



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

2026 Spring Orientation Schedule

Friday, January 9

8:30 a.m. Housing Check In (RA Office in your assigned residential area)

Enter campus through the main gate and check in at your assigned housing area. Please refer to your e-mail for specific move-in instructions. Lunch is on your own.

Commuting students should plan to join us in the Trone Student Center at 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. Welcome! (Burgiss Theater, Trone Student Center)

Facilitated by Ms. Connie Carson, Vice President of Student Life, and Dr. Beth Pontari, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, all new students and families should join as we welcome you to Furman and prepare you for the start of your Furman journey! Following this session:

Parents & Family: Please remain in Burgiss Theater.

Students: Please follow the orientation leaders to Hipp Hall 107 and 110 to continue your orientation.

1:30-3:30 p.m. Parents & Family: Academic Success and Wellbeing at Furman (Burgiss Theater, Trone Student Center)

Facilitated by Dr. Jason Jones, Associate Academic Dean, Mr. Ron Thompson, Associate Dean of Students and Director of Housing & Residence Life, and Ms. Stephanie Boyd, Associate Dean of Student Success and Wellbeing.

1:30-2:30 p.m. Students: Academic Success at Furman (Hipp Hall 107 and 110)

*Dr. Michelle Horhota, Associate Dean of Mentoring and Advising, and Dr. Brad Harmon, Assistant Dean for the First-Year and Second-Year Experience, will provide you with an overview of what to expect as a new Furman student and how to navigate the mid-year transition. Important information on Furman's graduation and general education requirements, academic advising, and how to register for classes will be covered. **This meeting is mandatory for all new students.***

2:30-5:00 p.m. Students: Individual Academic Advising Appointments (various locations)

Students will receive information from Dr. Harmon regarding your academic advising meeting. Please attend at your assigned time.

6:00 p.m. Dinner (Daniel Dining Hall)

Orientation Leaders will meet you in the Hill Atrium of the Trone Student Center and accompany you to dinner. Please note: Meal plans are not yet in effect and the Dining Hall will be operating with a limited menu this evening.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Evening Hang-Out (Hill Atrium, Trone Student Center)

Orientation Leaders will share additional information with you!

Saturday, January 10

9:00-11:30 a.m. Life at Furman (Hipp Hall 107)

During this session, we'll explore topics related to living on campus, student involvement, campus safety, personal wellness, alcohol and substance use, and sexual misconduct. Learn more about Furman policies, as well as resources available to you as a Furman student. Breakfast will be provided.

Lunch will be available in the Dining Hall following orientation, student meal plans are in effect.

2:00 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. VMI (Timmons Arena)

Meet in the Hill Atrium of the Trone Student Center to walk over to the game together. Tickets are free for students!

The Dining Hall will be open until 8:00 p.m. for dinner.

Sunday, January 11

Orientation Leaders will be available to answer any questions and assist as you continue to learn to navigate campus. They will check in on you throughout the day, but please don't hesitate to reach out if you need something!

The Dining Hall will be open from 9:00 a.m. -8:30 p.m.

Monday, January 12

Spring Semester Begins

Monday, January 19

MLK Jr. Day – No Classes

12:30-3:30 p.m. MLK Day of Service (Trone Student Center)

Sponsored by the Heller Service Corps, join us in the Trone Student Center for our annual MLK Day of Service. There will be several service projects for various local non-profit organizations.

Friday, January 23

12:30-2:30 p.m. Spring Student Involvement Fair (Watkins Room, Trone Student Center)

Representatives from many student organizations and University departments will be present. A great opportunity to continue meeting students and learn how to get plugged into the Furman community!