ORIENTATION AND CLASS REGISTRATION

As a new student, orientation will help you become familiar with Ferris, learn more about your major, graduation requirements and support services. At class registration you will work with university staff to build your academic schedule and register for classes.

As a family member, orientation will help you learn more about Ferris and what our university has to offer you and your student. A family and friends information session will be held where you can learn more about what various departments around campus have to offer.

WHAT TO DO BEFORE ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION:

Students required to live on campus must apply for housing to be eligible for class registration. New students apply for housing utilizing MyHousing which is located on the University Life tab of the student’s MyFSU account. Students must submit a $200 contract guarantee via credit card at the time of submitting their housing application. Students will receive an email when it is time to return to MyHousing to choose their room.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION?

• MyFSU username and password.
• Official copies of your high school or other college/university transcripts that include courses completed and grades earned if you haven’t already sent them to the Admissions Office. It is recommended that you send your transcript(s) to Admissions prior to your orientation session if possible.
• If you have not already applied for housing you will need to submit the $200 contract guarantee when applying for housing during check-in.
• Work, athletic, or other schedules that will influence your academic schedule.
• Comfortable shoes, as you will be walking throughout campus and an umbrella if the forecast calls for rain.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION

• Clear registration holds – holds will slow down your registration process.
• Check your MyFSU user ID and password - you will need to sign into MyFSU to register for classes.
• Have your student ID picture taken.
• Meet departments such as Dining Services, Housing and Residence Life, Student Technology Services, Business Operations, Huntington Bank, and Financial Aid.
• Attend a welcome presentation to learn more about being a student at Ferris.
• Attend an essential financial information session - student employment, books, due dates, payment plans, scholarships, satisfactory academic progress, financial aid, alternative loan information, and more.
• Attend a college meeting to learn more about your program.
• You will register for classes and receive a class schedule.
• Family and friends will attend an informational program with a variety of departments. Please keep in mind the time students complete the orientation process may vary.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Participants with disabilities or other special needs are asked to advise the orientation office at least one week prior to your arrival. Feel free to contact us via email at orientation@ferris.edu.
Welcome to Ferris State University!

We are excited to connect with you whether you are starting college for the first time or transferring from another university! During a student’s transition, his or her academic career will likely include a wide range of emotions, especially as they progress throughout their first year with us. Along with the excitement of starting college, transitioning from an established job, military experience, or just beginning a new chapter in life; students may also feel various levels of anxiety and frustration. Most literature available today suggests that a successful transition into the collegiate environment is directly impacted by a proactive support system.

Our students come from a variety of demographics and I consider it of prime importance that we are actively involved in their education and success. At Ferris, we want to weave a network of support to help our students assume greater responsibility for their daily decisions as they continue to grow over the course of their time with us.

Working together as a team with a common goal will help us educate and nurture students to be good citizens equipped to succeed in their future careers. It is very important that you are informed of the Code of Student Community Standards and other University policies so that you know what is expected. Please visit the Ferris web page (www.ferris.edu) to view these policies.

I believe firmly that we all must work together to not only develop students academically but as community members interested in making the world a better place. Family and friends play a critical role in a student’s life and we value our partnership and collaborative efforts. There are many resources, services, and guidelines for students, families, and friends to stay connected. Information provided throughout the Orientation process will aid students in a successful transition to Ferris.

General ways to get students off to a great start:
  - Listen and suggest the appropriate resources on campus
  - Have a balance of challenge and support
  - Encourage volunteerism and involvement

Be sure to ask your student these three simple questions:
  - How are you doing?
  - What can we do to help?
  - Have you tried all your options?

We thank you, your family, and friends for choosing Ferris State University to pursue your future dreams. Be sure to explore the many opportunities we have to offer. I look forward to meeting you during Orientation, Homecoming, or during an athletic event coming soon!

Go Bulldogs!

Leroy Wright
Dean of Student Life
FALL 2015 - ORIENTATION & CLASS REGISTRATION

We recommend you bring comfortable clothing, shoes, and an umbrella. Please plan to arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. in order to complete registration.

9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. ORIENTATION CHECK-IN
University Center, main entrance
Check-in to clear registration holds, check your MyFSU user ID and password, have your student ID picture taken, speak with the Office of Housing & Residence Life, and review your account with the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid.

10:30 a.m.–11:15 a.m. WELCOME PRESENTATION
University Center, multipurpose room
This is an introduction to the Ferris campus, student services, and MyFSU.

11:30 a.m.–1:15 p.m. COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Complimentary Lunch *
12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Essential Financial Information Session **

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
RETENTION & STUDENT SUCCESS
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Essential Financial Information Session **
12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Complimentary Lunch *

*Complimentary Lunch: includes meals for one student and two guests. Additional meals may be purchased at the dining facility.

**Essential Financial Information Session: This session will cover the basics of student employment, obtaining books, billing due dates, payment plans, the e-bill system, scholarships, satisfactory academic progress, financial aid, alternative loan information and more.

1:30 p.m.–2:15 p.m. COLLEGE MEETING
Learn more about your specific major, your college, and graduation requirements.

2:30 p.m. STUDENTS*
Register for Classes
2:30 p.m. until schedule is complete
Students will register for classes with Ferris staff and then be directed back to the University Center.

FAMILY & FRIENDS
Orientation Resource Fair
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Enjoy a resource fair with campus departments and local community representatives.

4:30 p.m. WRAP-UP
Following class registration, orientation leaders will lead you back to University Center.

Times of scheduled sessions may vary during your orientation. If you have questions contact orientation@ferris.edu or call 1-800-433-7747.
AFTER REGISTERING FOR CLASSES

Billing/Authorized User Information: Consolidated student bills are available through MyFSU. Students are notified via their FSU email address when an updated statement is issued. For others to have access to monthly billing notifications, statements and to make payments, the student needs to designate an Authorized User. This can be done through their MyFSU account. To add an Authorized User log into MyFSU, choose ‘E-bill’ on the MyFSU tab, then choose ‘Authorized User’. If you have questions contact the Student Service Center at (231) 591-5242.

Student ID: Student IDs are used to check out books from the library, attend events, receive student rates or discounts, use recreation facilities, enter their residence hall and use their meal plan at Ferris’ dining centers.

Students living on-campus may pick up their ID when they check into their residence hall at the start of fall semester. Students eligible to live off-campus can pick up their ID in the Timme Center for Student Services starting August 24, 2015. If you lose your ID, one may be purchased for $25.00 in the Timme Center.

Huntington Bank: If you chose not to open a Huntington Bank account during check-in, you may visit the downtown branch of Huntington Bank. The bank is located at 301 S. State Street in Big Rapids. Some benefits of having your Huntington Bank account linked to your ID card include no minimum balance, no monthly checking fee, on campus access to ATMs, debit-card capabilities and quicker access to financial aid refunds.

Ferris State University Bookstore: Currently, the Ferris State University Bookstore textbooks may be pre-ordered by visiting the bookstore website or through MyFSU. To purchase textbooks through MyFSU, choose the ‘Academic & Services’ tab, in the Registration box choose ‘Detailed Schedule’, where you will find a link to order books.

Optional CLEP Testing: College Level Examination Program (CLEP) examinations are available by appointment through the Institutional Research & Testing Office, Timme (CSS) room 313. Individuals desiring to take CLEP examinations must schedule an appointment. Due to the amount of time orientation takes, it is not recommended to take CLEP tests on the same day as orientation. Appointment requests may be made by emailing testing@ferris.edu or calling 231-591-3628.

Parking Permit: All students are eligible to possess, operate and park a motor vehicle on campus as long as it is registered with the Department of Public Safety. To register your vehicle, visit MyFSU, choose the ‘University Life’ tab, and choose ‘Vehicle Registration’. You will need your Fall 2015 on campus housing assignment (if living on campus) or your local address (if you live off campus), a valid driver’s license and a current vehicle registration.

Student Employment: On-campus job opportunities will be posted on the Student Employment website beginning August 3, 2015. Visit the Ferris homepage and click on ‘Student Employment’ under the ‘Student Services’ header to view job postings.

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