New Student Summer Orientation Schedule

TENTATIVE

Please note: Students will be provided with a session-specific schedule upon arrival for their orientation program.

Day One

8:00-9:15am  Check In (Geer Residence Hall, South Housing)
Parking for orientation will be on Blackwell Field, located just past the Trone Student Center parking lot.

9:30-10:00am  Welcome! (Watkins Room, Trone Student Center)
Students will be dismissed by group number. Your group number can be found on your name tag and the upper right corner of the folder you received at check-in.

10:00-10:45am  O-Group Meeting (Various Locations)
Get to know your first Furman family, your small group! Your Orientation Staff (O-Staff) leaders will facilitate introductions, provide an overview of the Summer Orientation schedule, and let you know what to expect throughout the next day and a half.

10:45-11:15am  Academic Success through The Furman Advantage (Burgiss Theater, Trone Student Center)
Dr. Brad Harmon, Assistant Academic Dean, will provide you with an overview of what to expect as a new Furman student and how we help you navigate your personal four-year pathway to graduation. What are the graduation and general education requirements all students must complete? What is the role of your academic advisor? What are your responsibilities to ensure you are successful and thrive at Furman?

11:30am-12:30pm  Thriving in Your First Year at Furman (Assigned Classrooms)
Learn from Furman faculty, staff, and your O-Staff leaders how to be a successful student at Furman. How will you connect with your mentors? What does it mean to thrive as a first-year student? What will professors expect of you? What can you expect as you transition from high school to college? You will be dismissed from the previous session in Burgiss Theater by group, and move to classrooms, as assigned below:

Group 1: Furman Hall 108  Group 6: Furman Hall 118
Group 2: Furman Hall 109  Group 7: Furman Hall 119
Group 3: Furman Hall 111  Group 8: Furman Hall 121
Group 4: Furman Hall 111  Group 9: Furman Hall 126
Group 5: Furman Hall 117  Group 10: Furman Hall 127

12:30-1:30pm  Lunch (Daniel Dining Hall)
Don’t hesitate to ask your O-Staff leaders or a member of the Dining Hall staff to assist you in navigating the Dining Hall, especially if you have any specific dietary requests. And don’t forget to grab one of those famous DH cookies!

1:30-2:30pm  Your First Semester Courses (Assigned Classrooms)
Learn what it means to develop an initial course schedule for your first semester in college. How do you select a first-year writing seminar? How do you develop a schedule that helps you be successful? Begin thinking about which courses you would like to take in the fall so you are prepared for your advising appointment.
Foreign Language Meeting (Burgiss Theater, Trone Student Center)
Hear from members of Furman's foreign language faculty about language course options and requirements for new students.

Explore: Academic Pathways Fair (James B. Duke Library)
This is your chance to explore many of the academic opportunities and course options available to new students. Whether you think you know what you will major in or are completely undecided, take advantage of this time to speak with faculty and learn more about the diverse academic options available to students. How will you personalize your pathway? Please refer to the insert in your folder for a list of participating departments and programs.

Furman Firsts (Burgiss Theater, Trone Student Center)
This interactive presentation from the Orientation Staff encourages you to think about a variety of important topics as you prepare to begin your Furman pathway.

Dinner (Daniel Dining Hall)

O-Group Meeting (Various Locations)
We know you’ve received a lot of information – use this time to reflect on what you’ve learned and ask any questions that may have come to mind throughout the day. Your O-Staff leaders will go over tomorrow’s schedule and help you to prepare for your one-on-one advising meeting.

PalaParty (Hill Atrium & Upper Patio, Trone Student Center)
Enjoy getting to know some of your fellow classmates – free food, games, and giveaways!

Return to Residence Halls
Just a friendly reminder that you are now a Furman student, which means all University policies and procedures do apply throughout your stay on campus.

Day Two
Breakfast (Daniel Dining Hall)
Rise and shine! Enjoy breakfast with your Orientation Group while your O-Staff leaders provide some reminders for the day.

Residence Hall Check Out (Geer Residence Hall, South Housing)
Please return your room key and check out before attending any morning sessions. There will not be any storage space for your belongings, so please plan accordingly. Please note: Any room keys lost or not returned will result in a $50 fine, lost swipe cards will be $10.

Individual Advising Appointments
Please attend during your assigned time. Your O-Staff leader will facilitate signing up for appointments, as well as assist you finding your advisor’s office. When you are not in an advising appointment, you should attend the sessions listed below.

Morning Sessions
When you are not meeting with your advisor, please attend one of our other morning sessions. Information about these specific sessions will be included on your schedule when you arrive at orientation.
10:30am-12:30pm  **Campus & Community Connections Fair** (Hill Atrium & Hill Courtyard, Trone Student Center)
Representatives from various offices and departments around campus, as well as some of our favorite local businesses, will be available to answer questions and inform you about opportunities and services available to Furman students. Please refer to the insert in your folder for a list of participants.

Don’t forget to stop by the Barnes & Noble Bookstore, located on the lower level of the Trone Center, to stock up on Furman gear!