



New Student and Family Programs

Orientation

Spring 2026 FTIC Schedule - Downtown

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MAIN CAMPUS - DAY 1

ALL ATTENDEES

TIME:	SESSION:	DESCRIPTION:
9:15am – 9:45am	Orientation Check-In 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. If your myUCF account still shows you have a Health Hold, there will also be representatives from Student Health Services outside the Pegasus Ballroom to help answer questions and review the process for submitting health history documentation.
9:45am – 10:05am	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, sharing some helpful advice for making the most of your experience, and teach you the important UCF traditions every new Knight and Knight supporter has to know. Get excited!

STUDENTS

TIME:	SESSION:	DESCRIPTION:
10:20am-10:50am	Knight Talk #1: Knight To Know You Student Union, <i>Various Rooms</i>	This Knight Talk (a small group with your Orientation Leader) will be an introduction into what it means to be a Knight! Learn about what the transition from high school to the college setting entails and what to expect from your UCF experience. You'll also participate in activities and discussions to get to know your fellow team members and start building connections to peers at UCF.
10:50am-11:20am	Knight Talk #2: Making the Knight Choice Student Union, <i>Various Rooms</i>	Integrity, scholarship, community, creativity, and excellence are the core values that guide our conduct, performance, and decisions at UCF. During this session, we will dive into how to live these values on the daily and always make the KNIGHT choice. Get ready for some deep discussions!

FAMILIES & GUESTS

TIME:	SESSION:	DESCRIPTION:
10:15am-10:50am	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.
10:50am-11:35am	Supporting Your New Knight Student Union, <i>Pegasus Ballroom</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.

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TIME:	SESSION:	DESCRIPTION:
11:30am-12:30pm	Student Lunch 63 South Dining Hall	Lunch with your Orientation team provided by UCF Residential Dining Services.
12:45pm - 1:30pm	Knight Talk #3: Knight to Knight Student Union, <i>Pegasus Ballroom</i>	Students who get involved on campus and make connections are more successful! Learn how to prepare yourself for the transition to college while making some friends who share common interests as you. This session will be tailored to you based on your interests!
1:30pm - 2:00pm	Knight Talk #4: Knight Vision Student Union, <i>Pegasus Ballroom</i>	Your last Knight Talk with your Orientation Leader and Orientation team! This discussion will be all about the future: creating goals to help you thrive and reflecting on what it will mean to BEAM as a Knight. We'll also review what you need to know following Orientation and will wrap-up with final reminders before the rest of the day and tomorrow.

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TIME:	SESSION:	DESCRIPTION:
11:45am-12:15pm	Charge On to Success Student Union, <i>Key West Ballroom</i> (2nd Floor; Room 218)	Learn more about how students can succeed academically while at UCF. This presentation will discuss success strategies and academic support programs and resources.
12:15pm - 12:45pm	Safe & Responsible Knights Student Union, <i>Key West Ballroom</i> (2nd Floor; Room 218)	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 Nondiscrimination & Accommodations Compliance.
12:55pm-2:00pm	Family & Guest Lunch 63 South Dining Hall	Lunch provided by UCF Residential Dining Services.

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TIME:	SESSION:	DESCRIPTION:
2:15pm - 2:45pm	Living the Knight Life Student Union, <i>Pegasus Ballroom</i>	Want to learn more about being a Knight from key campus resources? Students and families will be back together to hear from the UCF Campus Store, Dining Services, FAIRWINDS Credit Union, Student Neighborhood Relations, and Parking & Transportation Services to learn how they support and involve Knights.

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TIME:	SESSION:	DESCRIPTION:
2:45pm – 3:30pm	Financial Aid & Fee Payment Student Union, <i>Pegasus Ballroom</i>	Learn more about paying tuition and fees, Florida Pre-Paid 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. It will also include time to ask these experts questions you may have.
3:30pm – 3:45pm	Closing & Day 2 Reminders Student Union, <i>Pegasus Ballroom</i>	What should you be thinking about tomorrow and following Orientation? We can help! You'll hear next steps and how to stay connected to New Student and Family Programs before we end Day 1. Thanks for a great day!
3:45pm – 4:30pm (leaving every 10 minutes; last tour leaves at 4:30pm)	Campus Tours (Optional) Student Union, <i>Atrium and Various Locations</i>	Orientation Leaders will be leading optional campus tours, showing you all the spots on campus you should know about and giving you UCF trivia along the way. Tour groups leave every 10 minutes from the Student Union, Atrium; look for an Orientation Leader holding a “Campus Tours” sign near the UCF Seal! Tours are 30 minutes long and the last tour will depart the Student Union at 4:30pm.
3:45pm – 5:00pm	Resource and Registered Student Organization (RSO) Fair (Optional) Student Union, <i>First Floor</i>	This is a great opportunity for students and families 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.
3:45pm – 5:00pm	Campus Business Time (Optional) Various Locations	Have offices to visit or tasks to complete before registering for courses tomorrow? This is the perfect time to take care of these items or just visit places on campus you know you want to see or have additional questions about. If you're not sure where to go, stop by the Orientation Help Desk in the Student Union Atrium for directions and advice from our staff.

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TIME:	SESSION:	DESCRIPTION:
8:00am - 8:30am	Downtown Orientation Check-In Dr. Phillips Academic Commons (DPAC), West Lobby	Welcome to UCF Downtown! Students and supporters will check-in before being escorted to their respective academic college locations for College Overview presentations.
8:30am - 9:00am	College Overviews Respective Academic College, Various Locations	During a presentation from your academic college and Academic Success Coaches, you and your supporters will learn more about your college and specific requirements, services, and expectations related to your academic program. <i>Please note: families and guests will be dismissed back to the Family & Guest Orientation program following these presentations.</i>

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TIME:	SESSION:	DESCRIPTION:
9:15am - 12:30pm	Academic Success Coaching & Course Registration Respective Academic College, Various Locations	Time to start making moves! You will be coached by Academic Success Coaches in your college on what courses to register for, and then officially register. Once done registering, you will follow the remainder of the Orientation program (see below). <i>Please note: families and guests are unable to attend Academic Success Coaching & Course Registration.</i>

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TIME:	SESSION:	DESCRIPTION:
9:15am - 10:00am	Student Wellness & Support DPAC, Room 106A	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.
10:00am - 10:45am	Supporter Social and What's Next DPAC, Room 106A	Chat with other supporters and find out how to stay connected to UCF after orientation.
10:45am - 11:00am	Break DPAC, West Lobby	Take a break - you deserve it!

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11:00am - 11:45am	Reach for the Stars DPAC, Room 106A	Thinking about how to maximize your time at UCF and ensure you are career ready can be stressful. In this presentation, you will learn about resources to help you navigate the process of career exploration and develop key skills to live your dreams!
11:45am - 12:30pm	Downtown 101 DPAC, Room 106A	Get the scoop about all things Downtown to make sure you are set up for success when you arrive to campus.
12:30pm - 1:15pm	Lunch & Downtown Campus Safety DPAC, Room 106A	Enjoy lunch with your new friends and supporters while hearing from our UCF Downtown Police Department and Victim Services.
1:15pm - 2:00pm	Campus Tour Various Locations; <i>Begins in DPAC West Lobby</i>	Take a guided tour of our three primary campus buildings and learn about all that UCF Downtown has to offer!
2:00pm - 2:30pm	Resource Fair and Orientation Checkout DPAC, East Lobby	Meet a variety of university services and learn more about the resources available to UCF students. Before you leave, complete the checkout process by finishing the Orientation Checkout Survey and receiving your orientation t-shirt and pick up your UCF ID if you submitted your picture online ahead of your Orientation date!

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