



New Student and Family Programs

Orientation

Summer/Fall 2026

FTIC Schedule - Downtown (August)

**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:
9:00am – 9:30am	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.
9:30am – 9:55am	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 must know. Get excited!

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FAMILIES & GUESTS

TIME:	SESSION:	DESCRIPTION:	TIME:	SESSION:	DESCRIPTION:
10:15am – 10:45am	Knight Talk #1: Knight To Know You Memory Mall and 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 with peers at UCF.	10:10am – 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.

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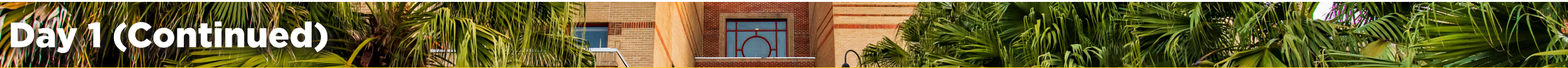
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10:45am – 12:30pm	Knight Talk #2: Making the Knight Choice / Student Lunch Student Union, Various Rooms or 63 South Dining Hall	Integrity, scholarship, community, creativity, and excellence are the core values that guide our conduct, performance, and decisions at UCF. During this Knight Talk, we will dive into how to live these values on a daily basis and always make the KNIGHT choice. Get ready for some deep discussions! <i>Please note: lunch and Knight Talk #2 will be in rotations; some teams will eat lunch first, then have Knight Talk #2, and some teams will have Knight Talk #2, then have lunch. Your Orientation Leader will tell you what your team has scheduled and where to go – don't worry! When it's your time, your lunch will be with your Orientation team and provided by UCF Residential Dining Services.</i>
12:45pm – 1:30pm	Knight Talk #3: Knight to Knight Student Union, Pegasus Ballroom	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 like you. This session will be tailored to you based on your interests!
1:30pm – 2:00pm	Knight Talk #4: Knight Vision Student Union, Pegasus Ballroom	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.

FAMILIES & GUESTS

TIME:	SESSION:	DESCRIPTION:
10:50pm-11:20pm	Safe & Responsible Knights Student Union, Pegasus Ballroom	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, Student Care Services, and the Office of Nondiscrimination and Accommodations Compliance.
11:20am-11:30am	Break Student Union	This time may be used to refresh beverages, visit the restroom, or simply take a moment to stretch and recharge.
11:30am – 12:15pm	Supporting Your New Knight Student Union, Pegasus Ballroom	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.
12:25pm-2:00pm	Knight Supporter Social / Family & Guest Lunch Student Union, Cape Florida Ballroom (3rd Floor; Room 316) or 63 South Dining Hall	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. <i>Please note: lunch and Knight Supporter Social will be in rotations; some families will eat lunch first, then engage in the Knight Supporter Social, and some families will take part in the Knight Supporter Social and then have lunch. Orientation staff will share instructions during the program and let you know where to go and when – don't worry! When it's your time, your lunch will be provided by UCF Residential Dining Services.</i>

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2:15pm – 2:55pm	Living the Knight Life Student Union, <i>Pegasus Ballroom</i>	Learn more about being a Knight from key campus resources! Students and families will be back together to hear from the Campus Store, Dining Services, FAIRWINDS Credit Union, Housing and Residence Life/Student Neighborhood Relations, UCF Police Department, and Parking & Transportation Services and learn how they support and involve Knights.
2:55pm – 3:35pm	Financial Aid & Fee Payment Student Union, <i>Pegasus Ballroom</i>	Welcome to UCF! We'll show you everything you need to know about paying your tuition, using Florida Prepaid, thirdparty payments, and accessing financial aid. Join Student Account Services and Student Financial Assistance to get set for success!
3:35pm – 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 – 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.
3:45pm – 5:00pm	Visit the UCF Campus Store (Optional) Campus Store, <i>John T. Washington Center Breezeway</i> or Campus Store, Barnes & Noble @ UCF, <i>Knights Plaza near Addition Financial Arena</i>	Welcome to UCF! Stop by a UCF Campus Store location today to stock up on all things UCF spirit gear, college essentials, or to browse fun gifts. Use the QR code to the right or go to https://bit.ly/newknight10 to sign up and receive 10% off your first logo purchase. Our way of welcoming you to the Knight family!



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TIME:	SESSION:	DESCRIPTION:
3:50pm – 4:50pm (leaving every 10 minutes; last tour leaves at 4:20pm)	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 from the Student Union at 4:20pm.
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Knighted By Community: A Look Into Fraternity & Sorority Life Fraternity and Soroity Life Building (4100 Greek Park Drive)	Curious about Fraternity & Sorority Life at UCF? This session gives students and families an inside look at the opportunities, experiences, and communities that shape fraternity and sorority life on campus. You’ll learn about UCF’s four governing councils, recruitment and intake processes, leadership and career readiness involvement opportunities, financial and time commitments, and the values that guide these experiences. Whether students are actively considering membership or simply exploring ways to get connected, this session is designed to answer common questions and help students find their place at UCF.

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TIME:	SESSION:	DESCRIPTION:
8:00am – 8:30am	Downtown Orientation Check-In Dr. Phillips Academic Commons (DPAC), <i>West Lobby</i>	Welcome to UCF Downtown! Check-in before heading to your College Overview session.
8:30am – 9:00am	College Overviews <i>Various Locations</i>	Meet Academic Success Coaches and understand the requirements for your major. <i>Please note: families and guests will be dismissed back to the Family & Guest Orientation program following this session.</i>

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9:15am – 12:30pm	Academic Success Coaching & Course Registration	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>
	<i>Various Locations</i>	

FAMILIES & GUESTS		
TIME:	SESSION:	DESCRIPTION:
9:15am – 9:45am	Coffee with a Cop <i>DPAC, Room 106A</i>	Safety is sweet! The UCF Police Department is here to share how we keep your student protected on campus. And because donuts aren't just for cops, enjoy a tasty treat from our partner, Addition Financial.
9:45am – 10:15am	Launching Futures: Dixon Career Development Center <i>DPAC, Room 106A</i>	Career development isn't something to wait on until your final semester - it's a journey that starts early and evolves over time. Learn more about how the Dixon Career Development Center connects you to the tools, resources, and support to help you take your next step with confidence.
10:15am – 10:45am	Charge On to Success <i>DPAC, Room 106A</i>	Learn more about how students can succeed academically while at UCF. This presentation will discuss successful strategies and academic support programs and resources.
10:45am – 11:05am	Partnering for Financial Foundations <i>DPAC, Room 106A</i>	There is more to your student's finances than just fees and financial aid. Our on-campus partner, Addition Financial, will be sharing financial wellness strategies for the college years and beyond.
11:05am – 11:15am	Break <i>DPAC</i>	Take a break – you deserve it!
11:15am – 11:45am	Family & Guest Lounge <i>DPAC, Room 106A</i>	Take a well-deserved break and enjoy some popcorn! This is a great time to recharge and connect with staff if any questions “pop” up.
11:45am – 12:15pm	Student Wellness & Support <i>DPAC, Room 106A</i>	Discover the UCF Downtown wellness resources that are helping our students thrive!

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Downtown Day 2 (Continued)		
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TIME:	SESSION:	DESCRIPTION:
12:30pm – 1:15pm	Lunch and Downtown 101 DPAC, Room 106A	Lunch, learning, and the Downtown vibe – get a taste of what UCF Downtown is all about!
1:15pm – 1:45pm	Ready, Set, Go! DPAC, Room 106A	In this final session, students will complete the required Orientation Checkout Survey and families will be given the option to fill out the Family & Guest Orientation survey. Then, you'll get clarity on your next steps and walk away with a swag item to kick off your journey. It's your launchpad into the semester!
1:45pm – 2:30pm	Campus Tours (Optional) DPAC, West Lobby and Various Locations	Take a guided tour of our three primary campus buildings and learn about all UCF Downtown has to offer.

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