

Transfer Student 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. The program spans approximately a 6-hour timeframe. 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, register for classes, meet students in your major, and learn about how to utilize resources and support services on campus. Orientation sets you up for success for your college experience!

Is there a difference between the 2 available sessions?

Each of the Orientation sessions is exactly the same. You should pick the session that works best with your schedule. You will not be missing out on something offered in another session.

Will I register for classes during my Orientation session?

Students will meet with an academic advisor while on campus to review your incoming credits and create your course 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 \$50 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 are welcome to attend Orientation. Guests will also learn about resources and support services as well as the best ways to support their student while at SUNY Poly. There is a \$30 fee per guest attending Orientation to assist with covering the cost of the program.

Program content and the structure of the Orientation Sessions are generally not conducive to children in attendance. We recommend that children under the age of 16 who may not be prepared for sitting in extended sessions or for some of the content discussions around campus resources and college student challenges are not brought to Orientation sessions. All attendees, regardless of age, who attend the Family and Guest Orientation will be charged the guest orientation fee.

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.

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?

Check-in will be in Kunsela Hall Lobby from 9 - 10am.

Can I see the Orientation schedule ahead of time?

Orientation is a mix of academically focused sessions, social activities, and some informational topics. We know everyone is busy and you'll want to get right to registration, but 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 advise you of your Orientation session date to your SUNY Poly email account. We will not be emailing your personal email account.

Can I change my Orientation session after I have registered?

Availability of Orientation sessions are on a first come first served basis. We will maintain a waiting list as sessions fill up and offer changes as available, but changes are not guaranteed.

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 orientation@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 the Student Activities Office at 315.792.7530 or at orientation@sunypoly.edu.

Will I receive my student ID at Orientation?

Students will receive their student ID at Orientation and will be responsible for bringing them to campus when they return in August.