Calendar for Incoming Students for Fall 2021

*This calendar has specific date deadlines as well as a to do list for the spring and summer months. Please review all of it and check the webpage for updated items each month.*

**February**

- **February 1** Online Housing Registration open for students starting in fall 2021

**March**

- **March 1** Priority deadline for FAFSA (need-based financial aid). View instructions at [https://finaid.cofc.edu/students/incoming-freshmen/index.php](https://finaid.cofc.edu/students/incoming-freshmen/index.php)
- **March 17** Online Orientation Registration is available on the Academic Services tab in MyCharleston
- **Beginning of the month** Orientation Registration information mailed to all students who have paid their tuition deposit
- **All Month** Register for Admitted Cougar Events (various dates February-April. Check the Next Steps page for Admitted Students for more information and to register [https://admissions.cofc.edu/campusvisits/events/index.php](https://admissions.cofc.edu/campusvisits/events/index.php))
- **All Month** Submit picture online for your Cougar Card – CofC ID card. View picture requirements and deadlines at [http://cougarcard.cofc.edu/online-photo-submission-for-new-students/index.php](http://cougarcard.cofc.edu/online-photo-submission-for-new-students/index.php) (deadline August 15, 2021)
- **All Month** Immunization Record Form must be submitted to Student Health Services via online system and be in compliance with immunization requirements or student will not be able to register for classes at orientation. Forms can be found at [http://studenthealth.cofc.edu/health-immunization-forms/index.php](http://studenthealth.cofc.edu/health-immunization-forms/index.php). **Deadline is May 1, 2021.**
May

May 1  Deadline to submit CofC Deposit, Housing Application fee and complete application (by 11:59 pm) for guaranteed housing for Fall 2021.

May 1  On campus housing is no longer guaranteed after May 1, but is given on a first come first service based on the application complete date.

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Mid Month  Request to have official SAT/ACT scores sent to Office of Admissions if you haven’t already done so (freshmen only) Scores will be used for placement purposes

June

June 1  Application for IFC (fraternity) recruitment opens online. Deadline is August 8 at 11:59 pm

June 1  U.S. citizens who haven’t submitted the FAFSA must verify lawful presence before being permitted to register for classes during orientation.

Mid-month  Submit official final high school transcript verifying high school graduation. Due by August 1.

All Month  Submit your official AP/IB/CLEP score information to the Office of Admissions

All Month  On campus housing is no longer guaranteed, but is given on a first come, first serve basis, based on the deposit date.

All Month  All students have to accept the financial aid awarded to them for Fall 2021

July

Beginning of the month  Fall 2021 billing commences

July 6  Billing begins for the Fall 2021 semester for students who have attended virtual orientation

July 30  Cougar Excursion Application Deadline

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### August

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<td>Plan what you want to bring to College of Charleston and start packing</td>
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<td>Cougar Excursion (students who are registered to attend will move in on August 18)</td>
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<td>Move in period for on campus students. Schedule based on student's residence hall assignment.</td>
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<td>Update your personal information on Cougar Alert online on MyCharleston</td>
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<td>Financial aid for the fall semester credits to students' accounts. Automatic bank account deposits are available only AFTER the Treasurer's and Controller's Offices have produced them and students are notified via email.</td>
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<td>September 3-5</td>
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To Do Monthly in March, April and May

- Check your College of Charleston email account weekly for important news for incoming students.
- Explore majors at www.cofc.edu/academics/
- Check off items on pre orientation checklist at http://orientation.cofc.edu/checklist/index.php
- Online Orientation Registration is available in MyCharleston (opens March 17)
- Check your College of Charleston email for important news for incoming students
- Review the laptop requirement for students at https://it.cofc.edu/laptops/. Check out the computer and technology information at http://blogs.cofc.edu/scs/

To Do in June, July and August

- Review advising website PRIOR to orientation. Check out the link at http://advising.cofc.edu/newly-admitted-students/index.php
- Check off items on pre orientation checklist at http://orientation.cofc.edu/checklist/index.php
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- Contact your roommates and suitemates to start to plan for your room
- Attend virtual new student orientation
- Reserve textbooks online after attending orientation
Other Events that dates will be added later in early summer

- Date for Application opens for Panhellenic (sorority) recruitment
- Date for NPHC/ Culturally Based Organization registration open for Meet the Greeks
- Date for Meet the Greeks

***All due dates are subject to change for health and safety reasons. Please refer to department or program websites for updates.

For more information about orientation, new students can visit orientation.cofc.edu. Students with questions can email orientat@cofc.edu.

For more information, family members can visit www.cofc.edu/parents Parents with questions can email parents@cofc.edu