

Albany FIRST YEAR ORIENTATION FAQ's

Am I required to attend an Orientation program?

Orientation is a required program for all incoming students. We believe that Orientation is a time to learn first-hand about all things SUNY Poly and is a great way to prepare for your transition to an official member of our SUNY Poly community. It is a two day program that takes place just prior to the start of the semester. It is expected that you participate in the entire program.

What do we do during Orientation?

During Orientation, you have the opportunity to connect with other incoming students, current students, as well as faculty and staff. While on campus, you will meet with faculty in your program and review your academic plan, make any final adjustments to your schedule, meet students in your major, and learn about how to utilize resources and support services on campus. Albany students attend mandatory safety orientation and lab safety training, which will grant site access. Orientation sets you up for success for your college experience!

Will I register for classes during my Orientation session?

Students are pre-registered into courses prior to Orientation, but while on campus you will meet with faculty advisors to review and make adjustments to your schedule. Please send all transcripts to the Admissions Office prior to attending your Orientation program so that your faculty will have your complete record available when meeting with you.

Is there a fee to attend Orientation?

There is a \$150 Orientation fee per student which will appear on your first semester bill.

Should my parents/guardians come to Orientation? Is there a fee for them to attend?

Family members/guests will be invited to attend an opening session as part of move-in day. This will take place in the late afternoon on Wednesday, August 21. Guests will learn about resources and support services as well as the best ways to support their student while at SUNY Poly.

Is my parent required to attend every event on the schedule?

Unlike students, parents have the ability to attend the sessions that matter to them or they are available to attend. The Family/Guest program schedule will be sent in advance to incoming students so guests can plan accordingly.

What should I bring with me to Orientation?

Please bring any outstanding paperwork you still need to hand in to various offices. This can include but is not limited to: Health and immunization records, documentation for disability services, financial aid paperwork, official transcripts from both high school and/or other colleges and universities, etc.

Where and what time do we check-in to Orientation?

Parent and Family/Opening Session will take place on Wednesday, August 21 at 2:00 p.m.

New Student Orientation will take place on Thursday, August 22 and Friday, August 23 at 9:00 a.m.

Check-in will take place in the NanoFab East Rotunda, 257 Fuller Road (details and directions forthcoming)

Can I see the Orientation schedule ahead of time?

Orientation is a mix of academically focused sessions, social activities, and some informational topics. No need to plan out exactly what you will be doing, let us do that for you. Bring a positive attitude and an open mind and it will be a great experience!

Will I receive a confirmation that I registered for Orientation?

You will receive a confirmation email to your SUNY Poly email account. We will not be emailing your personal email account.

What happens if I can't attend my Orientation session?

Orientation is a required program for all incoming students. If there is a conflict and you cannot attend Orientation, you will need to email Diana Dumesnil, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs at ddumesnil@sunypoly.edu to discuss an exemption. Exemptions are not guaranteed and are handled on a case by case basis.

If I need special accommodations during Orientation, who should I contact?

You should include any special accommodations on your RSVP form and you can also contact Diana Dumesnil, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs at ddumesnil@sunypoly.edu.

Will I receive my student ID at Orientation?

Students will receive their CNSE Access Badge at Orientation and will be responsible for having it on their person and visible at all times while on site.