

NSFP Staff_Heather: Hi everyone, welcome! We'll go ahead and get started at 6PM. While you are waiting feel free to brainstorm some questions. 😊

OrientationLeader_HunterDennis entered for the first time 13 minutes ago

Freedmans entered for the first time 13 minutes ago

FFF:Future FSU Freshman entered for the first time 6 minutes ago

Corinne joined the chat 5 minutes ago

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NSFP Staff_Alison joined the chat

Julie joined the chat

Minb entered for the first time

OrientationLeader_Bri entered for the first time 10 seconds ago

PatVL entered for the first time 6 seconds ago

Karen joined the chat

Jana entered for the first time 14 seconds ago

Sarah entered for the first time 9 seconds ago

Jana: What is the estimated length of this chat?

NSFP Staff_Alison: Hi Jana, once it begins (at 6:00 pm) it will go for about an hour. Or however long we have questions for.

Julie joined the chat

Jana: Thanks!

Kathy joined the chat

PJ joined the chat

Tim joined the chat

nole mom wix entered for the first time

Michele joined the chat 7 seconds ago

Emily Gill joined the chat 5 seconds ago

Michelle joined the chat 5 seconds ago

Angela joined the chat

Marissa joined the chat

Julie joined the chat 8 seconds ago

Lisa Schor joined the chat 8 seconds ago

Jen joined the chat

Nancy joined the chat

NSFP Staff_Heather: We'll go ahead and get started. My name is Heather and I am one of the graduate assistants in New Student & Family Programs. We have a few representatives from our office with us tonight, I'll let them introduce themselves!

Tammy joined the chat 8 seconds ago

Jfranzini joined the chat

Angelina joined the chat 9 seconds ago

Ron joined the chat 7 seconds ago

OrientationLeader_HunterDennis: Hello Everyone! My name is Hunter, I am a graduating Senior majoring in International Affairs and I served as an Orientation Leader and Orientation Team Leader for the past two summers!

Lisa Schor changed name to **Lisa**

Terri joined the chat

OrientationLeader_Bri: Hello! My name is Bri Gann, I am studying Mechanical Engineering and I also served as an Orientation Leader for the past two summers with Hunter!

HP joined the chat

NSFP Staff Alison: Hi everyone, I am Alison Hughes and I serve as the Director of New Student & Family Programs.

PAB joined the chat

Corinne joined the chat

Shannon joined the chat

nole mom wix changed name to **nole mom Kristine**

Sarah left the chat

Dee joined the chat

Kevin joined the chat

NSFP Staff Heather: We also may have one more Orientation Leader come and join us, I'll let her introduce herself once she joins the chat. But we can get started answering your questions

OrientationLeaderEssenceDuncan joined the chat

Pemali joined the chat

WHE joined the chat

NSFP Staff Alison: Anyone have any questions?

Tracey joined the chat

Lisa: Is there some sort of online module that has to be completed prior to registration/orientation?

Nancy: I know that some people are having trouble joining. Chatzy says that it's limited to 10 spots. Then you have to go and sign up, and then log in. Could you possibly post that on the facebook event page?

WHE joined the chat

Spikeball365 joined the chat

Nolemom joined the chat

NSFP Staff Heather: Thank you Nancy, I will do that!

Lisa: Ive heard people asking about an online module that will be emailed to the students, to be completed prior to registration/orientation?

NSFP Staff Alison: Hi Lisa, Great question! There is an online pre-orientation--it will be sent out in the next 2 weeks to all newly admitted students.

OrientationLeaderEssenceDuncan: Hello everyone! My name is Essence Duncan, I am a junior studying Psychology and Criminology from Jacksonville, Florida.

Jana: Is there a mandatory math placement test that needs to be taken before orientation?

Kevin: Could you give an overview of what the parent due during orientation

Lisa: Thank you so much!

Zoe R joined the chat

Craig joined the chat

Lisa: About how long will this pre-orientation take for my student?

NSFP Staff Alison: Make sure to encourage people to check their e-mails regularly. 😊

Tammy: My daughter is entering FSU in August. She has orientation in June and insists that I do not need to come with her to the parent portion. Do you recommend us letting our students get any information we may need?

Sarah joined the chat

Stephanie joined the chat

Stephanie Orum joined the chat

FFF:Future FSU Freshman joined the chat

Barbara joined the chat

Melissa joined the chat

OrientationLeader_Bri: Hi Jana, the math placement test you may have heard of is called the ALEKS test and it is beneficial to students who will be taking higher level math classes for their

degree. There is no need to take it before orientation if they are not sure of the classes they will be taking!

OrientationLeader_HunterDennis: HI Jana! The math placement test does not need to be completed before Orientation necessarily, but it will give your student a better idea of what courses they will need to take

Michele: Is that pre-orientation module sent to FSUemail or personal email?

Merideth joined the chat

NSFP Staff_Alison: The pre-orientation module should take about 1-2 hours to complete. @Lisa

Shannon: I am also wondering about the Aleks math test and who takes it and when

Lisa: So if my son scored low on ALEKS(45), does he really need to take it again??

NSFP Staff_Alison: @Michele it will go to their FSU e-mail.

Kathy: Will the counselor assigned at orientation be the same one my son will have all 4 years - assuming he doesn't change his major?

Ron: Is there a way to get audio for all of this? What if I were blind?

Kiki joined the chat

Beth joined the chat

Nolemom left the chat

Tonya joined the chat

Katie joined the chat

Parvl joined the chat

KK entered for the first time

NSFP Staff_Alison: @Tammy If you can join your student for orientation, we do encourage it. There's a lot of information to learn and it is helpful to have someone debrief with.

Spikeball365: Is the student union being renovated or rebuilt?

Pemali: My son's orientation is in July. I heard that classes fill up very quickly. Can he register for classes before the orientation date?

Angelina: How do you pair people up for dorm rooms at the orientation?

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PatVL (Parvl) joined the chat

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OrientationLeaderEssenceDuncan: Hi Kathy! Your student will not need to use the same advisor as the one assigned at orientation. However, your student has the opportunity to! Me personally, I have used the same advisor for my major since I met her at orientation although I have the option of utilizing multiple advisors. It is up to your student to choose which advisor(s) they like best.

mom4 joined the chat

Jules joined the chat

OrientationLeader_Bri: Hello Shannon, the ALEKS is for students who may be taking some higher level math classes because it allows them to test out of subjects they are already familiar with. For example, my degree requires me to take math classes all the way up through Calculus 3. I took the ALEKS so that I could place out and not have to take prerequisite classes such as Trigonometry. If your student is unsure, I suggest they ask their adviser (who they will speak with at orientation) about taking the placement test

JS joined the chat

Diane joined the chat

Jen: When do students starting for summer register?

OrientationLeader_HunterDennis: Hi Kevin! The family orientation programming will have some sessions that overlap with student programming and some that does not. In total, family members will hear presentations from housing, health and wellness, dining, business service/financial aid, family connection, the Dean of Students Department, the counseling center, university health services, campus safety, and the career center.

JS joined the chat

NSFP Staff Alison: @Ron Thanks for your question! We do not have audio unfortunately. If you would like audio, there are services that allow you to do text to speech.

Lisa: They make it seem like taking ALEKS is mandatory for all. So it is not?

Jen: Will students starting in summer register during orientation?

OrientationLeader Bri: Hi Lisa! The scores for ALEKS are divided into sections or different topics in math that may allow him to test out of a particular area. He should discuss his scores with his adviser at orientation!

NSFP Staff Heather: @Pemali Unfortunately not. Once your student completes orientation their hold would be lifted allowing for them to register. However, not all the classes are released at once. This makes the process more fair.

Tim: Is ALEKS mandatory if student has already scored a 4 or 5 on AP exam?

Beth: My daughter begins in Summer C. Will she register for both Summer and Fall during her orientation?

Ana joined the chat

Stephanie Orum: Has an itinerary for students and parents been released yet for summer orientation?

Jana: What is considered "higher level math?"

Michele: Are the advisors during orientation all able to advise Honors students? Or are there specific Honors advisors at orientation?

OrientationLeader Bri: @ Lisa, not necessarily mandatory, but highly encouraged to save time and money on classes in the long run!

NSFP Staff Alison: Hi Spikeball365 the Union is currently being renovated/rebuilt. Some portions were torn down, some are still standing.

Lisa: What exactly is involved in this Pre-orientation " module that will be emailed out soon?

Tammy: What if we've taken the tour with our student. Is orientation information the same or different?

Danielle joined the chat

Ana joined the chat

Ana joined the chat

Shannon: So do they wait to meet with advisor at orientation to determine if they should take the Aleks test or take it beforehand to have scores available? My daughter won't know what math classes she will be taking until orientation

Kiki: when is the earliest orientation date?

Ana joined the chat

NSFP Staff Heather: @Jen, Yes, students will be able to register for classes at the end of their orientation.

OrientationLeader HunterDennis: @Angelina the rooming for orientation is a somewhat random process. If your student is coming to orientation with someone they want to room with they can request to do so with our housing staff after they check in with their orientation leader, however if they are not attending with somebody they would like to room with then they will be paired with the nearest person in line and make a new friend for the duration of orientation!

Alice joined the chat

Kathy: My son will be taking 4 AP exams next month, but scores will not be released until July and his orientation is in June. How does that work for class schedules?

Spikeball365: Is the student union still operational during the renovation? When is it expected to be finished?

OrientationLeader Bri: @Jana I would say if your student is taking math classes that are beyond college algebra!

Danielle: My son is registered for orientation on the last date which is August 20-22

Danielle: Will that be a problem

NSFP Staff Alison: Registration will be on the final day of Orientation, Day 2.

Danielle joined the chat

Alice joined the chat

NSFP Staff Heather: @Beth, she will register for just summer at orientation. We teach the students how to register so she could do her fall schedule on her own.

NSFP Staff Alison: @Spikeball365 Some parts are currently operational. Things like the FSU Ballrooms and some of the meeting spaces. Also, Moore Auditorium is still open. It should be open in Fall 2020.

Danielle: Will he have a problem getting classes he needs?

OrientationLeader Bri: Hi Tammy! The orientation program is full of great information that is not entirely covered in a tour of campus. You will get more detailed information about things like financial aid, housing, etc.

Pemali: What does he have to do in preparation for class registration, to save time and what documents he needs to bring along

OrientationLeader HunterDennis: @Tim the Aleks test is just giving an indication of what math course the student should be placed in, if they have already received their scores for their AP exams and they scored high enough then they should not have to worry about taking the Aleks test. Students will receive a booklet at orientation that tells them what credits they will be receiving based on what they scored for AP, IB, AICE, etc.

DoreenD joined the chat

Tim: Thanks!

DoreenD joined the chat

FBENITEZ joined the chat

JS joined the chat

KK: My son is starting summer c. His orientation is in May. Will he register for summer and fall classes at orientation in May?

NSFP Staff Alison: @Lisa The online pre-orientation module is going to give general information to students to help their in-person orientation be more customized to their own needs/experiences. We'll cover basic degree requirements, safety and wellness, involvement opportunities, community standards and more.

Kathy joined the chat

Lisa: Awesome thank you!

Zoe R: When does that module come out? I'm on my email now, but I did not receive anything.

NSFP Staff Heather: @Shannon. I would recommend your student take the ALEKS if they are going into a STEM field. However, if they don't take it and end up needing it they can still get the classes they need once they take the test.

TB joined the chat

OrientationLeader Bri: @KK Your son will register for summer classes at his orientation session.

Jen: If you could give first time college parents ONE bit of important advice (do not forget, do not do this) what would it be

Jana: At what point are students able to see Summer 2019 and Fall 2019 class schedules/offerings? Can they see them prior to orientation through the FSU portal?

Spikeball365: How old is the oldest dormitory for boys? My son got a high number for choosing a dorm, something like 4,500

Tim: Are there enough orientation slots for all incoming freshman? My son just committed yesterday and it looks like remaining orientation sessions went from two available to one available during the course of the day.

KK: Bri-When would he register for the fall classes.

PJ: My D is starting FSU with summer session C. How many classes is she supposed to register for?

NSFP Staff Alison: Pemali, I would encourage your student to bring with them any transfer/AP/IB credit they have. This will help in their advising sessions

NSFP Staff Heather: @KK He will register for summer classes at orientation. He will be taught how to register so he can do that on his own for his fall schedule.

Michele: Are honors advisors available for Honors students at orientation?

Jen: Will all freshman be provided with dormitory housing if they have registered and received a high number (like 7300)

OrientationLeader_HunterDennis: @Danielle your student will still be able to register for classes however they will not necessarily have their ideal courses or course meeting times. We do not release all of our courses for registration at the beginning of the summer, we gradually release them by orientation session so there are a specific number of required courses that are reserved to be released at each orientation throughout the summer. Unfortunately your student may not get every single class that they want to take but they will have an opportunity to change their schedule during our first week of classes

NSFP Staff Alison: @Zoe the module will come out in the next 2 weeks, after the May 1 admissions deposit deadline

Melissa: bout dorm selection for summer? During Orientation?

Zoe R: May 1st admissions deposit deadline? The \$200? If so, already committed and paid that.

Melissa: When do we know which dorm has been selected for my son for summer session?

Lisa: Yes Zoe 👍

JS joined the chat

OrientationLeader_Bri: @KK After orientation, your student will have their summer schedule and a registration date for the fall term that will be listed on their myFSU student account. They can learn about how to find this information at orientation when they learn how to register for classes!

JS joined the chat

Zoe R: If I'm scheduled for June 10th orientation, who can I call to schedule the math test prior to the meet time since I'm coming in a day early?

NSFP Staff Alison: @Jana Usually students can access the portal about a week before orientation. I wouldn't suggest that your student pre-plan their schedule too much, as they will meet with an advisor at orientation. But getting a feel for the system is always nice--just encourage them not to get overwhelmed. We'll teach them how to navigate it at orientation.

Danielle: @hunterdennis: will he be guaranteed to have the minimum amount of credit hours avail ?

JS left the chat

Jfranzini: Did the dorm picking numbers already go out? We haven't received that info and we registered and paid housing deposit the first day it opened. Thanks.

NSFP Staff Heather: @Jen, I would say that know that your student is not alone here at Florida State. If they hit any bumps or rough spots in their education we have many offices on campus that can help them (and for free). Some of these offices can also help you as well with supporting your student throughout the process. You'll learn a lot about these various offices at Orientation.

gabriella joined the chat

NSFP Staff Alison: @Tim There are! If you're student is having issues finding a session, you can always have them give us a call at (850) 644-2785. We'll help identify options for them.

Kiki: Are there enough orientation slots for all incoming freshman?

Christy B joined the chat

OrientationLeader_HunterDennis: @Spikeball365 we no longer have residence halls categorized by sex, we have all coeducational halls on campus so your student should be able to reserve a room in any available room during their housing selection. With the exception of Landis Hall (reserved for honors students) and some of our apartment-style residence halls, he will have the ability to see all open residence hall rooms. No matter the age of the building, all of our residence

halls on campus are well-maintained and have unique characteristics that will give your student an amazing experience.

Karen: Check portal. You got housing number right away when you deposited

OrientationLeader_Bri: @Zoe R, Do you mind rephrasing your first question about the admissions deposit? The ALEKS online placement test is online, there is no need for an appointment to take it.

Tim: Thanks, Alison.

NSFP Staff_Alison: @PJ Traditionally, students take 2 classes in the summer C term

Zoe R: OH. Can I take the test online from home this week?

OrientationLeader_HunterDennis: @Danielle there will definitely be enough courses for your student to enroll in a full-time course-load, however they may not be taking all courses within their major. They may take some elective courses, general education courses, etc. during their first term.

Jfranzini: Was told the housing number was going to be a lottery for the ones who registered the first day. We didn't get more info on that.

Zoe R: How do we go online for that ALEKS test?

Karen: You should have gotten a number then. We did

Astrid entered for the first time

Martha joined the chat

Jfranzini: @karen I will check again

Jfranzini: Thanks

Pam joined the chat

Michele: Can someone please address the honors advising question?

NSFP Staff_Alison: @Jen Housing is not guaranteed, but the numbers don't always mean there are that many people ahead of them. Some students decide to attend other institutions. If you have specific questions regarding the Housing contract number, I would suggest giving Housing a call at 850-644-2860.

Nancy: Michele, I have the same question - regarding honors.

OrientationLeader_Bri: @Zoe, You may take the test as long as you have activated your myFSU account! Here is a link to help you register for that online test. <https://www.math.fsu.edu/~bellenot/ALEKS...>

Angelina: Are there any hotels near school you have partnerships with or recommend for orientation and movein? Concerned about safety

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Beth: My daughter applied for a LLC. Is there an opportunity to tour the particular dorm she applied for?

Karen: I heard that there will be honors advisers as well as regular advisers at orientation. My daughter is in honors as well.

NSFP Staff_Heather: University Housing has a helpful webpage for future first year students that can give you more information as well. <https://housing.fsu.edu/future-residents...>

Zoe R: Thank you Alison. I have activated myfsu account

Lisa: What meals will be provided for students and parents during orientation?

OrientationLeader_HunterDennis: @Michelle during one of our sessions, students will meet with undergraduate advisors with their orientation group as a whole, During this session their orientation leader will ask for any students in the honors program or with an AA degree and they will then meet with an honors advisor.

FFF:Future FSU Freshman: Do we access to speak to:email/advisors prior to orientation?

Jen: If we registered for housing but do not get it, will we get our deposit back

NSFP Staff_Alison: @Melissa Usually they learn their Summer C assignments in mid-late May

Martha: I stay in la Quinta went I do the tour.

Martha: it was closed to the expressway and is 2.5 miles from the University.

Zoe R: I wish someone could give more details about this ALEKS test. I went online and it says the enrollment is with math 101. Is there someone that knows about it?

OrientationLeader_Bri: @Angelina, The DoubleTree is one of the hotels that we love to refer to!

Kevin joined the chat

Danielle: When do the dorms open up for move in for fall?

Martha: The last day of orientation at what time end.

Ron left the chat

NSFP Staff_Heather: @ Lisa, I would recommend you feed your student before check in because we will not provide food that night for them. On Day 1 both students and families will be provided breakfast, lunch, and dinner. On Day 2 both students and families will be provided breakfast.

FBENITEZ: @danielle i believe August 22nd for move in

Zoe R: is the hampton inn decent?

OrientationLeader_HunterDennis: @Beth they will not have the opportunity to tour the residence hall because there are staff member cleaning the hall and occasionally we have students living in them over the summer. You are more than welcome to go to main campus after orientation is over to look at the residence hall from the outside but unfortunately you will not have access inside. If your student is in the nursing LLC or the Social Justice LLC, both of those are housed in the same building as Orientation

PJ: I have only been once when I came for a tour with my D. I didn't feel in danger anywhere in Tallahassee. Am I mistaken?? I come from South Florida. It can't be worse than here?

Zoe R: I'm from South Florida too

NSFP Staff_Alison: @FFF If you have questions, you can call to ask general questions. But it can also wait until Orientation. Many of those questions will be answered then. It's also important to note that they are helping current students register for classes as well.

Martha: I'm from South Florida too

Nancy: Tallahassee and the FSU area have always seemed very safe to me!

Angelina: same here

NSFP Staff_Heather: @Danielle, Halls will open at Thursday, August 22 at 8am. More of the dates for housing (including summer) can be found on their page. <https://housing.fsu.edu/future-residents...>

OrientationLeader_HunterDennis: @Martha family programming will finish at 12 PM and student programming will end at 12 depending on how long your student takes to register. If your student finished early, you all may be done before 12:15

Lisa: Ive heard that my student should get his FSU ID prior to orientation. Won't he get it during orientation?

Freedmans: Since there are student leaders on the call, any thoughts on how to get the OOS student to the Jacksonville airport in an economic way

Astrid: me too

Martha: I spend three days checking Tallahassee, and I didn't see anything wrong

Sarah: @Zoe, we just stayed at the Hampton Inn Capital-University two weekends ago and we liked it, great location, we walked everywhere

Zoe R: That's where my mom and grandma are staying during orientation

Kiki joined the chat

Jen: We have stayed at Hampton Inn Capital and Hampton Inn on Railroad. Both were decent.

OrientationLeader_HunterDennis: @Lisa your student does not need their FSUID for anything during orientation so they do not need to get it prior, but there will be an opportunity to get their FSUID during orientation on their first full day. IF they are unable to get it then, they may also get it after orientation is done.

PatVL: Any difference between the June 19 orientation , for Summer C, and earlier orientations?

Pemali joined the chat

NSFP Staff Alison: @Jen Yes--more info can be found at <https://housing.fsu.edu/future-residents...>

Freedmans: any space to stow our (parents) luggage on the last day of orientation or do we need to lug it around with us?

Danielle: Since we are doing the last orientation for fall aug20-22. They said we got a discount because dorm rooms would be open for this last group . Is that true ? Or will my son be staying w me at hotel?

Martha: is two-day orientation or two days and half

Shannon: Aloft hotel is nice too and they always have an adoptable dog in the lobby 🐶

Lisa: But do you think they will have enough time to get the FSU ID DURING orientation ? Ive heard the lines are very long... Will the ordination leaders allow enough time to get it?

Zoe R: @Alison I'm having difficulty figuring out what to do with the ALEKS test. I have the link open and it asks for a username and password and a code?

Zoe R joined the chat

Spikeball365 joined the chat

Stephanie Orum: Is there an itinerary for orientation posted somewhere?

Martha: Went do the class start?

Lisa: Zoe you have to call the math department to get the "class code"

Zoe R: Students got the orientation email to their fsu email

Karen: 8/26

NSFP Staff Alison: @Lisa There is time built in for them to get it, however, if they don't get it at orientation that is totally fine too! They won't need it until they arrive for the summer or fall.

However the FSU Card Office is open 8-4:30 every weekday throughout the year.

NSFP Staff Heather: For those of you asking about safety and hotels, I would do some research online to see what works best for you. We have a relationship with the DoubleTree but like Jen said, other FSU family members may have personal experiences with others. I personally feel safe in Tallahassee as a student here. But I do use my street smarts to stay safe. You and your students will hear from our police department at orientation to learn about safety tips. (Locking your room, being alert, registering property,etc)

Zoe R: Where do we go for the FSU ID card? I'm going up a day early.

OrientationLeader_HunterDennis: @PatVL the orientation session is the same as the prior sessions for Summer C, however this is the last opportunity they have to attend an orientation before the Summer C term begins. There will also be fewer classes available as with the late august session, so keep that in mind as well when enrolling in an orientation session.

Angelina: @Heather and others ... thanks!

PatVL: Thx, but due to late confirmation and senior exams, 6/19 was pretty much our only choice

NSFP Staff Alison: @Zoe R There is more information available about the ALEKS Placement Test at <https://www.math.fsu.edu/~bellenot/ALEKS/>

NSFP Staff Alison: @Stephanie An overview will be e-mail to all registered students and families after the Admissions deposit deadline (May 1)

Zoe R: Yes thank you. I'll figure it out. I appreciate your help.

anne joined the chat

Nancy: Can we revisit AP scores? They don't get them until July, but orientation/registration is earlier. How does that work?

nole mom Kristine was timed out

OrientationLeader_HunterDennis: @Freedmans in terms of transportation to the airport, I believe there is a bus that goes to Jacksonville that they may pay to take, however for the most part there is an FSU carpooling facebook page strictly for FSU students that students may find other FSU students driving to various cities and may carpool with them. This is not an official

university mode of transportation however as a student i have found it extremely helpful when trying to travel home in the past to Tampa when i did not have a car.

Kevin joined the chat

OrientationLeader_Bri: @Martha The summer C semester starts June 24th, and the fall semester begins August 26th. The orientation for First time in college students is two and half days!

NSFP Staff_Heather: @Danielle, your orientation fee was reduced because we do not provide overnight accommodations for this session. You student can move into their residence hall or apartment and stay the night there or if they would like to stay with you that also works. Students do both for that session. If your student is staying on campus I would make sure you have ample time to move in because they will not have time once orientation starts

Lisa: Same with AICE exam scores. We wont have them til August and my son has to register before that. How will that work?

NSFP Staff_Alison: @Zoe R the FSU Card office is in the FSU Bookstore

Jen: @Hunter . do you recommend having a car on campus?

Tim: @Freedmans, Grayhound to Jacksonville is about \$25-30

OrientationLeader_HunterDennis: @Freedman and for luggage storing we are unable to store family members luggage in the residence halls unfortunately, so if there is anyway to request to keep luggage at your hotel or in your vehicle that would be the best option

Zoe R: OK thank you.

NSFP Staff_Alison: @Zoe R However, you will have time built in during orientation on Day 1 to get your FSU Card made

FutureNole2022 entered for the first time

Martha: Who needs to do the test?

SRQMom joined the chat

Nancy: I hear that many students do not recommend getting a meal plan at all. What do you think?

NSFP Staff_Alison: @Nancy Typically, we advise students to share with their advisors how they feel they did on the tests. If they feel good, then they can go ahead and register for the course. If not, then they would register for the original course. From there, your student can make changes to their schedule after orientation.

OrientationLeader_HunterDennis: @Jen having a car on campus is definitely not a necessity considering have FSU really has a great Bus system that travels across campus and around town. The only reason I needed a car on campus when i was a Freshman was because i need to travel home fairly frequently for familial reasons, but other than that i was perfectly fine on campus without one.

OrientationLeader_Bri: @Zoe, my apologies about the incomplete information on the ALEKS link! You may have received an email from the math department about the ALEKS test that will have a class code in it. If you did not receive an email and would like to take the test soon, you can email advisor@fsu.edu :)

Martha: How much is the meal plan?

Zoe R: Meal plans are also offered with greek houses so may want to wait until after rush to see if your son or daughter go greek.

NSFP Staff_Alison: @Nancy I would recommend a meal plan, especially if students are living on campus. The dining halls are close and it gives them a guaranteed meal. There are a variety of options to choose from, so it's more about which one would best meet your student's needs. You can check out the meal plans at <https://seminoledining.sodexomyway.com/m...>

Kevin: How many times can you take the ALEKS ?

Jfranzini: I second the meal plan question.... i know this is opinion based but what do you all advise

Zoe R: Thank you Bri. I didn't get an email, so I will email them.

NSFP Staff_Heather: To add to Alison's point @Lisa and @Nancy: your student's schedule is not permanent once they leave orientation. At orientation we will talk about drop/add week. Their schedule is finalized at end of the first week of classes. So if they have changes based on AP/AICE scores that is completely okay.

Danielle: @ staff_Heather so the kids with aug 20 orientation can move into dorms beginning on which date?

Kevin joined the chat

OrientationLeader_Bri: @Kevin, you can retake the placement test up to 4 times. Each retake must be after 48 hours of taking the previous exam. Also be aware that it costs \$25!

Jen: Do you have to complete a module after the first test?

Jen: If you choose to retake it?

OrientationLeader_Bri: @Zoe There was a typo on my part!! My apologies, the email is advisor@math.fsu.edu

Lisa: @Jen yes

OrientationLeader_HunterDennis: @Martha for the summer term prices range from \$600 - \$1000 and for the fall/spring semesters prices range from \$650-\$2200 per semester depending on how many meals you want

Lisa: @jen a 5 hour module

Martha joined the chat

Jen: @Lisa do you take it every time? In the event you want to take it more than twice

SRQMom joined the chat

NSFP Staff_Heather: @Danielle Traditional Fall move-in is Thursday, August 22 at 8am. I would give Housing a call or an email because they can allow early move in for special circumstances with students. 850-644-2860 or housinginfo@fsu.edu

Kevin: Is a module like a math session online?

anne: when do freshmen move in if they are planning to rush?

Danielle: Thank you 🙏

Martha: But what happens if we don't buy the meal. They can buy lunch with money

Angelina: When is summer dorm movein for freshman?

Lisa: @Kevin yes. And @Jen, you have to wait 48hrs before you can take it again. I think they only make you do modules if you score low?

Nancy: @Lisa- what do you mean by a 5 hour module? That's how long ALEKS is?

OrientationLeader_HunterDennis: In terms of meal plans, i advise starting out with a smaller amount of meals rather than going for the unlimited access right away. While it is a better deal, your student is unable to downgrade to a lower plan at any point, whereas you can always upgrade to a higher plan at any point if you so choose. With fraternity and sorority recruitment, dining works with fraternity and sorority life to manage greek life dining plans if they find out they have been accepted by an organization.

OrientationLeader_Bri: @Kevin, the modules are for extra learning and to help you better prepare if you decide to retake the placement test.

SRQMom joined the chat

Jen: @ Martha yes-there are lots of options to give the kids money (debit card from on campus banks) and you can put money on their ID cards I believe. Check out the meal page..LOTS of info. Someone also said that you can always upgrade the plan, but can not decrease the plan and it is a commitment for the two semesters

NSFP Staff_Heather: @Martha Yes, all of our dining locations take cash and card.

Lisa: @ Nancy,no the test is not 5 hours.

NSFP Staff_Alison: @Anne Once you register for recruitment they will give you specifics, but traditionally it is about a week before classes start. I believe this year it will be August 16.

OrientationLeader_Bri: @Nancy, The test itself should take an average of 90 minutes! The learning modules do take more time, but are not required for your student to complete

Jen: They said the test was about 90 minutes

Nancy: What is the benefit of getting a SunTrust bank account?

Jen: Is it true if you open an account at the FSU Sun Trust they get free checking for life?

NSFP Staff_Heather: @Angelina Summer move in is Thursday, June 20 at 9am. For more information see this page <https://housing.fsu.edu/future-residents...>

Angelina: ty @heather

Freedmans: There is a current meal plan deal going on now. Is it any better than the deal offered during orientation?

OrientationLeader_HunterDennis: @Nancy you don't necessarily need to get a suntrust account, but we do have a full service Suntrust bank and multiple suntrust ATMs on campus so it is more convenient, and you can link your suntrust account with your FSU ID and use your FSU ID just as you would a debit card, making that more convenient as well to only have to carry around one card.

Kevin: How do kids planning to RUSH move into their dorms if they have to stay in specific dorm just for RUSH?

Lisa: Is there a Bank of America on campus?

NSFP Staff_Heather: We are going to begin wrapping up our chat. We can answer some final questions specifically related to Orientation but know that you can ask more questions about housing, meal plans, involvement, and more at orientation.

Kevin joined the chat

NSFP Staff_Alison: @Freedmans Traditionally, this is the best deal offered for meal plans.

OrientationLeader_HunterDennis: @Jen I have not heard about that and I can't find any information on their website so I would venture to say that is untrue.

NSFP Staff_Alison: @Lisa There is not a Bank of America on campus, but there is an Bank of America ATM

Nancy: Thank you so much for hosting this! I am going to share all of this information in our FSU 2023 Parents Facebook group. Very helpful!!

Lisa left the chat

Jana: Thank you all for taking the time to answer our questions.

Freedmans: Will we be getting handouts or links to powerpoints? my husband has to stay behind

Martha joined the chat

Pemali: Any information about employment/part time jobs opportunities whether within the school or around campus for freshman students?

Jen: thanks Hunter.

Angelina: @nancy - whats name of parents group on FB?

Kevin: Yes! ty!

NSFP Staff_Heather: I also wanted to provide you all with some tips before we end our chat. Orientation Leaders, what do you recommend students bring to their orientation?

Freedmans: sorry I wasn't clear - I meant specifically for orientation

Danielle: Thank you 😊

OrientationLeader_HunterDennis: @Kevin if your student is going through Panhellenic recruitment and living on campus, they will be living in their residence hall during recruitment, they do not need to move into a hall specifically for recruitment

PJ joined the chat

Nancy: @Angelina - FSU 2023 Parents

Angelina: TY

NSFP Staff Alison: @Freedmans Yes! After Orientation, we will send an e-mail with information covered at Orientation to all registered attendees. So you can share it with him. Also, for the online pre-orientation module for students, there is an option version for families as well. 😊

NSFP Staff Alison: optional*

Freedmans: thx@alison

Nancy: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/2297220460...> - That might work.

OrientationLeader_Bri: Don't forget a comfy pillow! I've been there and it is not fun!

NSFP Staff Heather: We recommend you have your student eat dinner before they check in to their orientation. There is programming for the student after check in and they won't have time to eat.

Kiki: thanks

Jen: do parents need to create a "parent" account for FSU or are we just letting our kiddos adult. 😊

OrientationLeader_HunterDennis: @Pemali there are tons of opportunities to work on campus and off campus, especially if your student was offered Federal Work Study through financial aid. Besides that, the Financial Aid website has a lot of great resources for accessing part time jobs around tallahassee

NSFP Staff Alison: @Jen do you mean for their Student Central/FSU portal?

NSFP Staff Heather: Also, our Civic Center can be very cold so bring a jacket for when you are inside.

Jen: Can they bring water or snacks with them during orientation. My kiddo has an insane metabolism and if she doesn't eat...well...it's not pretty

OrientationLeader_HunterDennis: Dont forget to have your student to bring a towel so they can shower!

Jen: @ alison yes. Do we have an account to make payments or is that all done through the student portal

Kelly joined the chat

Pemali: Thank you everyone!

NSFP Staff Heather: @ Jen Yes, if your student needs to eat or drink more often feel free to pack them some snacks. There also are vending machines on our campus as well if she is in a pinch.

NSFP Staff Alison: @Jen If so, then you can talk with your student about delegated access, which allows you to be able to make payments, view grades, talk with the University. More info on setting it up can be found at: <https://sc.my.fsu.edu/students/how/how-a...>

Jen: thank you

Nancy: Great chatting with you all for this great chat! See you in Tallahassee!

NSFP Staff Alison: @Jen Yep--snacks are welcomed! There are also vending machines available and we have one break built in with snacks, in addition to the meals. 😊

Angelina: Appreciate everyones input and help!

NSFP Staff Alison: Please let us know if you have other questions--orientation@fsu.edu or (850) 644-2785

Jen: thank you

Jen left the chat

NSFP Staff Heather: Thank you all for your questions, I am going to end the chat here. Please reach out via phone or email if you need. Goodnight!

PatVL: Thank you

NSFP Staff Heather closed the chat