

Family Orientation



DAY ONE SCHEDULE

At 8:15am students will be directed to go to their opening session with an Orientation Intern. Make plans with your student to meet for lunch, as you will be attending separate sessions. 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.

We are glad to have you here!

7:30am-8:15am... **Orientation Check-in:** 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 Starbucks.

8:30am-11:00am... **Welcome, Families!** Sottile Theater; 44 George St. (#39 on campus map)

- Overview of Orientation Program
- How to Support your Student Academically
- Public Safety Overview
- Overview of Student Affairs
- Academic Standards and Information
- Tips for Students on How to Get Involved

11:15am -12:00pm... **Information Sessions:** Round One (Select One) **Session descriptions on Page 3

Computing and Technology Tips for Parents	Educaton Center, room 118; 25 St. Phillips St.. (#95 on campus map)
Parents as Career Coaches	Education Center, Room 116; 25 St. Phillip St (#95 on campus map)
Campus Tour	Meet at Front Steps of Maybank Hall, 165 Calhoun St (#26 on campus map)

12:00pm-1:30pm...

Lunch	On your own or Liberty Street Fresh Food Company; 30 St. Phillip Street (#104 on campus map)
Open House at George Street Fitness Center	George Street Fitness Center; 50 George St, Suite 103 (#32 on campus map)

At 1:15pm..... **Check schedule and head to your 1:30pm session**

Notes:

- Street addresses have been checked on Google and Apple maps
- The description of each session is located on page 3 (Day 1) and page 5 (Day 2).

1:30pm-2:00pm... **Information Sessions:** Round Two (Select One) **Session descriptions on Page 3

Pre-Professional Health Session	School of Science and Mathematics, Sciences Auditorium, Room 129; 202 Calhoun St. (#11 on campus map)
Home Away from Home: Fraternity/ Sorority Life	Robert Scott Small, Room 235; 175 Calhoun St (#23 on campus map)
Get a Job! All you need to know about Student Employment	Education Center, Room 118; 25 St. Phillip St (#95 on campus map)
Student Athlete Session	Maybank Hall, Room 100; 165 Calhoun St (#26 on campus map)
Center for Disability Services	Lightsey Center; 160 Calhoun St (#5 on campus map)
Campus Tour	Meet at Front Steps of Maybank Hall, 165 Calhoun St (#26 on campus map)

2:10pm-3:15pm... **Information Sessions:** Round Three (Select One) **Session descriptions on Page 3

Business of CofC - Overview by Student Health, Treasurer,	Stern Student Center, 4th floor Ballroom; 71 George St (#80 on campus map)
Campus Tour (Repeat Session)	Meet at Front Steps of Maybank Hall, 165 Calhoun St (#26 on campus map)

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DAY ONE SCHEDULE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

3:30pm-4:00pm . . . Information Sessions: Round Four (Select One) **Session descriptions on Page 3

Provisional Session (ONLY family members of provisionally-admitted students)	Maybank Hall, Room 100; 165 Calhoun St (#26 on campus map)
Honors College Information Session	Session 1, 2, and 4, 6 and 10: Robert Scott Small, Room 235; 175 Calhoun St (#23 on campus map) Session 3, 5, 7, 8 and 9: No session
How to Budget in College	Education Center, Room 118; 25 St. Phillip St (#95 on campus map)
Campus Tour (Repeat Session)	Meet at Front Steps of Maybank Hall; 165 Calhoun St (#26 on campus map)
Study Abroad Panel for Students & Parents	Stern Student Center, 4th floor Ballroom; 71 George St (#80 on campus map)

Information Sessions: Round Five (Select One) **Session descriptions on Page 3

4:15pm-4:55pm . . .

The Basics of Living On Campus (MANDATORY for on campus residents)	Sottile Theatre; 44 George St. (#39 on campus map)
“Ask a Commuter” Session	Education Center, Lobby; 25 St. Phillip St (#95 on campus map)

MODEL ROOMS FOR RESIDENCE HALLS

DAY 1: Model rooms are open in Berry Hall (#6, co-ed, 2nd and 3rd floors Honors College), Liberty Street (#104, co-ed), Rutledge (#16, co-ed), Buist (#18, female) between 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. *Buist will be closed after July 13.

DAY 2: Model rooms are open in McConnell (#116, co-ed), College Lodge (#30, co-ed), Craig Hall (#93, men), and Berry Hall (#6, co-ed, 2nd and 3rd floors Honors College) between noon and 5:00 p.m.

Due to construction, McAlister, Warren, and Kelly House Residence Halls are not open for tours. To view floor plans, students can view the floor plans in their MyHousing portal in MyCharleston.

Please note you will not be able to view the exact room assigned to your student as it may be used for summer conferences.

NEED HELP?

Information Table; Day One: By School of Humanities and Social Sciences House: 2 Greenway (#28 on campus map)

Office of New Student Programs; 843.953.2017 (#4 on campus map); Small building next to Lightsey Center; 160 Calhoun St (#5 on campus map)

Lost and Found; 843.953.5609

Emergency? 843.953.5611

Campus Offices; Open 8:30am-5:00pm

TIPS AS YOU PREPARE FOR DAY 2

-Advising and registration will either be a one-day or two-day process, depending on your student’s personalized schedule. Family members do not attend advising with your student.

-Door prize winners are posted at: Family Breakfast in the Stern Center Ballroom 4th floor beginning at 8:00am . After 1:00 pm, door prizes will be posted and picked up in the Office of New Student Programs. (#4 on campus map)



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11:15am-12:00pm: Information sessions – Round One

Computing and Technology Tips for Parents: Critical information about using computers on campus, computer technology requirements, and tips for purchasing computer equipment. This session is for parents to learn about MyCharleston, Cmail, and OAKS.

Parents as Career Coaches: Tips from Career Center to help your student with choosing a major, searching for a job, and planning for a career.

Campus Tour: Take an in-depth campus tour and learn about the campus from an orientation intern. The tour will provide family members with insights about your student's campus experience.

1:30pm-2:00pm: Information sessions – Round Two

Pre-Professional Health Session: This session provides an overview of the preparation and corresponding timeline for students interested in pursuing careers in: medicine, dental medicine, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, optometry, nursing, and allied health. Students will learn about resources for Pre-Professional Health students, requirements for admission into post-graduate schooling, and timeline for applications.

Home Away from Home: Fraternity/Sorority Life: Fraternities and sororities provide students meaningful experiences in the pursuit of a well-rounded college education and are based on principles that foster academic achievement, student involvement, leadership development, community service, and life-long friendships. It is our hope that your student may find a home away from home by joining our Greek community. Family members are invited to attend this session with the Office of Greek Life staff to learn about the realities and benefits of membership in a Greek organization, information regarding the recruitment and new member processes, and ways to best support your incoming student during their Greek experience.

Get a Job! All you need to know about Student Employment: Representatives from the Career Center will offer tips and suggestions on finding on and off-campus, part-time jobs. You will also learn how to navigate *CougarJobLink*, the system used for online job/internship posting.

Student Athlete Session: The Athletics Department welcomes the incoming student-athletes who are already committed to one of our NCAA Division I athletics teams or those students who intend to try out for the sailing or equestrian team to a fast-paced information session. Topics include: Department Expectations, NCAA Initial Eligibility Requirements, and Sports Medicine Information. Please note that try outs for other DI athletics teams are held throughout the year; students interested in trying out for teams other than sailing/equestrian should not attend this session.

Center for Disability Services: Learn about SNAP (Students Needing Access Parity) services, entry requirements, and support systems for students with learning disabilities, attention deficits, and physical or psychological disabilities.

Campus Tour: Take an in-depth campus tour and learn about the campus from an orientation intern. The tour will provide family members with insights about your student's campus experience.

2:10pm-3:15pm: Information sessions – Round Three

Business of CoFC: A discussion of resources and programs that involve the business of the College of Charleston. Join representatives from the Treasurer's Office, Dining Services, Student Health Services and the College of Charleston bookstore as they provide an overview of the services they offer and answer your questions.

Campus Tour: (Repeat Session)

3:30pm-4:00pm: Information sessions – Round Four

Provisional Session (*Only family members of provisionally admitted students*): Students in the provisional program must attend this session to meet the program director, sign their contract and learn about other campus resources. Parents are encouraged and welcomed to attend this session with their student.

Study Abroad Panel for Students and Parents: A question and answer session for students 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.

Honors College Information Session: An opportunity for families of Honors College students to ask the Honors College faculty and staff questions. This session is just for families.

How to Budget in College: Hear from current College of Charleston students on how they learned to live on a budget in the city of dining and shopping. Students will offer tips and tricks to stretch your dollars! DOES NOT INCLUDE FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION.

Campus Tour: (Repeat Session)

4:15pm-4:55pm: Information sessions – Round Five

The Basics of Living on Campus: (Mandatory for On Campus Residents; family members may attend) A question and answer session with the orientation interns about how to have a successful on-campus experience in the residence halls and move-in information.

'Ask a Commuter' Session: A chance for students who are living off campus in the fall to ask questions to the orientation interns about being commuters. Learn from current students on how to navigate your way through the housing search, information on life in Charleston and how you can get involved.

DAY TWO SCHEDULE

8:00am– 9:00am. . . . **Breakfast Buffet and History of the College:** Stern Student Center, 4th floor Ballroom; 71 George St (#80 on campus map). Enjoy breakfast and coffee with other parents while you hear an overview of the history and traditions of the College.

9:00am -10:00am. . . . **Information Sessions:** Round One (Select One) **Session descriptions on Page 5

Family Small Group Discussions	Stern Student Center, 4th floor Ballroom; 71 George St (#80 on campus map)
Campus Tour (Repeat Session)	Meet at Front Steps of Maybank Hall; 165 Calhoun St (#26 on campus map)

10:15am-11:00am. . . . **Information Sessions:** Round Two (Select One) **Session descriptions on Page 5

What can the Cougar Card do for you?	Education Center, Room 118; 25 St. Phillip St (#95 on campus map)
Ask the Experts: Life in Charleston	Education Center, Room 116; 25 St. Phillip St (#95 on campus map)
Campus Tour (Repeat Session)	Meet at Front Steps of Maybank Hall, 165 Calhoun St (#26 on campus map)

11:05 am–12:00pm. . . . **Financial Aid 101:** Education Center, Room 118; 25 St. Phillip St (#95 on campus map) Tips to educate your student about financial aid, earning and keeping scholarships, and suggestions on financial choices.

12:00pm –1:00pm. . . . **Lunch:** On your own or Liberty Street Fresh Food Company; 30 St. Phillip Street (#102 on the campus map)

At 12:45pm. **Check schedule and head to your 1:00pm session**

1:00pm-2:00pm. . . . **Information Sessions:** Round Three (Select One) **Session descriptions on Page 5

Navigating CofC Technology	Stern Student Center, Room 201; 71 George St (#80 on campus map)
College Students in Transition	Robert Scott Small, room 251; 175 Calhoun Street (#23 on campus map)
Last Minute Questions	Stern Student Center; 2nd floor Lobby; 71 George St (#80 on campus map)

2:00pm-3:15pm **Various Activities**

Don't forget to stop by the College of Charleston Bookstore at 160 Calhoun Street for you CofC gear, ask questions about books and final questions. We will have orientation intern in the bookstore from 2:00-3:00 for any last minute questions.

Orientation Info Fair	Rivers Green; Green space behind the Addlestone Library; 205 Calhoun St (#13 on campus map)
Library Tours	Leaves from Rotunda of the Addlestone Library; 205 Calhoun St (#13 on campus map) at 2:15 pm
Office Open Houses	Center for Student Learning; 205 Calhoun St (#13 on campus map), and Career Center; 160 Calhoun St (#5 on campus map)
Residence Halls Open	See bottom of page 2 for specific list of halls open on day 2

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9:00am-10:00am: Information sessions – Round One

Small Group Discussions for CofC Parents: In small informal groups, you will have a chance to talk about your questions and concerns with staff and faculty, as well as other College of Charleston family members.

Campus Tour: Take an in-depth campus tour and learn about the campus from an orientation intern. The tour will provide family members with insights about your student's campus experience.

10:15 am-11:00am: Information sessions – Round Two

Ask the Experts: This is your opportunity to hear from faculty, staff, alumni and parents of students about their experiences and ask questions about how your student can be successful, safe and get involved.

Campus Tour: (Repeat Session)

What can the Cougar Card do for you? Learn about the features and benefits of the campus ID card, including security and Cougar Cash, as well as how family members may assist students in managing their Cougar Cards.

1:00pm-2:00pm: Information sessions – Round Three

Navigating CofC Technology: The orientation interns will share their insights on how to use the CofC website and MyCharleston.

College Students in Transition: The transition to college can be emotionally challenging for young people and families. Representatives from the Counseling Services will offer advice and guidance on supporting your student, as well as the services available to students.

Last Minute Questions: If you have any last minute questions, the orientation interns will be available to help you out.

TUITION PAYMENT INFORMATION

The Fall 2017 e-Bills for all students are sent to the student's campus email account and any other authorized user's email account.

Bills are not mailed. Balances may be viewed and paid through the student's MyCharleston account, which is available extended hours to make bill paying more convenient.


To add a parent email address as an authorized user to the e-Bill system, refer to the Treasurer's website: treasurer.cofc.edu/eBillInstructions.html. If you have questions, visit the website at treasurer.cofc.edu or call 843-953-5572.


Tucker Hipps Transparency Act

In compliance with the Tucker Hipps Transparency Act, the College of Charleston publicizes online the outcomes of student organization conduct for violations of Alcohol, Drugs, Hazing, Physical Abuse (physical assaults), and Sexual Misconduct. A listing of organizational violations is accessible via the following link: Organizational Student Conduct - <http://deanofstudents.cofc.edu/organizational-student-conduct/index.php>

Additional information related to findings, sanctions, and organizational sanction completion may be available. Members of the public may obtain additional information that is not protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 USC 1232g, by emailing their request to DeanofStudents@cofc.edu. The College is required to provide this additional information pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

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