What to Expect at Orientation
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About This Webinar

We hope to provide information that will help you and your family prepare for Orientation! We have a lot of information to share with you throughout this webinar. Please have pen and paper ready so you can take notes!

At the end of this webinar we will address some of the questions participants asked on the registration page. We will be unable to answer all the questions asked- but we will do our best!

This webinar will be recorded and archived on the Orientation website. Participants will be emailed a copy of the powerpoint after the presentation.
About the Presenters

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Overview of Presentation

Today we will cover:

- Early Arrival and Late Departure
- Transportation to Campus
- Tips on preparing for Orientation
- Orientation Schedule Walkthrough
- What you should expect at Orientation
- What you should bring to Orientation
- Welcome Weekend
- Meeting your 2014 Orientation Team
- Q&A (We will answer popular questions that you asked upon registration)
By now, you will have registered for an Orientation Session on one of the sessions below.

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Early Arrivals and Late Departures will stay the night before or the night after orientation sessions with our staff.
- Dinner and activities are provided for those who arrive prior to 6:30 p.m.
- Instructions and Contact information for OLs will be sent in email a week prior

If you are in need of Early Arrival or Late Departure accommodations please email our office at orientation@scu.edu. Please make your request no later than July 1. You will need to provide your travel details with your request.
- We request that you do not arrival earlier than 4 pm on the day prior to your orientation session.
Transportation to Campus

Two major airports: SJC (San Jose) and SFO (San Francisco)

- From SJC:
  - Free Shuttle from the airport to the Santa Clara CalTrain station, across the street from campus
  - Leaves every 15 minutes

- From SFO:
  - M-F, after 8 pm and Sat-Sun, all day:
    - Take the BART southbound to Millbrae station.
    - From Millbrae, take southbound CalTrain to Santa Clara station.
    - SCU campus is across the street from CalTrain station.
    - Please refer to Caltrain Schedule for exact times
  - M-F, prior to 8 pm:
    - Take BART northbound to San Bruno station.
    - At San Bruno station, transfer to southbound train to Millbrae station.
    - At Millbrae station, take southbound CalTrain to Santa Clara station.
    - SCU campus is across the street from CalTrain station.
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RLC and Roommate Info Release & Orientation Session 7

- Release of RLC placement
  - Sessions 1-6: You will be placed in your RLC for the academic year when you check-in at Orientation
  - Session 7: You will be notified of your RLC placement in mid-August

- Roommate Information
  - Released on eCampus in mid-August
  - Contact information will be included
  - Ability to request roommates from same RLC after Orientation
  - Session 7 students roommates will also be on eCampus starting in mid-August

- Session 7 (September 17th and 18th)
  - Provided for those who cannot make it to July sessions
  - Move-In date: September 16th
  - Will move in immediately to residence hall for the academic year

- For International Students:
  - F-1 and J-1 visa students will be required to attend an additional International Orientation on Tuesday, September 16th, sponsored by International Student Services.
Preparing for Orientation

- Orientation Registration
- Get sleep the night before!
- Double-check your check list
- Check travel plans, traffic, and flights
  - Please contact our office if you are running late to your Orientation session.
- Read *La Verdad: A Witness to the Salvadoran Martyrs*
  - A study guide is available at [www.scu.edu/summerreading](http://www.scu.edu/summerreading)
What should I bring to Orientation?

1. Comfortable clothes for the night and following day. A light jacket, the evenings may get cold
2. Government-issued photo identification
3. Summer Orientation Parking Permit (emailed to you)
4. Notebook & pens
5. Your copy of the Summer Orientation Common Reading Book
6. Pillow, sheets (beds are twin XL), blanket, and/or sleeping bag
7. Towel, shower shoes, and toiletries
8. Alarm clock
9. Refillable water bottle
10. A smile!!!
Sample Orientation Schedule (Student)

**Day One**
- 7:30 Check-In and Breakfast
- 8:30 University Welcome
- 9-12:15 Community Conversations, book discussion, and Curriculum Overview
- 12:15-1:15 Lunch!
- 1:30-3:00 Community Values
- 3:15-5:15 Technology for Academic Success and Auxiliary Services
- 5:15-5:45 Get Involved!
- 6-7 Dinner!
- 7-8 RLC Small Group Discussions with OLs
- 8:15-10:00 Orientation Social

**Day Two**
- 7:30 Breakfast and Announcements
- 8:20 Essential Services for Students
- 9:15-2:45
  - Academic Integrity
  - Small Group with OLs
  - Advising
  - Registration
  - ACCESS Office
- 12:00 Lunch and Resource Fair
- 3:00 Closing Ceremonies
Sample Orientation Schedule (Parent)

**Day One**
- 7:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30-8:50 a.m. University Welcome
- 9:00-10:30 a.m. Student Life at Santa Clara
- 10:45-11:45 a.m. Residential Learning Communities
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15-2:45 p.m. Core Curriculum Overview
- 2:00-2:45 p.m. Dean’s Presentations
- 3:00-4:00 p.m. Bursar’s Presentation
- 4:15-5:00 p.m. RLC Connections (view a room in the RLC)
- 5:00-5:45 p.m. Parents’ Reception

**Day Two**
- 7:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast and Announcements
- 8:30-9:20 a.m. Auxiliary Services
- 9:30-10:15 a.m. Health, Wellness, and Counseling
- 10:30-11:15 a.m. The Jesuit Tradition
- 11:30-12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 12:45-2:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
  - Financial Aid
  - Information Technology
  - Opportunity to view a Preview Class
  - Career Center Presentation
- 3:00-3:30 p.m. Closing Program
What should I expect at Orientation?

- Lots of walking around
- Day one will be a late night, get rest when you can
- You will be sharing a room with other students
- Register for classes
  - Meeting with an advisor
  - There will be help with registration
- Find out your RLC placement for the Fall
- A lot of information!
  - Please be attentive
  - Beware of information overload - take notes
- Meet your new classmates!
What should I expect at Orientation?

- **SCU Acronyms:**
  - OL’s → Orientation Leaders
  - RLC’s → Residential Learning Communities; your building for the academic year!
  - CF’s → Community Facilitators (like RA’s)
  - RD’s → Resident Directors
  - FD’s → Faculty Directors
  - Benson → Dining Hall
Welcome Weekend Sample Schedule

Saturday - September 20th
● Move-In time will depend on your RLC (8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.)
● 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Vendor Fair
● 1:30- 4:00 p.m. Informational Sessions
● 4:30-5:30 p.m. President’s Welcome
● 8:00-9:00 p.m. SCU Presents!
● 9 p.m. Up All Night Bronco Style

Sunday - September 21st
● 10:00-11:15 a.m Welcome Mass
● 2:00-5:00 p.m Freshmen Community Meetings and
● 5:00-7:30 p.m RLC Community Dinners and Conversations
● 8:00 pm Bronco Pep Rally
● 9:00 pm Bronco Soccer Kick Off!

● All other students move on-campus on Sunday, September 21
● A sample schedule can be found online at [http://www.scu.edu/orientation/welcome/](http://www.scu.edu/orientation/welcome/)
Meet the 2014 Orientation Team

OL Interactive Map
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Question 1:
How does registration for classes work? Will my student meet with an advisor? Will staff assist them with registration?

SCU splits the classes available for freshmen into groups for each orientation session so that each freshman has an equal chance of getting into a class. On Day Two, all the freshmen will be split into four groups. These groups will then cycle through a variety of sessions, including Advising and Registration for classes. There will be staff and orientation leaders on hand to help with registration for classes. Students will only be allowed to register at their assigned times, not earlier or later. They will all get four classes that will fulfill requirements for either the Core or their declared major.
Question 2:
Do commuter students stay in the residence halls during orientation?

Commuter students will stay in the residence halls during orientation. We believe that this is a great way to meet some of your fellow classmates! Commuters attending session 7 in September will not stay in the residence halls.
Question 3:

Does SCU offer additional storage facilities? If not, do they have a recommended supplier within walking distance of the school? Are there any rules for what can be shipped to the school? E.g. How is the shipment of a 70" large screen tv handled?

For storage facilities: During the summer, there is storage through Bronco Student Services. For a fee, they will pick up your boxes and store them for the entire summer and return them to you in the fall. There are a variety of off-campus storage facilities but SCU does not partner with a specific one. For shipping: students are able to ship large items to school one week prior to school starting. Packages should be addressed to the students SCU box which they are able to find on eCampus after they are assigned a room and roommate in mid-August.
Question 4:

Which laptop should we purchase for our student? Can it be purchased through SCU?

Mac or PC works fine for any major. Students have both and many find that they are interchangeable.
 QUESTION 5:

Can we rent mini refrigerators for residence hall rooms?

Yes! you can rent a refrigerator! One of the best ways to do this is at the Vendor Fair during Welcome Weekend. After you sign up, they deliver it your room and then pick it back up when the academic year is over.
QUESTION 6:
Will I have the opportunity to sit with my student when they meet with advisors and/or select classes?

Parents do not sit with the advisors and students. There will be other activities for you at this time!
Students will stay on campus for the night during orientation in the Graham residence hall. If parents or guests are attending, we ask that you reserve a room off-campus. There are many hotels in the area, including Candlewood Suites, right across the street from the university.
Question 8:
What do you recommend doing in the area if you are around a few days before and/or after orientation?

Great question! The Bay Area is filled with things to do. In San Jose, we recommend that you picnic in the municipal Rose Gardens, about a mile south from SCU. Downtown San Jose is also a great place for activities, there is a discount movie theater, tons of unique restaurants, indoor rock climbing, and a special outdoor commercial area called San Pedro Square. Within a 50 minute drive you can get to the beach in Santa Cruz or go to San Francisco. I suggest googling, “10 best views of San Francisco!”
Question 9:
When I pick classes will I be at a disadvantage because I am doing the last orientation and many classes may be filled up already?

Registration at later sessions - Thank you for asking! Nope, referring back to a previous question, class slots are evenly divided by the six sessions allowing each student to have the same chance of getting into classes at orientation sessions.
Question 10:

The book La Verdad is not readily available. I ordered from Amazon a couple weeks ago but it's not expected to be delivered until June 30th. Is it imperative that we finish the book by orientation? What should we expect regarding sessions on this book?

If you are unable to acquire a copy of La Verdad, please call our campus bookstore to order a copy. To help with the reading process, there is study guide posted on the orientation website.
Do I need to take a language or Calculus readiness exam prior to orientation? What if I had high AP scores?

You should take the calculus readiness exam before orientation, depending on your major. Placement in certain classes depend on the student’s performance on the readiness exams. In regard to math, a 3-5 on AP Calc AB or BC will place a student out of certain math classes. Check online for exact numbers.

SCU does not require a Language placement exam.
QUESTION 12:

My daughter is coming to SCU from Boston. What is the best way to purchase items for her room? And what is the best way to get her clothes and other personal belongings to SCU?

There are multiple places around campus to buy college supplies. A good way to do this is purchase items at your local Bed, Bath, and Beyond and then pick them up when you get to SCU. You can also mail items to the post office a week prior to the beginning of classes. Your P.O. Box will be available when room and roommate information are released in mid-August.
Is it possible to change my school from business to engineering or arts and sciences?

Yes, it is possible. There is an application process that occurs during Spring Quarter. If a student is considering changing schools, we recommend that they talk to an advisor when they begin school in the fall and start taking classes in that respective school.
Question 14:
During orientation will there be any seminar or presentation addressing the issue of consent and/or sexual assault?

The topic is addressed at orientation. Further, students will be required to complete online programs pertaining to alcohol education and sexual assault, named AlcoholEdu and Haven, before entering school in the fall.
Question 15:

Q: Is there any way we can prepare to choose our classes before orientation (i.e links we can visit to look through Core Curriculum requirements)?

A: We can direct you to SCU’s Core Requirements. Depending on your school (Business, Arts & Sciences, or Engineering) your requirements will be different.

http://www.scu.edu/provost/ugst/core/index.cfm
Question 16:

Will freshmen be able to tour the inside of a residence hall at orientation?

Yes! Your orientation leaders will show you the inside of your residence hall after dinner on day one. Some residence hall will be closed for renovations, but we will have information about what that residence hall offers.
Question 17:
Will we be activating our SCU emails at orientation or should we do that beforehand?

The orientation team will help lead “Tech Training,” a session that will showcase how to activate email, authorize payers, and go through the legality of the FERPA.
Q&A

**QUESTION 18:**
If we have special dietary restrictions who do we need to inform before orientation in order to get special accommodations?

If you have special dietary restrictions other than vegetarian and gluten free (we provide for this already) please call or email our office.
Question 19:

Q: Can the students work at college their first freshman quarter? Where and when can they go to apply for a job?

A: Yes, students can certainly get a job on-campus their first quarter at SCU. Jobs are most commonly posted on our website, Broncolink.
Upcoming Webinars

**August 13:** Financial Aid at Santa Clara

**August 20:** Academic Advising

**August 27:** Student Life at Santa Clara

**September 3:** Residence Life and Housing

To learn more visit:

[www.scu.edu/orientation/webinars.cfm](http://www.scu.edu/orientation/webinars.cfm)

For an interactive Campus Map:

[https://www.scu.edu/map/visiting/](https://www.scu.edu/map/visiting/)