

New Student Orientation

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Orientation Programs

New Student Orientation is a required program developed to assist in the transition to Oklahoma State University. The Orientation program introduces campus resources, offices and information while familiarizing new students with the campus and Stillwater communities.

During orientation, students:

- Learn about opportunities ahead and prepare for academic transition from high school or another institution to OSU.
- Develop expectations of OSU and learn what is expected of OSU students.
- Work with academic advisers to learn about degree program choices and discover initial tools for success at OSU.
- Enroll in classes.
- Work with an Orientation Leader and mentor who provides information from a student perspective.

—New Freshmen. New Student Orientation for first time freshmen occurs during the months of May, June and July for those attending in fall and in December and January for those beginning in the spring semester. The standard summer orientation is an overnight session where students meet with academic advisers in multiple settings and have time to consider course options prior to enrollment. An alternate one day option covers enrollment only, and is available during the summer or mid-year orientation programs.

—Transfer Students. Transfer Students have several options for New Student Orientation. For those admitted early, Transfer Orientation in April or November is the first opportunity to learn about OSU and enroll. For those admitted closer to the semester start, an alternative Transfer Orientation during the months leading up to the first day of class is available.

—Concurrent Students. Students who choose to concurrently enroll in high school and college courses will also participate in a New Student Orientation program. This program will work around your current class schedule.

Alpha

The Office of Student Affairs sponsors a new student welcome event in August called Alpha. This optional program for new students continues the transition to OSU while providing opportunities to meet other students, faculty and staff; experience OSU traditions; understand academic expectations; learn about resources available and find key buildings on campus. A few highlights of Alpha include moving into campus housing early to get settled before classes begin, taking part in the exciting opening ceremony and pep rally at Gallagher-Iba-Arena, and learning OSU traditions and what it means to be an official OSU Cowboy!

Camp Cowboy

Each summer, a group of OSU student leaders coordinate special weekend programs called Camp Cowboy. This optional program offers an opportunity to discover new friends, new experiences and new

ideas. Camp Cowboy is a fun-filled three-day new student experience that includes small group activities, a ropes course, camp fires and much more. For students who can only travel to Stillwater once in the summer, some Camp Cowboy weekends fall immediately following New Student Orientation and Enrollment programs.

Student Information Systems (SIS)

The Student Information System (SIS) allows students to access and update their academic and personal information in a self-service system. The majority of SIS use comes during enrollment when students may use the system to view the OSU Catalog course descriptions, search open sections of specific courses, and drop and add classes from their schedule. In addition, the SIS system connects students to:

- Class schedule, grades and unofficial academic transcript
- Desire2Learn online classroom
- Personal information housed on the system
- Official academic transcript request
- Student Rights and Responsibilities document
- Official OKSTATE e-mail account
- Bursar account, financial aid connections and credit card payment options

Orange Key Account (O-Key)

Every OSU student creates a personal O-Key account they will use to choose an okstate.edu e-mail account and access campus network and computing resources. It is very important to access and set up the O-Key account after applying for admission. To activate visit <https://okey.okstate.edu>.

ID Services

The OSU ID card is the official identification card for Oklahoma State University. It is used for photo identification, access to campus buildings and facilities, charges to the OSU Bursar, tickets to a variety of campus events and services, and an ATM card with optional banking services. OSU IDs will be made during the New Student Orientation and Enrollment program.

Placement Exams

Assessment and Testing can save both money and time by allowing students to test out or receive credit for courses in which they already know the material or for placement in a course level. Residual ACT and SAT, CLEP and Placement credit exams are administered by University Testing and Evaluation Services, located on the corner of Walnut St. and Admiral Ave. Exams are given by appointment.

Visit <http://UAT.okstate.edu> or call (405) 744-5958 to set up an appointment.

Students with college credit through Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs should have test scores sent directly to OSU Admissions from the testing agency in order to apply credits earned to their program of study.