In order to help you make a smooth transition to the College, we have scheduled mandatory online orientation sessions. Before your orientation you will need to complete an online module that will be emailed to you. During orientation you will meet on Zoom with an intern small group, meet other new students virtually, meet with an advisor, and register for fall classes.

You may notice there is an orientation registration hold on your student account. This registration hold will remain on your account until you attend orientation and virtually meet with an advisor. If you do not attend a virtual orientation session, you will have to wait to register for classes until August 24, the day before fall 2020 classes begin.
About MyCharleston

When you were accepted to the College of Charleston, you created an account in MyCharleston to pay your tuition deposit. Now that you have been accepted and paid your tuition deposit, you must change your status in MyCharleston from "application" to "student", and set up access to your permanent College of Charleston account.

You should have received an email through your personal email account that you used on your application to the College. In this email there will be a link, a new username, and password, and instructions for setting up your permanent student account. Click on the link and log in to activate your permanent student account with a new username and password. From this point on, you will use this permanent account for all business you conduct with the College, such as registering for orientation, signing up for a meal plan, changing an address, or reviewing account charges and balance information and viewing your student email. If you have not received an email with instructions on how to set up your permanent MyCharleston account, please contact ITservicedesk@cofc.edu or 843.953.3375.

CofC Email Account

Your new College email account (username@g.cofc.edu) will be used for all college-related business. You must use this email for any correspondence with College of Charleston departments, faculty, and staff. We recommend that you check this email several times a week during the summer when you will be receiving important information from the College.

To use your student email account, please login to MyCharleston at my.cofc.edu. Use your Cougars Account username and password. Click on the Cmail icon that will appear in the upper right-hand section of the screen. The first time you access your email account, you will use the Cougars Account information that you used to log into MyCharleston.

Priorities Checklist

- Set up your new CofC email account
  (username@g.cofc.edu)

- Keep up with what's happening through Instagram, Twitter, and Class of 2024 Facebook group.
What to do before orientation

AP or IB Test Scores

If you’ve taken any AP or IB tests and want to receive transfer credit, please submit your final test scores to the Office of Admissions for evaluation. You can check what the College accepts at registrar.cofc.edu/transfer/index.php

Register for Orientation

When you are ready, you’ll type my.cofc.edu into your browser and log into your permanent MyCharleston account to complete the online registration form. It is important to log in using your permanent credentials. Remember, your permanent username is made up of letters and not numbers. If you are still using your student ID number as your username, please refer to the MyCharleston information at the beginning of this newsletter.

There are a limited number of seats available for each orientation session, and the sessions fill up quickly. We will close registration two weeks before a session begins, so we ask that you sign up as soon as possible in order to get the session you want.

Placement Tests

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

freshmen | If you took Spanish, German, French, or Latin in high school, but have not taken a foreign language at the college level, then your placement is determined by how many years of a language you completed at the high school level.

transfer students | If you have taken a foreign language at the college level, you will be placed in the next course in sequence, in order to complete your 12-hour, general education requirement. For additional information about placement testing for foreign language, please go to orientation.cofc.edu/placement-testing.

MATH

For information about placement testing for math, please refer to the Department of Mathematics website mate.cofc.edu/placement-testing/index.php.
What to do before orientation

How to register for orientation

1. Go to my.cofc.edu, use your Cougars account information to log in, and select the "academic services" tab.
2. Scroll down and locate the "orientation" box.
3. Click on the "orientation registration" link in the "orientation" box.
4. You will automatically be routed to the online registration form.
5. Verify that your name and email address are displayed and continue on to the registration form.
6. Follow the instructions and complete the entire form.

Notification of Confirmation

One week after you have submitted your online registration form, you'll be able to see your confirmation online. (We do not mail or email confirmations.) Log onto my.cofc.edu, select the "academic services" tab, locate the "orientation" box and click on "orientation registration confirmation".
Now that you're about to become a Cougar, we'd like to help you connect with your new friends and family.

Information on orientation is tweeted on @cofcnsp and posted regularly on the New Student Programs Facebook page. Go to orientation.cofc.edu and click on the Facebook link at the bottom of the page. Also check out our Instagram page at cofcorientation.

You'll probably also want to check out the College of Charleston main Facebook page to get an idea of the cool things that go on here throughout the year, and the Class of 2024 Facebook page as well. It's a great way to meet people before you even arrive on campus.

As for your family, we suggest that they spend some time on the "family and parent" resources page (cofc.edu/families).

These are all excellent resources that will have you and your family feeling comfortable with the College in no time flat.

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