2019 Fall Orientation Schedule

Please note: Events and locations are subject to change. For the most up-to-date Fall Orientation schedule, please download the “Guidebook” app on your smartphone and search for the “Furman University Fall Orientation” guide.

Friday, August 23
9:00am-1:00pm Residence Hall Move In

9:00am-5:00pm Enrollment Services Open (First Floor, Administration Building)
Questions about tuition, billing, and financial aid can also be answered during this time.

9:00am-5:00pm IT Service Center Open (Lower Level, Library)
Need help configuring your computer to Furman’s network? Stop by the IT Service Center for assistance.

11:00am-1:00pm Legacy Drop-In Lunch (Cherrydale Alumni House)
An informal lunch-break for Furman Alumni and their new student. By invitation only, please.

11:00am-12:00pm Transfer Student Meeting (Thomas Room, Trone Student Center)
All new transfer students should attend.

11:00am-3:00pm Paladin Laundry Bag Distribution (Lower Lobby, Trone Student Center)

12:30-1:00pm Commuter Student Meeting (Thomas Room, Trone Student Center)
All new commuting students should attend.

1:30-2:15pm Welcome to Furman! (McAlister Auditorium)
New students and families should attend as members of the University community welcome you to Furman and we officially start Fall Orientation. The Paladin Regiment marching band will kick things off with a concert, so feel free to head over early!

2:45-3:30pm Group A: Academic Advising (Various Locations)
Group B: Family Farewell (Front Patio, James B. Duke Library)

3:45-4:30pm Group A: Family Farewell (Front Patio, James B. Duke Library)
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Meet your academic advisor and get any lingering questions about the start of your academic experience answered. Parents and family should attend this meeting, as well. When you aren’t in your academic advising meeting, join us for some light refreshments at our Family Farewell.

This concludes programming for parents and family members of new students. We look forward to seeing you again at Family Weekend!
All new students have been assigned to an Orientation Group, which will be led by two Orientation Leaders. Your group number can be found on your name tag. Orientation groups will meet on the Furman Mall – just look for a sign with your group number on it! In the case of rain, groups will meet in assigned classrooms. Please see the listing that was included in the envelope you received upon check in.

5:00-7:00pm Dinner (Dining Hall)
Meal plans are in effect, Furman ID required for admittance. Please attend dinner with your group:

8:00-11:00pm Dins After Dark (Trone Student Center)

Saturday, August 24
7:00-9:00am Breakfast (Dining Hall)
Furman ID required for admittance.

9:00-11:00am Residence Hall Meeting and Activities
Your Residence Hall Staff will provide you with additional information about this meeting.

11:00am-12:00pm CIRP Survey (McAlister Auditorium)

11:30-1:00pm Lunch (Dining Hall)
Furman ID required for admittance.

1:00-7:00pm IT Service Center Open (Lower Level, Library)

1:00-1:15pm Orientation Group Meeting

1:15-4:45pm Life at Furman (Various Locations)
Students will rotate through a series of sessions exploring issues related to campus safety, alcohol and drug use, and sexual misconduct. Please attend as assigned with your Orientation Group and please bring you Furman ID.

5:00-7:00pm Dinner (Dining Hall)
Furman ID required for admittance.

7:00-9:00pm PACfest! (Physical Activities Center)
This is your opportunity to familiarize yourself with the Physical Activities Center – or PAC – before the start of the semester. Take a sample fitness class, try out the cardio machines, or team up with some of your hall-mates for a game of basketball. The PAC will only be open to members of the Class of 2022 during this time! Furman ID required for admittance.

9:00pm Movie (Front Patio, Trone Student Center)
Rain location: Burgiss Theater, Trone Student Center
Sunday, August 25
7:00-9:00am  Breakfast (Dining Hall)
Furman ID required for admittance.

9:00am  Class of 2023 Picture (Blackwell Field)
The official Class of 2022 picture, sponsored by the Student Alumni Council (SAC).

9:30-11:30am  “O”lympics (Blackwell Field)

11:30am-1:30pm  Lunch (Dining Hall)
Furman ID required for admittance.

1:00-5:00pm  President’s Picnic
Join us for an annual fall orientation favorite, hosted by the University President. You are invited to White Oaks, the President’s residence, to enjoy light hors d’oeuvres and tour the historic house. Buses will pick up and drop off at McAlister Auditorium. Please attend with your hall, as assigned:

1:00-7:00pm  IT Service Center Open (Lower Level, Library)

5:00-7:00pm  Barnes & Noble VIP Shopping Night (Bookstore, Trone Student Center)
An evening of shopping for our new students only! Stop by the bookstore to stock up on your Furman gear, get your textbooks, and grab those last minute school supplies. There will be some exclusive sales and contests just for you!

5:00-7:00pm  Dinner (Dining Hall)
Furman ID required for admittance.

5:00pm  University Worship (Daniel Chapel)

6:00pm  Spiritual Life Fair (Front Patio, Daniel Chapel)
Representatives from the Religious Council and various student groups related to spirituality and religion will offer information about their organizations and activities. Stop by to learn more!

8:00pm  Hypnotist Joshua Seth (McAlister Auditorium)

9:00pm  Catholic Mass (Daniel Chapel)

Monday, August 26
7:00-9:00am  Breakfast (Dining Hall)
Furman ID required for admittance.

9:00am-12:00pm  Yearbook Portraits (Lower Lobby, Trone Student Center)

9:00am-5:00pm  Individual Advising Appointments
The appointment card you received upon checking into your residence hall contains the time and location of this meeting. It is extremely important that you attend this one-on-one meeting with your academic advisor, regardless of if you are needing to make any adjustments to your fall schedule.

9:00am-6:00pm  IT Service Center Open (Lower Level, Library)
10:15am  Gather at Paladin Stadium
Members of the Class of 2023 should meet at Paladin Stadium to walk as a group to McAlister Auditorium for the Opening Convocation. You’ll make this journey one more at the end of your time at Furman, as you march toward the stadium for Commencement. Please note: If you have a 10:00am advising appointment, please join us at Paladin Stadium once your appointment has finished – do not skip your advising appointment!

11:00am  Opening Convocation (McAlister Auditorium)

12:15-1:30pm  Lunch on the Mall (Furman Mall)

2:00-4:00pm  Ride a 7-person Bike! (Front Patio, Library)
Bring your roommate and friends, and we will take you on a spin around Milford Mall while telling you about the Shi Center for Sustainability and opportunities for you to get involved with campus and community sustainability. Sponsored by the Shi Center for Sustainability.

3:00-5:00pm  Creating Connections with SDC (Front Patio, Trone Student Center)
Join members of the Student Diversity Council as we kick off the school year. Learn more about the student organizations that comprise SDC, and how you can get involved. Everyone is welcome!

5:00-7:00pm  Dinner (Dining Hall)
Furman ID required for admittance.

7:00-10:00pm  Orientation Carnival (Blackwell Field)

Tuesday, August 27
Fall Semester Begins!

11:00am-2:00pm  Yearbook Portraits (Lower Lobby, Trone Student Center)

Wednesday, August 28

4:00-6:00pm  Student Involvement Fair (Front Patio, Trone Student Center)
Representatives from many of Furman’s student organizations will be at the fair, a great opportunity to meet other students and learn more about how to get involved!

7:00-8:45pm  CLP: “The Human Element” Film Screening (Burgiss Theater, Trone Student Center)
Join us for the viewing of this thought provoking and arresting documentary film as environmental photographer James Balog captures the lives of everyday Americans on the front lines of climate change. With rare compassion and heart, THE HUMAN ELEMENT inspires us to reevaluate our relationship with the natural world. Sponsored by the Shi Center for Sustainability.

Thursday, August 29

5:00pm & 7:30pm  You. Me. We. (Daniel Recital Hall)
This interactive program will expose the often-unintentional ugliness of prejudice, setting the stage for a lively discussion on issues of race, sex, sexual orientation, and gender. Please attend as assigned with your residence hall.
**Friday, August 30**
11:30am-1:30pm  Furman Friday! (Front Patio, Trone Student Center)
Join us every Friday at the Trone Student Center for a Friday treat! Show us your Paladin pride by wearing purple and you might get something extra! Sponsored by the Office of Student Involvement & Inclusion.

**Saturday, August 31**
1:00pm  Furman Football vs. Charleston Southern University (Paladin Stadium)
Cheer on the Paladins in their first football game of the season!

**Monday, September 2**
Labor Day, University Closed

**Wednesday, September 4**
5:30-7:30pm  Meet the Greeks (Blackwell Field)
Meet members of Furman’s fraternity and sorority community during this informal meet n’ greet.

**Tuesday, September 10**
5:00-6:30pm  Panhellenic Nights #1 (Watkins Room)
Meet members of Furman’s sorority community, learn more about our organizations, and participate in a service project.

**Wednesday, September 11**
2:00-5:00pm  Heller Service Corps Agency Fair (Watkins Room, Trone Student Center)
6:00-7:30pm  Interfraternity Council Barbecue (Blackwell Field)
Meet members of the fraternity community at Furman and learn more about the recruitment process from the Interfraternity Council. Rain location: Hill Atrium, Trone Student Center

**Thursday, September 12**
5:00-6:30pm  Panhellenic Nights #2 (Watkins Room)
Meet members of Furman’s sorority community, learn more about our organizations, and participate in a service project.

7:00-8:30pm  We are Furman: Diversity Monologues (Daniel Recital Hall)
This program is an opportunity to highlight the stories and lived experiences of current Furman students representing a diversity of identities and backgrounds. Students will share their own accounts of life at Furman as an underrepresented student, and the ways in which our community is working to cultivate a culture of inclusion on campus.
Wednesday, September 18
8:00-9:30pm  NPHC Meet and Greet (Watkins Room)
Meet members from the local graduate chapters of the other Divine Nine Greek organizations to learn more about the National Pan-Hellenic Conference fraternities and sororities.

September 15-30
Academic Integrity at Furman
All first-year students will be required to attend a one-hour session on academic integrity during the period September 15-30. In early September, you will receive an email from the Associate Academic Dean with the date and time of your assigned session. No session will conflict with standard classroom instruction times.