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Orientation

Undergraduate Students

Each May, information about UCI’s Orientation Programs (http://www.orientation.uci.edu), sponsored by Student Life & Leadership (http://www.studentlife.uci.edu), is made available to admitted students who plan to enroll in the fall.

Summer Programs

Student Parent Orientation Program (SPOP). All freshmen are required to attend an orientation program. SPOP provides the opportunity for freshmen and their parents or guardians to attend a comprehensive orientation program. Each two-day, one-night program includes academic advising and registration for fall classes. In addition, information on housing, financial aid, campus resources, student life and more is included. SPOP is designed for all domestic and international freshmen.

International Student Parent Orientation Program (ISPOP) is a mandatory orientation program for all incoming international freshmen who are not able to attend SPOP. ISPOP is a three-day, two-night program specifically designed to help orient new international freshmen to life at UCI and in the United States. ISPOP is specifically designed for new international students who have little or no experience living in the U.S.

Transfer Student Parent Orientation Program (TSPOP) is an optional orientation for transfer students looking for a comprehensive introduction to life at UCI. This two-day, one-night program coincides with SPOP and offers transfer students a thorough overview of what to expect during their transition to a research university as well as information on housing, financial aid, campus resources, student life and more.

Mini-Transfer Student Parent Orientation Program (mini-TSPOP) is a unique one-day program designed to help orient new transfers to the basics at UCI in a short time. Held in early summer, the program provides information on campus resources, student life, and making the transition to academic life at a research university. It also provides a jump-start on getting to know faculty and how to get involved with research as an undergraduate.

For more information about all of the orientation programs, visit the Orientation Programs website (http://www.orientation.uci.edu); telephone 949-824-3374; or email orientation@uci.edu.

Welcome Week

Welcome Week is held each fall a few days prior to the beginning of classes. A variety of academic and social activities for new and returning students are held during this time. For more information, visit the Welcome Week website (https://www.welcomeweek.uci.edu).

Graduate Students

Incoming graduate students are strongly encouraged to attend the Campuswide New Graduate Student Orientation, held during the third week of September each fall. This orientation covers all aspects of navigating graduate education at UC Irvine, including graduate student services. It augments school/department-based orientations, and students should attend both. Information about the Campuswide New Graduate Student Orientation is emailed to incoming graduate students the summer prior to the event. Inquiries may be directed to gradorientation@uci.edu, and details are available at the Campuswide New Graduate Student Orientation website (http://www.grad.uci.edu/services/campuswide-orientation/grad-orientation.html).

There is an additional orientation event specifically for international graduate students, which focuses specifically on topics that impact international graduate students and building community with fellow students and Peer Mentors. Details are available here (http://www.grad.uci.edu/services/campuswide-orientation/internation-orientation.html). International graduate students should also attend Campuswide Graduate Welcome and Orientation.