



# First Year Experience

# Orientation

2023 Spring FTIC  
Family & Guest Schedule



## Time:

7:30am-8:45am

8:50am-9:25am

9:30am-10:30am

10:50am-11:45am

12:00am-12:30pm

12:45pm-1:45pm

2:15pm-3:15pm

3:30pm-4:15pm

## Session:

### Student and Family & Guest Check-In

Student Union  
*Pegasus Ballroom (Families & Guests) & Key West (Students)*

### Welcome to Knight Nation

Student Union  
*Pegasus Ballroom*

### Money Matters

Student Union  
*Pegasus Ballroom*

### Navigating UCF

Student Union  
*Pegasus Ballroom*

### All Things Academics

Student Union  
*Pegasus Ballroom*

### Lunch

63 South/Knightro's  
Dining Halls

### Living the Knight Life

Student Union  
*Key West Ballroom*

### Well-Being at UCF

Student Union  
*Key West Ballroom*

Presenters: Student Health Services, Wellness & Health Promotion Services, Counseling & Psychological Services, & Recreation and Wellness

## Description:

Let's get you and your student set up for success! Orientation Staff will formally check you into the program and give you all the necessary resources. Breakfast will be provided by UCF Dining Services. Your student will check-in separately with their Orientation Leader.

Welcome to UCF! We will be discussing what to expect for the day and also sharing some helpful advice for making the most of your Orientation experience. Get excited!

Learn more from Student Financial Assistance and Student Account Services 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.

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 in this session, like who's who at the institution and how things are structured, UCF systems, and important policies and processes.

Learn more about how students can succeed academically while at UCF. This presentation will discuss academic expectations, success strategies, in addition to academic support programs and resources.

Lunch will be provided by UCF Residential Dining Services.

Want to learn more about campus resources for your new Knight? During this session you will hear from different campus offices and learn more about how they support and involve your new Knight.

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 UCF has to offer and how student can be prepared to face the challenges they might encounter while pursuing their education.

**4:30pm-5:15pm**

**Supporting Your New Knight**

Student Union  
*Key West Ballroom*

Having your student attend college can be an exciting time, but what is sometimes overlooked is the changing relationship 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.

**5:30pm-6:00pm**

**Spirit and Traditions**

Student Union  
*Pegasus Ballroom*

Go Knights! Charge On! Join Orientation Leaders to learn about UCF traditions and all the ways to be a spirited Knight!

**6:15pm-7:15pm**

**Dinner**

Student Union  
*Various Locations*

Use the UCF Retail Dining Orientation dinner voucher you received at Check-In to get dinner at a Retail Dining location in the Student Union food court area or Chick-Fil-A in the John T. Washington Breezeway.

## Day 2:

**7:30am-8:00am**

**Welcome & Breakfast**

Student Union  
*Pegasus Ballroom*

Welcome back! Grab breakfast provided by UCF Dining Services on your way in and then hear what today has in store. We will then leave in small groups per academic college from here to go to Academic College Overviews, so be sure to be present **before** 8:00am.

**8:30am-9:15am**

**Academic College Overviews**

Various Locations

During a presentation from your student's respective college and advisors, you will learn more about their college and specific requirements, services, and expectations related to their academic program. Family members of students who have yet to declare a major will meet with Knights Major Exploration & Transition Center.

**9:30am-10:30am  
and  
10:45am-11:45am**

**Safe & Responsible Knights**

Student Union  
*Key West or Cape Florida Ballroom*

*\*You will be told which room to go to ahead of time.*

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.

*Presenters will be from: UCF Police Department, Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, & Office of Institutional Equity.*

**9:30am-10:30am  
and  
10:45am-11:45am**

**Crucial Conversations**

Student Union  
*Key West or Cape Florida Ballroom*

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

**12:00pm-1:15pm**

**Lunch**

Student Union  
*Key West or Cape Florida Ballroom*

Lunch will be provided by UCF Dining Services.

**1:30pm-2:30pm**

**Family Chats**

Student Union  
*Pegasus Ballroom*

Families and guests will have discussions on various aspects of campus life in small groups facilitated by Orientation Leaders. This is also a great time to ask questions and get to know fellow families and guests.

<b>2:30pm-2:45pm</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>2:45pm-5:00pm</b>	<b>Campus Resource Fair</b> Student Union <i>(1st floor)</i>	This is a great opportunity for you and your student 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-5:00pm</b>	<b>Family Lounge</b> Student Union <i>Starbucks Lounge</i>	Families and guests: this one's just for you! Come and enjoy an area where you can connect with other families or just take a break. There will also be staff present from UCF Advancement to talk with families about how to stay connected to UCF and give back. Then, when your student finishes up Advising and Course Registration and they have completed Orientation Checkout, you are free to head home!
<b>3:00pm &amp; 3:45pm</b>	<b>Optional Campus Tours</b> Student Union <i>Atrium (1st floor)</i>	Orientation Leaders will be leading two rounds of optional campus tours, one at 3:00pm and another at 3:45pm. 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.



## After Orientation

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### PEGASUS PARENT *Post*

**Sign up for the Pegasus Parent Post:** The official e-newsletter of the Pegasus Parent Program produced by First Year Experience through the Division of Student Development and Enrollment Services to keep you up-to-date on the latest news and stories from the University of Central Florida. **Subscribe by visiting: [bit.ly/PegParentPost](http://bit.ly/PegParentPost)**

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**Give to the Parent and Family Fund:** You can make a difference for UCF students today with a donation to the Parent & Family Fund. This UCF Advancement fund provides crisis support for students' emergencies, assists the Knights Helping Knights Pantry, and provides numerous grants that support career development programming.

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