

Enrollment Step 3: Register for Orientation – FAQ

1. When is Orientation?

Thursday, June 18 – Friday, June 19. We're excited to see you there!

2. Do I have to attend? What about my parents?

Yes! (You don't want to miss it!) All students are required to attend. If you have a significant scheduling conflict on one or both of the Orientation days, please contact your [Admissions Counselor](#) as soon as possible.

Parent attendance is *strongly* encouraged!

3. I can't find my confirmation email. Who do I contact to confirm that I'm registered?

We suggest checking the spam folder of your email inbox first. The confirmation email was sent to whichever email you used to register for the event. If you still can't find it, please reach out to your Admissions Counselor.

4. Is transportation provided?

For families coming from a distance, we recommend flying into Midway International Airport in Chicago. The [River Valley Metro](#) is an affordable bus system that will transport you from Midway right to ONU's campus. We have also had families utilize [Reliable Limo](#) to travel to campus from the airport. If your family has a financial burden that makes it difficult to travel, please let us know so we can work together to make your visit to Orientation possible.

5. Where should we go upon arrival to campus?

You will check-in at the [Hawkins Centennial Chapel](#) when you arrive to campus.

6. Is there a cost to attend Orientation?

There is no cost to attend Orientation. We look forward to welcoming you here!

7. I am a commuter student; should I still attend Orientation?

Yes! All commuter students should attend Orientation. Even though you won't be living on campus, Orientation is essential. Our onboarding, academic sessions, student life sessions, and transition support are all designed to help you successfully begin your time at ONU.

8. I am a transfer student; should I still attend Orientation?

Even though you're not new to college, you are new to ONU. Orientation is designed to help you make a smooth transition into our academic, social, and campus systems. You'll receive important information, complete key onboarding steps, and get connected with the people and resources that will support your success here.

9. What meals are provided?

We recommend enjoying one of our local restaurants for dinner on Thursday. That evening, parents and supporters are invited to a dessert reception, while students will have food provided during the late-night activity. On Friday, we'll offer complimentary breakfast for students and families, and lunch will also be provided that day. Snacks and refreshments will be available throughout.

10. Are there allergy friendly options for meals? What do I do if I have dietary restrictions?

We do our best to accommodate allergies and dietary restrictions. When registering for orientation, please make note of any dietary restrictions.

11. Can I stay overnight on campus during Orientation?

Yes! Students can stay overnight in the dorms during Orientation. It's a great way to get your first feel for campus life. You'll indicate whether or not you plan to stay overnight on the Orientation registration form.

12. What room will I stay in and who will I stay with?

Regardless of whether you have already selected a roommate through the Housing Application and roommate selection process, any roommate preference for that night must be noted on the registration form in the Notes section.

If you plan to stay overnight and do not have a roommate preference during the Orientation overnight, we will match you with another incoming student just for that evening and reserve a space for you in one of our residence halls.

13. What should I bring with me?

Students staying overnight in campus housing will need to bring their own toiletries; linens will be

provided. We also recommend bringing your questions and any relevant paperwork needed to complete enrollment steps, such as your Financial Aid Award Letter.

14. Are parents allowed to stay on campus overnight?

Parents coming from a distance are encouraged to stay in nearby hotels that offer great ONU rates. Overnight housing in the dorms is only for students. [Area Hotels with ONU Rates](#)

15. What happens at Orientation?

You'll meet with an academic advisor, review your class schedule with the Registrar, explore campus and residence halls, and learn about the many ways to get involved at ONU. Orientation also includes sessions on academic success, technology setup, student life resources, and opportunities to connect with other new students. You'll receive the best onboarding support and start building your ONU community. The full schedule will be available closer to Orientation!

16. What time will Orientation end on Friday?

The final session of Orientation— *Ready, Set, Go!* —is one of our favorite parts of Orientation, so you'll want to stick around for it! This session should wrap up by 3:30pm Friday afternoon.

17. When does the fall semester begin?

Move-In is Saturday, August 22nd. JumpStart Conference is August 23-24.

The first day of fall classes is Wednesday, August 26th.

Note: JumpStart Conference is a multi-day, community-building kickoff experience that helps first-year students get connected, settled, and prepared for life at Olivet before classes begin.

You can view the Academic Calendar [HERE](#) for other helpful dates.