New Student Orientation: January 2020

DAY ONE SCHEDULE

Student Name: ______________________________________

Reminders for Day 2 of Orientation: Bring this orientation schedule with you for the second day. Please follow it on the second day as it is individualized for you.

7:30-8:15am  Orientation Check-in for New Students and Family—Cougar Mall: 165 Calhoun Street: In between Maybank Hall (#26 on campus map) and Robert Scott Small building (#23 on campus map), and across the street from Fed Ex Office Store.

Information Tables: Various Campus Offices—Cougar Mall: In between Maybank Hall (#26 on campus map) and Robert Scott Small building (#23 on campus map). After check-in, students and families can visit the information tables in Cougar Mall. Offices that will be participating include: Public Safety, Dining Services, the Barnes and Noble CofC campus bookstore, and Center for Student Learning

Cougar Card Pick up – Cougar Mall. After orientation check in, you can pick up your cougar card if you submitted your picture before January 3rd. If you did not submit a picture, you can go to the Cougar Card services office to have your card made anytime during orientation.

8:15am  At 8:15am all students will be directed to go to their opening session. It is a good idea to plan for a meeting place for lunch. You may use your lunch ticket in the Liberty Street Fresh Food Company on either the first or second day of orientation. If you need assistance, ask one of the orientation interns or contact the Office of New Student Programs at (843) 953-2017 or orientat@cofc.edu.

The time of the following three sessions below will vary depending on student’s individualized schedule.

Advising—Various locations on campus
Students will meet with academic advisors to review the general education requirements, learn how to use the course registration section of MyCharleston and review Degree Works, and receive instructions for their homework for registration on day 2 of orientation.  Start times: 8:30am, 9:45am, or 11:00am

How to be a Successful College of Charleston Student— Rita Hollings Science Center Auditorium (#51 on campus map). Learn about the importance of Liberal Arts Education and the College of Charleston Honor System. Hear from representatives from the Office of Victim Services, Public Safety, Counseling and Substance Abuse Services and the Center for Student Learning about how you will use their resources to be a successful student.  Start times: 8:30am, 9:45am, or 11:00am

Class of 2023 Group Meetings— Various locations on campus
An opportunity for students to meet other new students and learn how to get the most out of your two days of orientation.  Start times: 8:30am, 9:45am, or 11:00am

12:15pm  Lunch—On your Own or Liberty Fresh Food Company: 30 St. Phillip St. (#104 on campus map)
1:30 pm  
**Academic Majors Meeting with Faculty Representatives**—Various locations on campus
The academic major meetings are an opportunity for students, decided and undecided, to meet representatives from various colleges and departments to learn about majors at College of Charleston - their courses, their structure and their sequencing. There is also an opportunity for undecided students to learn about resources available to help them select a major. **Students will receive information that is vital to their advising and registration for fall classes.** Students will be led to the session of their choice by the orientation interns, so it is important to be on the Cistern at 1:30pm. This session is for students only.

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**Information Session I**  
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3:00-5:00pm  
**Transfer Resource Center Drop-In** – Lightsey Center, Second Floor, Suite 258 (#5 on campus map).
The Transfer Resource Center (TRC) is the College of Charleston’s space for all things transfer. Stop by the TRC to ask questions about transfer credit evaluations.

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Day One Information Session Descriptions

3:00 pm  Information Session I
Pre-health Professions: What does it mean to be a pre-health professional student at CofC? The session will provide an overview of the preparation, and the corresponding timeline, required for students interested in pursuing careers in the areas of: medicine, dental medicine, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, optometry, nursing, and allied health. Students will learn how to choose the best major based on their career goals, academic strengths, and personal interests.

Get a Job!! Everything you need to know about student employment: In this session, offered by the Career Center, students will be given tips and suggestions on finding on and off-campus, part-time jobs. Students will also learn how to navigate CougarJobLink, the system used for online job/internship posting.

Study Abroad at the College of Charleston: A question and answer session for student and families with representatives from the FYE Abroad program and the Center for International Education. The session will include information about study abroad options and how to prepare for studying abroad during your time at the College of Charleston.

Campus Tour: Take an in-depth tour and learn about the campus from an orientation intern. The tour will provide students with insights and tips for navigating the campus.

3:45 pm  Information Session II
Financial Aid: Tips to educate students on financial aid, earning and keeping scholarships, and suggestions on making financial choices.

Campus Tour: Take an in-depth tour and learn about the campus from an orientation intern. The tour will provide students with insights and tips for navigating the campus.

Important Notes

Have your picture taken for your Cougar Card:
If you didn’t submit your picture for your cougar card before January 2nd, students should have their picture taken during orientation for their student identification card (Cougar Card) at Cougar Card Services in the Berry Residence Hall on the Calhoun Street side of the building on the first or second day of orientation from 8:30 am -5 pm.

Need help during orientation?
Ask an Orientation Intern or the Office of New Student Programs in the Lightsey Center Annex (#4 on the campus map). You may also call our office at 843.953.2017. For Lost and Found, contact Public Safety at 843.953.5609. Campus offices are open 8:30am to 5pm Monday through Friday.

Follow Us Social Media:
Check out the pictures from orientation at College of Charleston New Student Orientation group on Facebook. Follow us on Twitter @CofCOrientation, on Instagram at CofCOrientation, on Snapchat at CofC Orientation, and Pinterest at CofCNSP.
The following sessions below will vary depending on student’s individualized schedule given out at check in.

**Cougar Nation Conversations & Course Registration**— Various locations on campus
Students will learn more about MyCharleston, meet other new incoming students, and ask the orientation interns about their Cougar Charleston experiences. After Cougar Nation Conversations, students will attend their course registration time.

Students should plan to allot **one and a half hours** for course registration. Students will review their homework from the academic advising workshop that occurred on Day 1 and then enroll in classes for the spring semester. The student’s registration time CANNOT BE CHANGED. **This session is for students only.**

**Start times:** 8:00am, 10:00am, or 12:30pm

**Technology & Library Resources**—Addlestone Library, Lobby: 205 Calhoun St (#13 on campus map).
Critical information will be shared about using computers on campus, accessing research databases, and effectively using the library and campus technology.

**Start times:** 8:00am, 8:45am, or 10:30am

**Your Voice and Your Views: Respecting Individual Differences** —Stern Student Center, Room 205: 71 George St (#81 on campus map). This is an interactive session with the orientation interns about diversity and social identities in the college environment that includes time for questions and discussion.

**Start times:** 9:00am, 9:45am, or 11:30am

**Cougars Care**— The Sylvia Vlosky Yashik Jewish Studies Center, Room 333: 96 Wentworth St. (#93 on campus map). As a College of Charleston student, you play an important role in keeping the campus safe for you and your classmates. This session will provide you with information about consent, bystander interventions, where to report situations of violence, and where to get assistance on and off campus.

**Start times:** 8:00am or 1:00pm

**How to Get Involved**—Stern Center 4th Floor Ballroom: 71 George St (#81 on campus map)
In this session, you will hear from the Center for Civic Engagement, Office of Student Life, Campus Recreation, Multi-Cultural Center and the orientation interns about how to get involved on campus.

**Start times:** 11:00am or 1:30pm

Classes start: **Tuesday, January 8, 2020.**

**Student bills are due January 15, 2020.** No paper bills are mailed, however, online bills will be available to students who have registered for classes on MyCharleston. Please call 843.953.5572 or visit [http://treasurer.cofc.edu/](http://treasurer.cofc.edu/) with any questions.