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

PRELUDE
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, Prelude sets the stage for your U.S. college life.

ALL STUDENT ORIENTATION
Following Prelude, you’ll 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.

INQUIRY SEMINARS
All first-year students take an Inquiry 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 your Inquiry Seminar will be in your Orientation Club.

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
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.
From Argentina to the U.K., if you want to travel, Concordia has a program for you! With Concordia’s tuition match, students can spend a semester away for close to the same price — just add the price of a plane ticket! It comes as no surprise that nearly half of the student body chooses to expand their horizons in a study away program. Students can also be involved locally in the Fargo-Moorhead community through internships, service projects, and PEAK opportunities.