Before Orientation & Enrollment

Please complete the following prior to your orientation program:

☐ Communicate With Us

O-Key
To register for your New Student Orientation & Enrollment program, you need your O-Key account information. If you haven’t activated your O-Key, which also establishes your OSU email address, visit okey.okstate.edu and follow the activation steps.

OSU Email
We send all official communication to your OSU email only, so it’s essential to check this account regularly. Access your OSU email at akstate.edu/email. If you’ve forwarded your email to another personal email account, be sure to identify akstate.edu as a “safe sender” so you don’t miss any important information.

☐ Your OSU Home

Residential Life
All freshmen are required to live in university-approved housing. Even if you plan to join a fraternity or sorority, you should complete your housing application in the event you change your mind or housing space is unavailable. Room selection occurs based on the date your housing application is submitted and deposit is paid, so apply as soon as possible. Register for housing at reslife.okstate.edu.

☐ Paying for College

Scholarships & Financial Aid
Your application for admission was also your application for scholarships. For your best chance to be considered for our extensive scholarship opportunities, submit answers to our application essay questions and submit your leadership or community involvement information. We also encourage you to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) so you’re eligible for all possible scholarships and financial aid. To ensure you’re fully considered for all OSU scholarships, you must submit test scores and transcripts by Feb. 1.

You may continue to send test scores, transcripts and other items until July 1 to update your file for maximum scholarship and financial aid consideration. For up-to-date scholarship and financial aid information, visit financialaid.okstate.edu.

☐ Register for Orientation

New Student Orientation & Enrollment is required for all students. You can register for an orientation and enrollment program starting Feb. 1. Register online at newstudents.okstate.edu.

☐ Camp Cowboy

While registering for New Student Orientation, you may also choose to register for Camp Cowboy, which connects you to current OSU student leaders and introduces you to campus life and student leadership resources.

☐ Take the Math Placement Exam

Starting May 1, incoming students should take the Math Placement Exam before their orientation program. Visit sout.okstate.edu/placementexam to identify the best way to complete the exam based on your academic progress.

The Math Placement exam is required for:
- Any student who will take an OSU math course.
- Students who aren’t currently enrolled in a college-level math course OR any student who hasn’t earned any college-level math credit.
- All students planning to pursue degrees within the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology.

The Math Placement exam is not required for:
- Students who already have credit for the math courses required for their chosen degree program on a college transcript processed by the OSU Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

The Office of New Student Orientation & Enrollment is eager to answer your questions and help you start your future with the OSU family.

Visit newstudents.okstate.edu/placementexam for a checklist, parent connections, orientation schedule previews, information for first-generation college students and much more. We look forward to meeting you very soon!
Selecting Your Orientation & Enrollment and Camp Cowboy Programs

For your orientation and enrollment, you may choose between an Overnight Program, One-Day Program or the Orientation Plus Program.

Student Programs

Overnight Programs
Orientation programs benefit students and parents who would like more time to work through the enrollment process and maximize their campus experience.

During the Overnight Program, you will:
- Discuss your academic plan twice.
- Visit with academic college representatives on day 1.
- Meet an academic advisor and enroll in classes on day 2.
- Meet your orientation leaders in small groups.
- Attend informational breakout sessions.
- Participate in evening activities at the Colten Center.
- Experience on-campus housing.
- Have time on the second program day to visit other departments, such as Scholarships & Financial Aid or Greek Life.

One-Day Programs
If you can’t attend an Overnight Program, we offer alternate One-Day Programs. These programs are designed for students who have attended multiple academic campus events, are certain of their degree choice and can make decisions quickly. During this enrollment day, you will meet with your academic advisor in the afternoon to enroll for classes, while family members attend a family information session.

Orientation Plus Program
This program combines orientation and Camp Cowboy into one convenient overnight program. Students will participate in orientation Thursday and Friday and Camp Cowboy activities on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Camp Cowboy is an additional cost. A limited number of fee waivers are available.

Family Programs

Family Orientation
A successful college experience requires a partnership between you, your family and the university. We recognize your family plays a pivotal role in your success, so we have created a family program for them that runs parallel to your session.

Families will learn about OSU culture, academic services, scholarships and financial aid, campus safety, parental rights and additional campus resources. If you choose the Overnight Program, your family can attend the academic preview with you on day 1 to help you make some enrollment decisions before you finalize your class schedule on day 2 with your academic advisor.

Each adult guest must pay a $20 family orientation fee, which covers some meals, parking, printed materials and other resources. You can pay this fee online and list your family members when you register for your orientation program.

Enrolling Students
Students who choose an Overnight Program stay with orientation leaders in the University Commons Residence Hall during the program. Sheets, pillows, blankets and towels are provided, although you may wish to bring additional toiletries, towels and other items. Please bring your own toiletries. Residential Life will add an additional fee of $25 for the Orientation Plus Program to your tuition/fee bill in the fall.

Students who choose the Orientation Plus Program will stay overnight Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. Residential Life will add an additional fee of $75 for the Orientation Plus Program to your tuition/fee bill in the fall.

Students interested in the Honors College are encouraged to attend earlier sessions, as Honors classes are not marked throughout all dates.

Camp Cowboy
Camp Cowboy is a fun experience, filled with connections to other new students and OSU student leaders. Participants engage in team-building activities, small group discussions, meet OSU athletes and coaches at the spirit session, participate in recreational activities such as swimming and volleyball, and enjoy campfires while learning personal strengths.

For your convenience, most Camp Cowboy weekends fall immediately following orientation and enrollment sessions in our Orientation Plus Program.

There is an additional fee to attend Camp Cowboy. If the cost of attending Camp Cowboy factors into your decision, a limited number of registration fee waivers are available to those who qualify. Please call 405-744-0683 or visit campcowboy.okstate.edu/ waivers for more information.

Sixteen years of data regarding Camp Cowboy tell the academic story of attendees compared to those who do not attend.

Camp Cowboy participants:
- Have a .16 higher GPA on average.
- Become sophomores at a 7% higher rate.
- Four, five and six-year graduation rates range from 9% to 13% higher.

Camp Cowboy dates:
- Overnight Program & Orientation Plus:
  - June 10-11
  - July 8-9
  - July 22-23
- One-Day Programs:
  - June 10
  - July 8

Within a mile of campus:
- The Alibi
- Days Inn
- Hampton Inn
- Quality Inn
- Microtel Inn
- Home2 Suites
- Hampton Inn & Suites
- Fairfield Inn & Suites

Accommodations information is available online at newstudents.okstate.edu.