



# First Year Experience

# Orientation

Spring 2025 FTIC  
December 9-10 Family & Guest Schedule



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.
2:15pm-3:00pm	<b>Safe &amp; Responsible Knights</b> Student Union, <i>Key West Ballroom (2nd Floor; Room 218)</i>	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 & Academic Integrity, and the Office of Institutional Equity.
3:00pm-3:45pm	<b>Supporting Your New Knight</b> Student Union, <i>Key West Ballroom (2nd Floor; Room 218)</i>	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.

**4:00pm-4:30pm**

**Living the Knight Life**

Student Union  
*Pegasus Ballroom*

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 & Transportation Services, and Student Neighborhood Relations to learn how they support and involve your new Knight.

**4:30pm-5:00pm**

**Money Matters**

Student Union  
*Pegasus Ballroom*

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.

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## Day 2:

<b>10:00am–10:30am</b>	<b>Spirit &amp; Traditions</b> Student Union <i>Pegasus Ballroom</i>	Go Knights! Charge On! Join Orientation Leaders 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> Student Union <i>Pegasus Ballroom</i>	This session will introduce students and families to the 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 their first semester at UCF.
<b>11:00am–11:10am</b>	<b>Dismissal to Academic Colleges</b> Student Union <i>Pegasus Ballroom</i>	We'll dismiss you in small groups per your student's academic college and will be led to Family & Guest College Overviews by our Orientation Leaders.
<b>11:15am–12:00pm</b>	<b>Family &amp; Guest College Overviews</b> <i>Various Locations</i>	<p>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.</p> <p>Family members of students who have yet to declare a major will meet with Knights Major Exploration &amp; Transition Center.</p>
<b>12:15pm–1:00pm</b>	<b>Family &amp; Guest Lunch</b> 63 South Dining Hall	Lunch will be provided by UCF Residential Dining Services.
<b>1:15pm–2:00pm</b>	<b>Crucial Conversations</b> Student Union <i>Pegasus Ballroom</i>	This presentation will discuss tools to start conversations and set reasonable expectations with new college students around personal safety and navigating the "unknown."
<b>2:00pm–2:30pm</b>	<b>Knight to Knight: Connecting on Campus</b> Student Union <i>Pegasus Ballroom</i>	Students who get involved on campus and make connections are more successful! While your student is learning how to prepare themselves for the transition to college and making some friends who share common interests, we'll show you how to support them and encourage them to get connected on campus in ways that will support their academic, social, and career goals.
<b>2:30pm–3:00pm</b>	<b>Family Panel</b> Student Union <i>Pegasus Ballroom</i>	Want to hear insider tips on how to tailor your supporter journey that is best for you and your Knight? Hear from UCF Pegasus Parent Ambassadors and UCF staff who have supported their own Knights through the college journey.

<b>3:00pm-3:15pm</b>	<b>What's Next</b> Student Union <i>Pegasus Ballroom</i>	What should you and your student think about after leaving Orientation? We can help! You'll hear about next steps and how to stay connected to UCF before we end our Orientation program.
<b>3:15pm-4:45pm</b>	<b>Resource and Registered Student Organization (RSO) Fair</b> Student Union <i>First Floor</i>	This is a great opportunity for you and your student to learn about UCF resources, services, and Registered Student Organizations (RSOs). Meet with representatives from various departments to gather information about resources and interact directly with current students from various RSOs to learn about involvement opportunities for your student on campus.
<b>3:15pm-4:45pm</b>	<b>Veteran/Veteran Dependent Verification</b> Office of Military and Veteran Student Success <i>(Addition Financial Arena 4210 E Plaza Dr)</i>	<b>Veterans/Veteran Dependents and their families only:</b> Whenever your student is done with registering for courses, you both should report to the Military and Veteran Success Center where staff will continue to review the verification of enrollment process and certify your semester benefits information to the Department of Veterans Affairs. MVSC will email students ahead of time with the documents they will be required to bring. There will also be additional resources within the MVSC spaces to provide information on peer-to-peer support, Student Veterans of America, and other programs offered at UCF specifically for Veteran students.
<b>3:20pm-3:50pm</b>	<b>Optional Financial Q&amp;A Meeting</b> Student Union <i>Key West Ballroom (2nd floor; Room 218)</i>	Still have questions about financial aid, scholarships, or how paying tuition works at UCF? We got you covered! Come ask our experts from Student Financial Assistance and Student Account Services!
<b>3:30pm &amp; 4:00pm</b>	<b>Optional Campus Tours</b> Student Union Atrium and <i>Various Locations</i>	Orientation Leaders will be leading two rounds of optional campus tours, one at 3:30pm and another at 4:00pm. They will show you all the spots on campus your student should know about and give you some UCF trivia along the way. Meet in the Student Union Atrium and look for the "Campus Tours" sign.

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