New Student Orientation and Enrollment

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Orientation and Enrollment
New Student Orientation is a required program for all incoming freshman and transfer students. Developed to assist in the transition to Oklahoma State University, the program introduces campus resources, offices and information while familiarizing new students with the campus and Stillwater communities. During orientation, students:
• Learn about opportunities ahead and prepare for academic transition from high school or another institution to OSU.
• Develop expectations of OSU and learn what is expected of OSU students.
• Define potential majors, careers, minors, and secondary areas of study.
• Work with academic advisers to learn about degree program choices and discover initial tools for success at OSU.
• Enroll in classes.
• Work with an Orientation Leader and mentor who provides information from a student perspective.

New Freshmen. New Student Orientation for first time, full time freshmen occurs during the months of May, June and July for those attending in fall and in December and January for those beginning in the spring semester. The standard summer orientation is an overnight session where students meet with academic advisers in multiple settings and have time to consider course options prior to enrollment. An alternate one day option is available during the summer or mid-year orientation programs.

Transfer Students. Transfer Students have several options for New Student Orientation. For those admitted early, Transfer Orientation in April or November is the first opportunity to learn about OSU and enroll. For those admitted closer to the semester start, an alternative Transfer Orientation during the months leading up to the first day of class is available. Enrollment dates for transfer students are based on the number of hours completed and posted to transcript (s) prior to any current course enrollment.

Concurrent Students. Students who choose to concurrently enroll in high school and college courses organize their orientation and enrollment through the New Student Orientation office. An abbreviated orientation meeting will work around your current class schedule as you make plans to enroll at OSU.

Placement Exams
Assessment and Testing can save both money and time by allowing students to test out or receive credit for courses in which they already know the material or for placement in a course level. Residual ACT and SAT, CLEP and Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams are administered by University Testing and Evaluation Services, located on the corner of Walnut St. and Admiral Ave. Exams are given by appointment. Visituat.okstate.edu or call 405.744.5958 to set up an appointment.

Math Placement: All incoming OSU students must complete the OSU Math Placement Exam before enrollment in any college level mathematics course. The OSU Math Placement exam is an online instrument. For testing instructions and additional information, visit placement.okstate.edu/math or contact the Office of New Student Orientation & Enrollment at 405.744.3636.

Foreign Language Placement: Students who wish to continue in a foreign language for which they have taken two or more years in high school, may take a free placement test through the Office of Foreign Languages and Literature. This exam identifies the best college level starting point. If the student completes the identified course with a minimum grade of “C”, additional credits may be awarded for up to ten hours in the language. Contact the Arts and Sciences Student Success Center at 405.744.5658 for additional information.

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate: Students requesting college credit through Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs should have test scores sent directly to OSU Undergraduate Admissions from the testing agency in order to apply credits earned to their program of study.

ID Services
The OSU ID card is the official identification card for Oklahoma State University. It is used for photo identification, access to campus buildings and facilities, charges to the OSU Bursar, and tickets to a variety of campus events and services. OSU IDs will be made during the New Student Orientation and Enrollment program.

Welcome Week
In August of every year, the Office of New Student Orientation and Enrollment sponsors a new student welcome event called Welcome Week. This optional program for new students continues the transition to OSU while providing opportunities to meet other students, faculty and staff; experience OSU traditions; understand academic expectations; learn about resources available and find key buildings on campus. Designed to help students transition to OSU before classes begin, Welcome Week opens with Traditions Night at the Stadium and a class photo followed by college events, motivational presentations, social activities and the OSU Convocation Ceremony. Visit welcomeweek.okstate.edu for more information.

Student Self Service (sis)
Student Self Service (SIS) provides online access which allows students to view and update their academic and personal information in a self-service system. The majority of SIS use comes during descriptions, search open sections of specific courses, and drop and add classes from their schedule. In addition, the sis system connects students to:

Class schedule, grades and unofficial academic transcript, Desire2Learn online classroom, personal information housed on the system, official academic transcript requests, Student Rights and Responsibilities document, official OKSTATE e-mail account, Bursar account, financial aid connections and credit card payment options.

Orange Key Account (O-KEY)
Every OSU student creates a personal O-Key account they will use to choose an okstate.edu e-mail account and access campus network and computing resources. It is very important to access and set up the O-Key account after applying for admission. To activate visit okey.okstate.edu.

Pride in OSU is a huge part of being a student and campus traditions are what connect you to the campus and to students and alumni across the world. Your transition to OSU includes two additional parts.

Camp Cowboy
Each summer, a group of OSU student leaders coordinate special weekend programs called Camp Cowboy. This optional fun-filled three day experience offers an opportunity to discover new friends, new experiences and new ideas. Camp Cowboy includes small group activities, a ropes course, camp fires and much more. For students who can only travel to Stillwater once in the summer, most Camp Cowboy weekends fall immediately prior to or following New Student Orientation and Enrollment programs. Visit campcowboy.okstate.edu for more information.

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