



# First Year Experience

# Orientation

Spring 2025 FTIC | December 9-10, 2024  
Downtown Family & Guest Schedule



*Please note: Day 1 of Orientation will take place at UCF's Main Campus location.*

Time:	Session:	Description:
10:00am-10:30am	<b>Orientation Check-In</b> Student Union <i>Pegasus Ballroom</i>	Welcome to UCF! Let's start your Orientation with some excitement! Students and families will check-in the Pegasus Ballroom of the Student Union.
10:30am-10:45am	<b>Welcome to UCF!</b> Student Union <i>Pegasus Ballroom</i>	The official start of UCF Orientation! We will be discussing what to expect for the day and sharing some helpful advice for making the most of your experience. Get excited!
11:00am-11:45am	<b>Navigating UCF</b> Student Union <i>Pegasus Ballroom</i>	Knowing the basics of a large institution can be overwhelming. In this session, you will learn all the essential things to frame the rest of your Orientation experience, like who's who at the institution, how things are structured, UCF systems, and important policies and processes.
12:00pm-12:30pm	<b>Charge On to Success</b> Student Union, <i>Key West Ballroom (2nd Floor; Room 218)</i>	Learn more about how students can succeed academically while at UCF. This presentation will discuss success strategies and academic support programs and resources.
12:30pm-1:00pm	<b>Well-Being at UCF</b> Student Union, <i>Key West Ballroom (2nd Floor; Room 218)</i>	UCF cares about student success and part of this is ensuring students are not only excelling academically, but also holistically. This presentation will discuss wellness resources like Student Health Services, Wellness & Health Promotion Services, Counseling & Psychological Services, and Recreation & Wellness that all help students be prepared to face the challenges they might encounter while pursuing their education.
1:15pm-2:00pm	<b>Family &amp; Guest Lunch</b> 63 South Dining Hall	Lunch will be provided by UCF Residential Dining Services.

<p><b>2:15pm–3:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Safe &amp; Responsible Knights</b>  Student Union,  Key West Ballroom (2nd Floor; Room 218)</p>	<p>We know that safety is a top concern for any support system for a new college student. This presentation will cover the ins and outs of safety resources at UCF, explain the expectations around rights and responsibilities of students on and off campus, and important policies they should know about. You'll hear directly from the UCF Police Department, Victim Services, Student Conduct &amp; Academic Integrity, and the Office of Institutional Equity.</p>
<p><b>3:00pm–3:45pm</b></p>	<p><b>Supporting Your New Knight</b>  Student Union,  Key West Ballroom (2nd Floor; Room 218)</p>	<p>Having your student attend college can be an exciting time, but what is sometimes overlooked is the changing relationships between families and students. This session will describe common characteristics of this generation of students and their families, and the evolving role of families in their student's success.</p>
<p><b>4:00pm–4:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Living the Knight Life</b>  Student Union  Pegasus Ballroom</p>	<p>Want to learn more about campus resources for your new Knight? Rejoin your student to hear from the UCF Campus Store, Dining Services, FAIRWINDS Credit Union, Parking &amp; Transportation Services, and Student Neighborhood Relations to learn how they support and involve your new Knight.</p>
<p><b>4:30pm–5:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Money Matters</b>  Student Union  Pegasus Ballroom</p>	<p>Learn more about paying tuition and fees, Florida Pre-Paid and other third-party payments, and the financial aid available and resources to assist your student at UCF. This presentation will be presented by Student Account Services and Student Financial Assistance.</p>

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*\*Meals provided with Orientation reservation: Day 1 (lunch), Day 2 (lunch).*

## Day 2:

## UCF DOWNTOWN

**Please note:** Day 2 of Orientation will take place at UCF's **Downtown Campus** location in Downtown Orlando 500 W Livingston St., Orlando, FL 32801. **Please note: it is approximately a 20-30 minute commute to UCF Downtown depending on traffic so plan accordingly.**

<b>10:00am–10:30am</b>	<b>Knight Nation: Spirit &amp; Traditions</b> Dr. Phillips Academic Commons Room 106	Go Knights! Charge On! Join Orientation Ambassadors to learn about UCF traditions and all the ways to be a spirited and involved Knight and Knight family member.
<b>10:30am–11:00am</b>	<b>Academic Overview</b> Dr. Phillips Academic Commons Room 106	This session will introduce students and families to the new Academic Success Coaching model and how it is structured at UCF, in addition to helping you understand how your student should access important policies and academic information in the UCF Undergraduate Catalog. We'll also share valuable tips for your student's academic success in your first semester at UCF.
<b>11:15am–12:00pm</b>	<b>College Overview</b> <i>Various Locations</i>	During a presentation from your student's respective college and Academic Success Coaches, you will learn more about their college and specific requirements, services, and expectations related to their academic program.
<b>12:00pm–12:30pm</b>	<b>Campus Tour</b> <i>Departing from your College Overview room</i>	UCF Downtown is your student's campus for the next few years! Join an Orientation Ambassador and see all that campus has to offer.
<b>12:30pm–1:15pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b> Dr. Phillips Academic Commons Room 106	Reunite with your students and enjoy lunch.
<b>1:15pm–1:45pm</b>	<b>Campus Safety</b> Dr. Phillips Academic Commons Room 106	Your student's safety at the downtown campus is our top priority. Learn more about the UCF Police Department, Victim Services and the downtown campus safety network put in place to support your well-being.
<b>2:00pm–2:45pm</b>	<b>My City, My Campus Student Panel</b> Dr. Phillips Academic Commons Room 102	Being in the heart of Orlando means there is always something to do! UCF Downtown and the City of Orlando have so much to offer. Our campus is an opportunity for your student to dream big and learn in an urban environment that puts them in close proximity to companies that match their major. Engage with current downtown students in this open Q&A about their experience being downtown and as a UCF Knight!
<b>3:00pm–4:30pm</b>	<b>Resource Fair</b> Dr. Phillips Academic Commons <i>West Wing</i>	This is a great opportunity for students and guests to learn about UCF resources and services. Meet with representatives from various departments to gather information about resources and involvement opportunities on campus.
<b>3:00pm–4:30pm</b>	<b>Pegasus Peer Chats</b> Dr. Phillips Academic Commons Room 102	Families and guests will have discussions on various aspects of campus life in small groups facilitated by Orientation Ambassadors. This is also a great time to ask questions and get to know fellow families and guests!

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