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 okkey.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 okstate.edu/email. If you’ve forwarded your email to another personal email account, be sure to identify okstate.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. Admitted students can complete their housing application to secure a place in line to pick rooms beginning Dec. 1. Room selection begins in April. Register 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 and community involvement information. We also encourage you to complete the 2018-19 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) so you’re eligible for all possible scholarships and financial aid.

To ensure priority scholarship consideration, 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 uat.okstate.edu/placemathexam 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. (Note: beginning and intermediate algebra do not count as college-level math.)
- 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 college credit for the math courses required for their chosen degree program on a college transcript processed by the OSU Office of Undergraduate Admissions.
- Students who already have college credit for a bachelor’s degree.
- Students who already have qualifying scores on the ACT or SAT.
- Students who are international students.

Visit uat.okstate.edu/placemathexam 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

Overnight orientation programs are designed to help students 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 Colvin Center.
- Experience on-campus housing.
- Have time on the second program day to visit other departments, such as Scholarships & Financial Aid or Greek Life.

Check-in for Overnight Programs begins at 9 a.m. on day 1, with the program concluding by noon on day 2 (depending on the amount of time you spend with your academic advisor for enrollment).

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.

Check-in for the One-Day Program begins at 9 a.m. The program concludes by 5 p.m.

Orientation Plus Program (recommended)

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 free wristbands 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.

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Pokes Parent Camp

Join us for three nights at the Alterton Hotel, which includes complimentary breakfast and free Wi-Fi, on June 14-16, 2018 or June 21-23, 2018, during an Orientation Plus Program.

THURSDAY NIGHT: Social hour includes two cocktails per person (wine or beer) and hors d'oeuvres
FRIDAY NIGHT: Bus tour to visit local attractions with a stop at the Botanic Gardens for snacks and soft drinks
SATURDAY NIGHT: Three-course dinner at the Ranchers Club

Double Occupancy Package Rate is $499.95 + tax
Single Occupancy Package Rate is $419.95 + tax

Call 405-744-6835 and ask for the Pokes Parent Camp Group Block to reserve your room.

Camp Cowboy

Camp Cowboy is an activity-filled experience, filled with connections with other new students and OSU student leaders. Participants engage in team-building activities, small group discussions, meet OSU athletics and coaches at the spirit session, can participate in recreational activities such as a challenge course and volleyball, and enjoy campfires while learning about personal strengths and engagement opportunities.

For your convenience, most Camp Cowboy weekends fall immediately following orientation and enrollment sessions in our Orientation Plus Program. Additionally, there is an opportunity for students to take part in the program’s newest concept – Cowboy Quest. This program is a four-day hiking and camping in the Ozark Mountains.

There are additional fees to attend either Camp Cowboy or Cowboy Quest. If the cost of attending one of these programs factors into your decision, a limited number of registration fee waivers are available to those who qualify. Please call 405-744-0383 or visit newstudents.okstate.edu/cowboyquest/apply for more information.

The most up-to-date fee and program information is available online at campcowboy.okstate.edu. Registration can be done while you register for orientation at newstudents.okstate.edu.

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

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- More likely to enroll in Honors College.
- Have a 9% to 13% higher acceptance range from 9% to 13% higher.

Enrollment Dates

OSU manages the available seats in high-demand freshman courses throughout the enrollment cycle, providing students who can’t attend early sessions an equal opportunity for enrollment choices. Students interested in The Honors College are encouraged to attend early sessions, as honors classes are not managed throughout all dates.

Register at newstudents.okstate.edu

Orientation Housing

(Overnight Program & Orientation Plus)

Within a mile of campus:
- The Alterton Hotel | 405-744-6835
- Best Western Plus Cimarron Hotel & Suites | 405-372-2075
- Fairfield Inn & Suites | 405-372-3630
- Hampton Inn & Suites | 405-743-1396
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- Microtel Inn & Suites | 405-372-7100

West of campus (within 4 miles):
- Hampton Inn & Suites | 405-332-5575
- Holiday Inn & Suites | 405-372-3445
- Residence Inn by Marriott | 405-707-6588
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- AmericInn By Wyndham | 405-743-4670

East of campus (within 4 miles):
- The Cottonwood Inn Bed and Breakfast | 405-210-0965
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- Wyndham Garden | 405-377-7010

Enrolling Students

Students who choose an Orientation Program stay with orientation leaders in the University Commons Residence Halls during the program. Sheets, pillows, blankets and towels are provided, although you may wish to bring additional blankets, towels and other items. Please bring your own toiletries. Residential Life will add an additional fee of $32.50 for the Overnight Program to your first tuition/fee bill in fall.

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Regardless of which orientation program you choose, there will be a $75 orientation fee assessed on your first tuition/fee bill in fall.

Family Guests

University Commons is reserved for students, so we encourage parents and guests to explore the Stillwater community guide, which is also available on our website at newstudents.okstate.edu.

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