

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION REGISTRATION GUIDE 2022



New Student Orientation
University of South Carolina

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WELCOME TO SOUTH CAROLINA!



Welcome to the University of South Carolina! It's now time to prepare for your New Student Orientation. New Student Orientation is the first step in helping you successfully transition into our Gamecock community. Our office understands that while this may be an exciting time, you may also be nervous and have a lot of questions. Our goal is to ensure that you feel as comfortable and confident as possible as a student at South Carolina. **As an incoming freshman, you are required to attend New Student Orientation in order to prepare for your first semester at South Carolina.**

During Orientation, you will have the opportunity to connect with peers, university faculty and staff. You will also learn more about the university, our history and the wide array of campus resources available. Your journey at South Carolina will encourage you to grow and reach your goals!

Summer 2022 Orientation

We are excited to return to fully in-person Orientation programs for 2022! In order to have in-person sessions, our office will be operating in accordance with university and local COVID-19 guidelines. At this time, all Orientation participants will be required to adhere to any and all campus policies related to COVID-19 during their attendance. Campus policies may include following social distancing protocols, wearing face coverings inside of university buildings and forms of transportation, etc. To stay up-to-date on the latest information regarding COVID-19 guidelines at the University of South Carolina, visit sc.edu/coronavirus frequently.

Continue reading to learn more about New Student and Family and Guest Orientation, how to prepare and how to register yourself and a guest for a session.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION OVERVIEW



Summer Term Orientation

If you are beginning classes in May (Summer Term), you will attend a Summer Term Orientation session. These are in-person, one-day sessions during which you will need to be available from 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. You will hear from university faculty and staff, meet with an Orientation Leader and peers, attend an academic college visit, learn about university resources and take care of several campus business items. In addition, this is when you will meet with an academic advisor and get registered for summer term courses. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. **Registration costs are \$130 per student and \$50 per family member and/or guest.** More information regarding Summer Term Orientation will be shared via email.

Fall Term Orientation

If you are beginning classes in August (Fall Term), you will attend a Fall Term Orientation session in June or July. These are in-person, two-day sessions during which you will need to be available beginning at 8 a.m. on day one and 7:45 a.m. on day two. **Students are required to stay overnight in one of our designated residence halls on day one. This will not be the same residence hall you are living in during the academic year.** During the two days you will hear from university faculty and staff, meet with an Orientation Leader and peers, attend an academic college visit, learn about university resources and the city of Columbia, tour campus, participate in evening socials and take care of several campus business items. In addition, this is when you will meet with an advisor and get registered for fall courses. A continental breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided on day one of your session and a continental breakfast and lunch will be provided on day two of your session. **Registration costs are \$250 per student and \$115 per family member and/or guest. Overnight accommodations for families and guest will accrue an additional charge.** More information regarding Fall Term Orientation and overnight accommodations will be shared to the email address you provide during registration.

FAMILY & GUEST ORIENTATION OVERVIEW



Welcome to the Family!

While supporting students throughout their transition to college, our office understands this can be a time full of excitement, but also uncertainty for families. That's why New Student Orientation is not just for students: it's also for families and guests!

Whether attending Summer Term or Fall Term Orientation, our Family and Guest program runs concurrently with New Student Orientation and focuses on a wide variety of topics and subjects that families and guests should find helpful during their student's first year.

Families and guests will have the opportunity to connect with administration, faculty and staff to discuss their student's needs and upcoming experiences. They will also have an opportunity to learn more about their student's academic college and major.

Families attending Fall Term Orientation with their student are invited to stay overnight in the residence halls on day one of their session, but are not required to. More information regarding on- and off-campus overnight accommodations for families and guests will be shared via email. **The registration cost for Summer Term Orientation is \$50 per family member and/or guest. The registration cost for Fall Term Orientation is \$115 per family member and/or guest. Overnight accommodations during Fall Term Orientation for families and guest will accrue an additional charge.**

SPECIAL POPULATIONS OVERVIEW



Special Population Programs during New Student Orientation

If you are a part of **Capstone Scholars, Opportunity Scholars, Palmetto Pathways or the South Carolina Honors College**, our office will offer specialized breakout sessions and programming for you and your families during New Student Orientation. In order to have a successful experience during your session, we encourage you to stay connected with the contact person in your respective program as they may have specific instructions for you regarding New Student Orientation, advising and registration.

Veterans Student Orientation

The Office of New Student Orientation is proud to offer an award-winning Veterans Student Orientation program for veterans, active-duty military personnel and dependents beginning classes at the university in **summer or fall term**. In partnership with the [Office of Veteran and Military Services](#), attendees will learn more about utilizing VA benefits, as well as services and resources available to them as students. These sessions run concurrently with our general New Student Orientation program. Our office will send out updates via email regarding Veteran Student Orientation and how to register.

International Students

International students are required to attend New Student Orientation, whether beginning classes in the **summer or fall term**. In order to have a successful experience during your session, we encourage you to stay connected with the contact person in [International Student Services](#), as they may have specific instructions for you regarding New Student Orientation and advising and registration.

Special Accommodations during New Student Orientation

During New Student Orientation, if you need any special accommodations related to vision, mobility, diet, technology, and so forth, please indicate this at the time of registration.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION DATES



Summer Term New Student Orientation Dates

May 5

Summer Term I

May 26

Summer Term II

Fall Term New Student Orientation Dates

June 9 - June 10

Session 1

June 27 - June 28

Session 6

July 18 - July 19

Session 11

June 13 - June 14

Session 2

June 29 - June 30

Session 7

July 25 - July 26

Session 13

June 15 - June 16

Session 3

July 6 - July 7

Session 8

July 27 - July 28

Session 14

June 20 - June 21

Session 4

July 11 - July 12

Session 9

June 22 - June 23

Session 5

July 13 - July 14

Session 10

SAMPLE SCHEDULE: SUMMER TERM

If you are beginning classes in May (Summer Term), you will need to attend a one-day session in May. **Registration is \$130 per student and \$50 per family member and/or guest.**

Sample Student Summer Term Schedule

7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Morning:

- Breakfast
- Program Welcome
- Academic College Visits

Afternoon:

- Breakout Sessions
- Lunch
- Academic Advising
- Resource Fair
- Campus tours
- Campus business items

Sample Family Summer Term Schedule

7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Morning:

- Breakfast
- Program Welcome
- Partners in Transition
- Academic College Visits

Afternoon:

- Breakout sessions
- Resource Fair
- Lunch
- Campus tours



SAMPLE SCHEDULE: FALL TERM



If you are beginning classes in August (Fall Term), you will need to attend a two-day, overnight session in June or July. Students are required to stay overnight in our designated residence hall. More details regarding overnight accommodations will be shared via email. **Registration is \$250 per student and \$115 per family member and/or guest.**

Sample Student Fall Orientation Schedule

Day One: 8 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Morning:

- Breakfast
- Program Welcome
- Small Group with an Orientation Leader

Afternoon:

- Academic College Visits
- Breakout Sessions
- Lunch
- Small Group with an Orientation Leader

Evening

- Dinner
- Skits performed by Orientation Leaders
- Small Group with an Orientation Leader
- Evening Social
- Retreat to Residence Halls

Day Two: 7:45 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Morning:

- Breakfast
- Campus Partner Presentations
- Small Group with an Orientation Leader

Afternoon:

- Advising and Registration
- Lunch
- Resource Fair
- Campus Tours
- Campus Business Items

SAMPLE SCHEDULE: FALL TERM



Sample Family Fall Orientation Schedule*

Day One: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Morning:

- Breakfast
- Program Welcome

Afternoon:

- Academic College Visits
- Breakout Sessions
- Lunch

Evening

- Parents as Partners
- Dinner
- Family and Guest Social

Day Two: 7:45 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Morning:

- Breakfast
- Campus Partner Presentations
- Next Steps presentation

Afternoon:

- Lunch
- Resource Fair
- Campus Tours
- Campus Business Items

*While students are required to stay overnight in our designated residence hall, families and guests are not but can if they would like.

Overnight accommodations in the residence halls for families and guest will accrue an additional charge.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR ORIENTATION



Your next step is simple: Register for your New Student Orientation! You can do so beginning on **Monday, April 4 at Noon**. In order to begin your New Student Orientation experience, you will need to:

① Pay your enrollment deposit.

Incoming freshman students are required to pay a \$200 admissions deposit to confirm enrollment before gaining access to New Student Orientation registration. Please note that electronic check payments will be held for six (6) business days while it clears.

② Verify your session.

If you are beginning classes in May (Summer Term), you will need to attend a one-day session in May. If you are beginning classes in August (Fall Term), you will need to attend a two-day, overnight session in June or July. Visit the [“Find My Orientation”](#) page on our website to learn more about verifying your session.

③ Set up your account.

Using your VIP ID and USC ID, you will set up your account and log on to Self Service Carolina. You will be prompted to complete the following steps:

- Add security questions for account verification.
- Access your UofSC email and set up your email preferences.
- Add emergency contact information.
- Set Up [Multi-factor Authentication](#).

④ Make your reservation.

Using a laptop or desktop, device go to my.sc.edu and log in with your VIP ID and password. Click the “Admissions” tab and then the “Orientation Services” link. Select your campus from the drop down menu and follow the instructions on the screen. Only available session dates will appear on your screen. Please note: Registration is only accessible through Google Chrome or Firefox browsers.

⑤ Pay for your session.

Your reservation will not be complete until you have paid for your New Student Orientation session. **The registration cost for Summer Term Orientation is \$130 per student and \$50 per family member and/or guest. The registration cost for Fall Term Orientation is \$250 per student and \$115 per family member and/or guest. Overnight accommodations during Fall Term Orientation for families and guest will accrue an additional charge.**

⑥ Prepare for your session.

Once you have registered, read through all of your session information and stay connected to your email for updates from the Office of New Student Orientation. You will receive an email confirmation for your registration. If you do not receive one upon registering for a session, please contact our office to ensure you have completed all steps.

Please contact the Office of New Student Orientation if you need to make any changes to your reservation.



PREPARING FOR ORIENTATION



As you begin to prepare for your New Student Orientation, it is important that you complete the items on the checklist below. Several components of your New Student Orientation are guided by your major, as well as advising and registration. Incompletion of any of these items may impact your ability to register for classes during your session.

☐ **Complete all items in Your Admissions Portal**

Your Admissions Portal contains information that must be completed before you attend your New Student Orientation and enroll for classes at South Carolina. It is essential you complete all items in the Admissions Portal.

Carolina Residency Certification Form. If you have not submitted a FAFSA, you will be required to complete the form.

If your residency has not been verified, complete the S.C. Residency Certification Form through your portal. Visit sc.edu/registrar for more information on the residency certification process.

☐ **Submit your Citizenship Verification**

Log on to your UofSC Admissions Portal to check if your status was previously verified based on information provided on your FAFSA. If you have not submitted a FAFSA, you will be required to complete the Citizenship Verification Form.

If your citizenship has not been verified, complete the **Citizenship Verification Form**. Visit sc.edu/registrar for more information on the Citizenship Verification Form.

☐ **Submit your Immunization Form**

Submit your completed Immunization Record Form no later than two weeks prior to your New Student Orientation. Upload your records to sc.edu/myhealthspace portal under Immunization. Login with your network username and password and your birth date. Forms may also be faxed to 803-777-3955/ 803-777-3960 or mailed to the Allergy, Immunization & Travel Clinic, 1409 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29208.

☐ **Submit your Residency Verification (For SC residents only)**

Students claiming South Carolina residency for tuition purposes are required to verify residency. Log on to your UofSC Admissions Portal to check if your South Carolina residency has been verified. We will use the information provided on your FAFSA to determine whether or not you need to complete the South

PREPARING FOR ORIENTATION



☐ Confirm your major

If you are considering a major change prior to attending Orientation, make a “New Student Major Change Interest” appointment to speak with an Exploratory Advisor in the University Advising Center. Your Exploratory Advisor will make sure you have all of the correct information. Make an appointment by visiting sc.campus.eab.com. You may also contact the University Advising Center at 803-777-1222 or advising@sc.edu. It is critical that you attend Orientation with the correct major.

☐ Have copies of your unofficial Transcripts and any AP/IB score reports

Have copies of your AP/IB/Cambridge (AICE) scores and dual enrollment transcripts available during your New Student Orientation. If your scores do not arrive before your scheduled advising session, make a list of the test(s) you have taken and share this with your advisor. If official transcripts are not available, you may use an unofficial transcript during your session. Your advisor may also ask you to email copies of these documents prior to your meeting.

☐ Register for your Math Placement Exam

All students are required to take the online Math Placement Test no later than two weeks before your New Student Orientation. You will record your test score on your Pre-Orientation Advising Worksheet. For more information including practice tests and instructions for completing the test online, visit math.sc.edu/assess.

☐ Complete your Pre-Orientation Advising Modules and Worksheet

You will access and view your Pre-Orientation Advising Modules in your Orientation Portal after registration. Please complete all modules, as well as your [Pre-Orientation Advising Worksheet](#) in order to prepare for your advising and registration appointment during New Student Orientation.

☐ Register for your Foreign Language Placement Exam

Every student at South Carolina has to take the Foreign Language Placement Exam before taking a foreign language course to determine whether or not they meet course prerequisites. For further information, please visit the [Language Placement Testing Website](#).

☐ Request your CarolinaCard Online

Go to my.carolinacard.sc.edu and read and complete the Cardholder Agreement and Account Access Information. Review the list of acceptable photos and upload your photo. If your photo is accepted, you may pick up your card during New Student Orientation.

STAY CONNECTED



Once again, welcome to the University of South Carolina! Our goal is to make the preparation and transition to college as smooth as possible. If you have questions at any time, we encourage you to contact the Office of New Student Orientation! We also recommend frequently checking your email and our website for updates regarding your Orientation session. Until then, go Gamecocks!

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