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, on the left.

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 Dean for the First-Year and Second-Year Experience, 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. Some of the questions that will be addressed are: 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:  Group 6:
Group 2:  Group 7:
Group 3:  Group 8:
Group 4:  Group 9:
Group 5:  Group 10:

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.
2:45-3:30pm  **Foreign Language Meeting** (Burgiss Theater, Trone Student Center)
Hear from members of Furman’s foreign language faculty about language course options and requirements for Furman students.

3:45-5:15pm  **Explore: Academic Pathways Fair** (James B. Duke Library)
This is your chance to explore many of the academic opportunities and course options available to first year students. Whether you have an idea of what you may major in or are still deciding, take advantage of this time to speak with faculty and learn more about the diverse academic options available to students. Please refer to the insert in your folder for a list of participating departments and programs.

5:15-6:00pm  **Life at Furman** (Burgiss Theater, Trone Student Center)
This interactive presentation will take time to explore our community expectations and how the Class of 2023 can have a positive impact on the Furman campus.

6:00-7:00pm  **Dinner** (Daniel Dining Hall)

7:00-8:30pm  **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.

8:00-10:00pm  **PalaParty** (Hill Atrium & Upper Patio, Trone Student Center)
Enjoy getting to know some of your fellow classmates – free food, games, and giveaways!

10:00pm  **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. You are welcome to hang out in the residence hall lounges, but please do not leave the South Housing or Lakeside Housing areas.

**Day Two**

7:30-8:30am  **Breakfast** (Daniel Dining Hall)
Rise and shine! Enjoy breakfast with your O-Group while your O-Staff leaders provide some reminders for the day.

8:00-9:00am  **Residence Hall Check Out** (Geer Residence Hall, South Housing)
Please return your room key and check out before attending any morning sessions. Please note: There will not be any storage space for your belongings, so please plan accordingly. Any room keys lost or not returned will result in a $50 fine, lost swipe cards will be $10.

8:30am-3:00pm  **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 one of the sessions listed below.

9:00-9:45am & 10:00-10:45am  **Housing & Residence Life at Furman** (Burgiss Theater, Trone Student Center)
Hear from members of the Housing & Residence Life team about the residential campus experience. Learn how roommates are assigned, the resources available to you within the residence halls, and what you should (or should not) be bringing with you in the fall.
10:00-11:30am  **Academic Success Research Pilot**
This application-based program is open to a select number of students looking to get a jump start on their academic preparation for Furman. Information about the program and application process were sent via email in May. Applicants were notified via email prior to Summer Orientation of their selection to participate in the pilot. **Please let your O-Staff leaders know if you are participating in this program, so they can arrange for your advising appointment to take place before 10:00am.**

10:30am-12:30pm  **Campus & Community Connections Fair** (Hill Atrium & Lower Level Lobby, 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.

We hope you enjoyed your Summer Orientation experience! You will receive an evaluation later today via email, please take a few minutes to complete it. Your feedback is crucial to the continued improvement of our orientation programs.

If you have any questions as you prepare for the start of the fall semester, please don’t hesitate to contact us at orientation@furman.edu.

Please remember to continue checking your Furman.edu email regularly and check [www.furman.edu/newstudents](http://www.furman.edu/newstudents) throughout the summer for updates.

We can’t wait to see you back at Furman in August!