



First Year Experience

Orientation

Spring 2025 FTIC
January 2 Family & Guest Schedule



Time:	Session:	Description:
9:00am–9:45am	Orientation Check-In and Resource & Registered Student Organization (RSO) Fair 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. After you check in, make sure to check out the Resource and Registered Student Organization (RSO) Fair. This is a great opportunity for you and your family 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 on campus.
9:45am–10:20am	Welcome to UCF! 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!
10:30am–11:15am	Navigating UCF 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.
11:15am–11:45am	Charge On To Success Student Union <i>Pegasus Ballroom</i>	Learn more about how students can succeed academically while at UCF. This presentation will discuss success strategies and academic support programs and resources.
11:45am–12:45pm	Family & Guest Lunch Student Union	Lunch will be provided by UCF Dining Services.
12:45pm–1:15pm	Safe & Responsible Knights 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.

1:15pm-2:00pm

Supporting Your New Knight

Student Union
*Key West Ballroom
(2nd Floor; Room 218)*

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.

2:15pm-2:45pm

Financial Aid & Fee Payment

Student Union
Pegasus Ballroom

Learn more about paying tuition and fees, Florida PrePaid and other third-party payments, and the financial aid available and resources to assist you at UCF. This presentation will be presented by Student Account Services and Student Financial Assistance.

2:45pm

Closing & Dismissal to Breakout Sessions

Student Union
Pegasus Ballroom

What should you and your student be thinking about following Orientation? We can help! You'll hear next steps and how to stay connected to First Year Experience before we end our Orientation program. Students will then leave in small groups per academic college to go to Course Registration, and families will be dismissed to Breakout Sessions. *Please note: families and guests are unable to attend course registration.*

3:00pm-3:30pm

Breakout Sessions

Student Union,
Various Rooms

This is the part of the program where you get to choose your own "adventure!" There will be three rounds of 30- or 45-minute information sessions with key campus resources and offices. Our Orientation Leaders will be available throughout to direct you to these locations.

3:45pm-4:30pm

4:45pm-5:15pm



Breakout Sessions: Rotation 1

3:00pm-3:30pm

Financial Q&A Meeting

Student Union
Pegasus Ballroom

Still have questions about financial aid, scholarships, or how paying tuition works at UCF? We got you covered! Stick around to ask our experts from Student Financial Assistance and Student Account Services!

3:00pm-3:30pm

Veteran Meeting

Student Union
*Cedar Key Meeting Room
(2nd Floor; Room 223)*

For Veterans: come meet with Military & Veteran Success Center staff to go over the verification of enrollment processes your student will have to complete and learn about additional resources offered, like peer-to-peer support, Student Veterans of America, and other programs specifically for Veteran dependent students.



Breakout Sessions: Rotation 2

3:45pm-4:30pm

Well-Being at UCF

Student Union
Egmont Key Meeting Room
(2nd Floor; Room 224)

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.

3:45pm-4:30pm

Living the Knight Life

Student Union
Garden Key Meeting Room
(2nd Floor; Room 221)

Want to learn more about campus resources for your new Knight? 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.



Breakout Sessions: Rotation 3

4:45pm-5:15pm

Knight Supporter Social

Student Union
Key West Ballroom (2nd Floor; Room 218)

UCF encourages building connections and communities. This session will offer you a chance to meet with other student supporters, talk through your unique journey, and offer ways you can stay involved with your student and engaged with the institution.

4:45pm-5:15pm

Crucial Conversations

Student Union
Garden Key Meeting Room
(2nd Floor; Room 221)

This presentation will discuss tools to start conversations and set reasonable expectations with new college students around personal safety and navigating the “unknown.”



End of Breakout Sessions

5:15pm-6:00pm

Optional Campus Tours

Student Union Atrium and
Various Locations

Join our Orientation Leaders for an optional campus tour before you head out for the day! They will show you all the spots on campus you 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.

**Highlighted content indicates both students and families and guests will be together.*

**Meal provided with Orientation reservation: Lunch*