



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

2026 Fall Orientation Schedule

Please refer to the [New Students website](#) for the most up-to-date schedule.

New students will also be e-mailed a daily schedule each morning throughout Fall Orientation.

A sensory room is available throughout Orientation in the lower level of Hipp Hall, room 010.

This room provides a calming environment for guests that may be feeling overwhelmed, overstimulated or just need a break. Ask an Orientation Leader or another staff member for directions.

Sponsored by the Student Office for Accessibility Resources.

Thursday, August 20

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Residence Hall Move In

Please check-in during your assigned time on your residence hall floor. A team of housing student staff and orientation leaders will be available to assist you. Once your car is unloaded, we ask you move from the unloading area to a designated parking lot.

8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Bell Tower Bookstore & Bistro Open (Trone Student Center)

Stop by the bookstore to stock up on your Furman gear, get your textbooks, and grab those last-minute school supplies.

8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Print and Post Express (P2X) Open (Trone Student Center)

8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Enrollment Services Open (First Floor, Administration Building)

Questions about tuition, billing, financial aid, student employment, and transfer credit can be answered during this time.

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Lunch (Dining Hall)

Meal plans are in effect. Students will need their Furman ID for admittance.

Parents and families are welcome to enjoy a meal for purchase in the Dining Hall (please note, only credit cards are accepted).

1:30-3:00 p.m. Connect & Celebrate! (Joseph Vaughn Plaza, Duke Library)

Connect with new students, faculty, and staff - or reconnect with classmates you met during Summer Orientation! And celebrate the start of your new adventure! Representatives from many University offices and departments will be available to answer questions. Stop by for a bit, grab a popsicle, and take a family photo in front of the fountains.

1:00-5:00 p.m. IT Service Center Open (Lower Level, Library)

Need help configuring your computer and mobile devices for the FU-Student wifi network (used outside your residence hall)? Please visit the IT Service Center on the lower level of the Library and they will be happy to assist.

2:00-3:00 p.m. Student Athlete Orientation Meeting (Watkins Room, Trone Student Center)

All new student athletes joining one of Furman's NCAA teams and their families should attend.

3:00-3:45 p.m. Commuter Student Meeting (Burgiss Theater, Trone Student Center)

All new commuting students should attend. Orientation leaders will be available to answer your questions and accompany you to the first orientation group meetings. You are also invited to join us for dinner and all meals throughout Fall Orientation!

Family members, please note: The remainder of the day's activities are intended for new students only. Thank you!

3:45-5:00 p.m. Orientation Group Meeting (Furman Mall)

All new students have been assigned to an Orientation Group, which will be led by Furman Orientation Leaders. Your group number can be found on your name tag. Orientation groups will meet on the Furman Mall, near the Physical Activities Center – just look for a sign with your group number on it! In the case of inclement weather, groups will meet in assigned classrooms.

5:00-8:00 p.m. Dinner (Dining Hall)

7:00-8:00 p.m. Music Bingo (Watkins Room, Trone Student Center)

Prizes for winners, as well as raffles for everyone in attendance! Sponsored by the Office of Student Involvement.

7:00-9:00 p.m. S'more Fun! (Hill Courtyard, Trone Student Center)

Looking for something a bit more low-key? Stop by the Hill Courtyard – we'll have Nomadik Few Shaved Ice, s'mores, cornhole, and other games.

8:00-9:00 p.m. Music Bingo (Watkins Room, Trone Student Center)

Friday, August 21

7:15 a.m. Breakfast (Dining Hall)

8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Bell Tower Bookstore & Bistro Open (Trone Student Center)

8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Print and Post Express (P2X) Open (Trone Student Center)

8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Enrollment Services Open (First Floor, Administration Building)

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. IT Service Center Open (Lower Level, Library)

10:15-11:15 a.m. 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!

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Lunch (Dining Hall)

Parents and families are welcome to enjoy a meal for purchase in the Dining Hall (please note, only credit cards are accepted).

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. First Generation Family Lunch (Hartness Pavilion)

First-generation students and their families are invited to attend this lunch to celebrate the start of their college career and meet faculty, staff, and administrators who were the first in their families to attend college. A short program will occur at Noon. By invitation only, please.

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Legacy Drop-In Lunch (Cherrydale Alumni House)
An informal lunch-break for Furman Alumni and their new student. By invitation only, please.

***This concludes programming for parents and family members of new students.
We look forward to seeing you again at [Family Weekend!](#)***

1:00-4:00 p.m. Academic Advising Appointments
Students will be scheduled to meet one-on-one with their Pathways Advisor on Friday afternoon and throughout the day on Monday. Your Pathways advisors will communicate your meeting time and location to you via e-mail. During these meetings, you will be able to address any concerns and make changes to your fall course schedule.

It is extremely important that you attend this one-on-one meeting, regardless of if you need to make any adjustments to your fall schedule.

4:00-5:00 p.m. Orientation Group Meeting (Furman Mall)
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5:00-8:00 p.m. Dinner (Dining Hall)

7:00-10:00 p.m. Dins After Dark (Trone Student Center)
Join us for a night of fun at the Trone Student Center! Various activities will take place throughout the building – canvas painting, board games, music, and more! Sponsored by the Furman University Student Activities Board (FUSAB).

8:00 p.m. Movie (Burgiss Theater, Trone Student Center)
Free popcorn and candy!

8:00 p.m. ThinkFast Gameshow (Watkins Room, Trone Student Center)
A fast-paced, interactive trivia gameshow – cash prizes will be awarded!

Saturday, August 22

9:00 a.m. Breakfast (Dining Hall)

9:00-11:00 a.m. Residence Hall Floor Meetings and Activities
Your Residence Hall Staff will provide you with additional information about this meeting.

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Bell Tower Bookstore & Bistro Open (Trone Student Center)

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Lunch (Dining Hall)

12:00-4:00 p.m. Print and Post Express (P2X) Open (Trone Student Center)

12:45-3:00 p.m. Life at Furman: Orientation Groups 1-8
or

2:00-4:15 p.m. Life at Furman: Orientation Groups 9-17
or

3:15-5:30 p.m. Life at Furman: Orientation Groups 18-25 (Daniel Recital Hall & McAlister Auditorium)
Students will rotate through a series of sessions exploring issues related to community expectations, University policies, campus safety, alcohol and drug use, and sexual misconduct. Class t-shirts will be distributed at the end of this program. Please meet your Orientation Group in front of McAlister Auditorium at the indicated time.

1:00-5:00 p.m. **IT Service Center Open** (Lower Level, Library)

5:00-8:00 p.m. **Dinner** (Dining Hall)

7:00-9:00 p.m. **RecFest** (Physical Activities Center)

Come hang with Campus Recreation & Wellness in the Physical Activities Center, or PAC, to see all there is to take advantage of! Learn how to access the Fitness Center, take a tour of the facility, meet the staff, play some games, chat with Club Sports teams, and maybe win a giveaway! This is an event exclusively for our new students, sponsored by the Department of Campus Recreation & Wellness.

8:00 p.m. **Movie** (Burgiss Theater, Trone Student Center)

Free popcorn and candy!

Sunday, August 23

9:00 a.m. **Breakfast** (Dining Hall)

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. **Bell Tower Bookstore & Bistro Open** (Trone Student Center)

11:00AM-2:00 p.m. **Lunch** (Dining Hall)

12:00-4:00 p.m. **Print and Post Express (P2X) Open** (Trone Student Center)

1:00-5:00 p.m. **IT Service Center Open** (Lower Level, Library)

1:00-2:00 p.m. **Paladin Pep Rally** (Timmons Arena)

Join Furman Athletics, student athletes, coaches, and the marching band for an exciting event that will have everyone fired up for the year! Some lucky students will walk away with official Furman Paladins gear.

2:00 p.m. **Volleyball vs. UNC Asheville** (Timmons Arena)

2:00-6:00 p.m. **Class Tours with your FRAD**

Join your FRAD on a tour of campus to find the locations of your classes before the first day of class. Specific times and meeting locations will be communicated to you by your FRAD.

5:00 p.m. **Interfaith Service** (Daniel Chapel)

All are welcome to attend this interfaith service of welcome and worship to kick off the new year with joy, thanks, prayer, and centeredness. Hosted by the Office of Spiritual Life.

5:00-9:30 p.m. **Dinner** (Dining Hall)

5:45-7:30 p.m. **Spiritual Life Fair** (Milford Mall)

Campus religious and faith-based organizations will be on hand with lawn games, free swag, a food truck and Kona Ice Snow Cones! Meet students and Campus Ministers from each group and learn more about how to get involved. Hosted by the Student Religious Council and the Office of Spiritual Life.

7:00 p.m. **Hypnotist David Anthony** (McAlister Auditorium)

Sponsored by the Office of Student Involvement.

Monday, August 24

Group Fitness Launch Week

Did you know Campus Recreation & Wellness offers FREE group fitness classes? All classes will be 30 minutes the first week of the semester. Check rec.furman.edu for a full schedule.

7:15 a.m. Breakfast (Dining Hall)

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9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. IT Service Center Open (Lower Level, Library)

Please refer to the ITS website for Service Center hours once the semester begins.

10:00 a.m. Official Class of 2030 Picture (Paladin Stadium)

Sponsored by the Student Alumni Council, members of the Class of 2030 gather for your official class picture. Don't forget to wear your class t-shirt!

10:30 a.m. Gather at Paladin Stadium

All new students should meet at Paladin Stadium to walk as a group to McAlister Auditorium for the Opening Convocation. You'll make this journey once more at the end of your time at Furman, as you march toward the stadium for Commencement. Don't forget to wear your class t-shirt!

11:00 a.m. Opening Convocation (McAlister Auditorium)

12:00 p.m. Lunch on the Mall (Furman Mall)

Please Note: The DH will be closed to allow for Lunch on the Mall.

1:30-2:20 p.m.

or

2:30-3:20 p.m. First Pathways Class Meeting

This is your first official class meeting! This initial class will set the foundation for considering the importance of what you value and how that impacts your choices in college. Your Pathways Advisor will be in touch via e-mail to notify you of the class meeting time and location.

2:00-5:00 p.m. Start Strong

Join the Trone Center for Mental Fitness each weekday through September 3 for activities to help set you up for a strong start to the fall semester!

5:00-9:30 p.m. Dinner (Dining Hall)

6:00 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. UNC Asheville (Stone Soccer Stadium)

Celebrate Furman's success as a Final Four team last season with the unveiling of the College Cup Banner. Prize giveaways and snacks for new students!

7:00-10:00 p.m. Orientation Carnival (Furman Mall)

Rides, inflatables, food, and fun!

Tuesday, August 25

Fall Semester Begins!

9:30-11:30 a.m. Back to School Bash (Center for Academic Success, Duke Library Suite 002)

2:00-5:00 p.m. Start Strong

Sponsored by the Trone Center for Mental Fitness

Wednesday, August 26

2:00-5:00 p.m. Start Strong

4:00-5:00 p.m. I Said – You Said: Orientation Groups 1-8

or

6:00-7:00 p.m. I Said – You Said: Orientation Groups 9-17

or

8:00-9:00 p.m. I Said – You Said: Orientation Groups 18-25 (Watkins Room, Trone Student Center)

Join the jury for “I Said – You Said,” an interactive program that clarifies consent, empowers students to be active bystanders, shares cases of sexual misconduct, lets you decide who crossed the line, and shows how situations would be handled at Furman. All first-year students will attend one of three sessions with their Orientation Group. If you are unable to attend at your assigned time, please let your OL know and they will connect you with a group attending at a different time.

Thursday, August 27

2:00-5:00 p.m. Start Strong

Sponsored by the Trone Center for Mental Fitness

7:00 p.m. Furman Football vs. Anderson University (Paladin Stadium)

Cheer on your Paladin football team in the first game of the season! All students are invited to tailgate before the game in Champions Grove. Tailgates begin at 4:00 p.m. and students must have a current student ID for admittance. Students are encouraged to wear purple! Free t-shirt give away while supplies last.

Friday, August 28

2:00-5:00 p.m. Start Strong

Sponsored by the Trone Center for Mental Fitness

7:00 p.m. Women’s Soccer vs. Bob Jones University (Stone Soccer Stadium)

Saturday, August 29

7:00 p.m. Movie (Burgiss Theater, Trone Student Center)

Sunday, August 30

2:00 p.m. **Women's Soccer vs. UNC Asheville** (Stone Soccer Stadium)

Monday, August 31

2:00-5:00 p.m. **Start Strong**

Sponsored by the Trone Center for Mental Fitness

Tuesday, September 1

12:00-2:00 p.m. **Furman Pride Welcome Party** (Joseph Vaughn Plaza, Duke Library)

Furman Pride is hosting a welcome party for all members of the Furman community who would like to start the new academic year by welcoming and celebrating our LGBTQIA+ students and allies. Please join us for pizza, drinks and socializing, and don't forget to pick up a free Furman Pride T-shirt and other resources! Inclement weather location is the Hill Atrium in the Trone Student Center.

2:00-5:00 p.m. **Start Strong**

Sponsored by the Trone Center for Mental Fitness

Wednesday, September 2

2:00-5:00 p.m. **Start Strong**

4:00-6:00 p.m. **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! Rain date will be Thursday, September 5.

Friday, September 4

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

Interested in learning more about working on campus? Stop by the Watkins Room to speak with numerous departments looking to hire students for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Monday, September 7

Labor Day, University Closed – no classes!

Thursday, September 10

5:00-7:00 p.m. **Pita and Paws** (Watkins Room, Trone Student Center)

Join the Heller Service Corps for this annual event to make dog toys for the Greenville Humane Society. Free food from Tropical Grille for all volunteers!