



New Student and Family Programs

Orientation

Spring 2026 FTIC January 7-8, 2026 Schedule

**Please note: all schedule components are required, unless otherwise stated. It is a university requirement to complete Orientation in full in order to be able to register for courses.*

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.
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.

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TIME:	SESSION:	DESCRIPTION:
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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8:30am – 9:00am	College Overview 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:</i> • The location for this presentation will be sent to students' emails on the evening of Day 1. Please ensure you have checked this location and made a plan for arrival ahead of Day 2 morning. • The location for students might be separate from families/guests depending on the college. Please ensure you have checked this location in the email you received on the evening of Day 1. • Following these presentations, families and guests will be dismissed back to the Family & Guest Orientation program.
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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 take the official Orientation Checkout Survey in order to complete your full Orientation requirements. <i>Please note: families and guests are unable to attend Academic Success Coaching & Course Registration.</i>

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TIME:	SESSION:	DESCRIPTION:
9:30am – 10:00am	Well-Being at UCF Student Union, Pegasus Ballroom	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 – 11:00am	Knight Supporter Social Student Union, Pegasus Ballroom	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.
11:00am – 11:15am	What's Next Student Union, Pegasus Ballroom	What are additional things you and your student should think about after leaving Orientation? We can help! You'll hear about next steps and how to stay connected to UCF before we officially end our Orientation program.

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11:15am – 1:30pm	Lunch (Optional) Retail Dining Locations (Student Union Food Court, Student Union Starbucks, or John T. Washington Center Breezeway Chick-Fil-A)	Use the UCF Retail Dining Orientation Lunch voucher you received at the end of Day 1 to get lunch at a Retail Dining location in the Student Union food court area (excluding Bento Sushi), the Student Union Starbucks on the second floor, or Chick-Fil-A in the John T. Washington Breezeway.
11:15am – 1:00pm	Student T-Shirt Pick-Up (Optional) Student Union, <i>Atrium</i>	The best way to end Orientation: a t-shirt! Come get the official Orientation t-shirt and learn about how to become an Orientation Leader at UCF. Families: you can also get your official Orientation tote bag if you didn't get it already on Day 1. You're both officially a part of the Knight family now!
11:30am – 5:00pm	Student ID Card Pick-Up (Optional) Card Services, <i>John T. Washington Center (JTW) Breezeway</i>	STUDENTS ONLY: Head to Card Services to pick-up your UCF ID Card! Please note: your ID will be ready for pick up only if you submitted a picture to Card Services AND it was approved before your Orientation date. If it is not ready, no worries: you can take a picture and get it printed before you head home.
11:30am – 12:00pm	Student Accessibility Services Meeting (Optional) Student Union, <i>Egmont Key Meeting Room (2nd Floor; Room 224)</i>	Come learn more about Student Accessibility Services and the process for requesting reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities at UCF, as the general process is different from K-12. You'll meet staff from their office, learn about the resources they offer, how students complete the application process, and be able to ask questions.
1:45pm - 2:15pm	Study Abroad (Optional) Student Union, <i>Egmont Key Meeting Room (2nd Floor; Room 224)</i>	Global experiences are a critical component to being a competitive and workforce-ready UCF graduate. Students will leave this session with an understanding of their opportunities to study abroad and how to apply and fund their global experience.
1:45pm – 2:45pm	Veteran & Veteran Dependent Meeting and Verification Student Union, <i>Garden Key Meeting Room (2nd Floor; Room 221)</i>	For Veterans/Veteran Dependents and their families only: please report to Garden Key Meeting Room (2nd floor of the Student Union, Room 221) where Military & Veteran Success Center staff will go over the verification of enrollment process and certify your semester benefits information to the Department of Veterans Affairs. MVSC will email you ahead of time with the documents you will be required to bring. They will also discuss additional resources offered, like peer-to-peer support, Student Veterans of America, and other programs specifically for you.

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