE



Concordia will become your home away from home during your first year. Your experience will include courses, programs, and activities that will help you transition, grow, and flourish as you start your Cobber journey.

WHAT TO EXPECT

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

International students arrive early to campus to take part in a special international orientation program. From social activities with fellow international students to an immersive cultural experience at the renowned **Concordia Language Villages**, this event sets the stage for your U.S. college life.



ALL STUDENT ORIENTATION

You'll also take part in Fall Orientation with your Orientation Club. You will enjoy an array of informative sessions all designed to familiarize yourself with campus and prepare for an exceptional first semester.



MEET YOUR FACULTY ADVISOR

During registration, you'll be assigned a faculty advisor who will guide you throughout your four years at Concordia. From switching majors to discussing your career goals, your advisor is here to support you.

ENGAGED CITIZENSHIP SEMINARS

All first-year students take an Engaged Citizenship Seminar. These courses are offered on a wide variety of topics, taught by professors who are passionate about the subject. Topics are intentionally diverse and meant to appeal to your interests. The same students in this seminar will be in your Orientation Club.

First-Year Transition Labs + the Center for Student Success

Your first year will be one of many new experiences, some fun and positive and others that are challenging. FYT labs are a chance to dig deeper into important topics like overcoming failure and time management. The Center for Student Success provides additional help from tutoring and writing assistance to one-on-one academic support.



COBBER EXPO

Cobbers have access to 100+ cocurricular activities, including student government, service-learning, media, athletics, theatre, music, and more. Attend the Cobber Expo in September for ideas on how to get involved.

DORM LIFE

From free laundry to lasting friendships, settling into campus begins in your dorm. Choose from one of five **residence halls** and enjoy the convenience of being an easy walk to anywhere on campus.



THE BEANIE

Receiving a Cobber beanie is a rite of passage for every student. Personalized beanies are given to first-year and transfer students during Orientation and most Cobbers keep theirs far past their time at Concordia.

COBBER RING

The Cobber ring is the second most recognized ring in the country. Cobbers young and old recognize one another when they see them, and they connect alumni far and wide. Rings are ordered in students' junior or senior years and are a long-standing tradition at the college.



HOMECOMING

Cobbers are loud and they're proud. Alumni and students from around the country and the globe gather each fall to reconnect and show their Cobber spirit.



CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The **Concordia Christmas Concerts** are a 96-year-old tradition and nationally renowned event. Concerts are held on campus and at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis.

CORNSTOCK CONCERT

Cornstock is Concordia's annual end-of-the-year concert, a take on the legendary 1969 event, Woodstock. It's a highlight of the year for both those who attend and those who work behind the scenes.



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