

Your Guide to

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

at SUNY Oswego





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WELCOME!

We are excited that you have chosen
SUNY Oswego as the destination
for your **college career**.

We are thrilled to offer a unique summer orientation experience as we continue to balance student's excitement for visiting campus and the public health needs presented by the Covid-19 Pandemic.

All new students are:

- **Invited** to participate in a one-day, in-person orientation program
- **Required** to complete the Oswego Online Orientation program

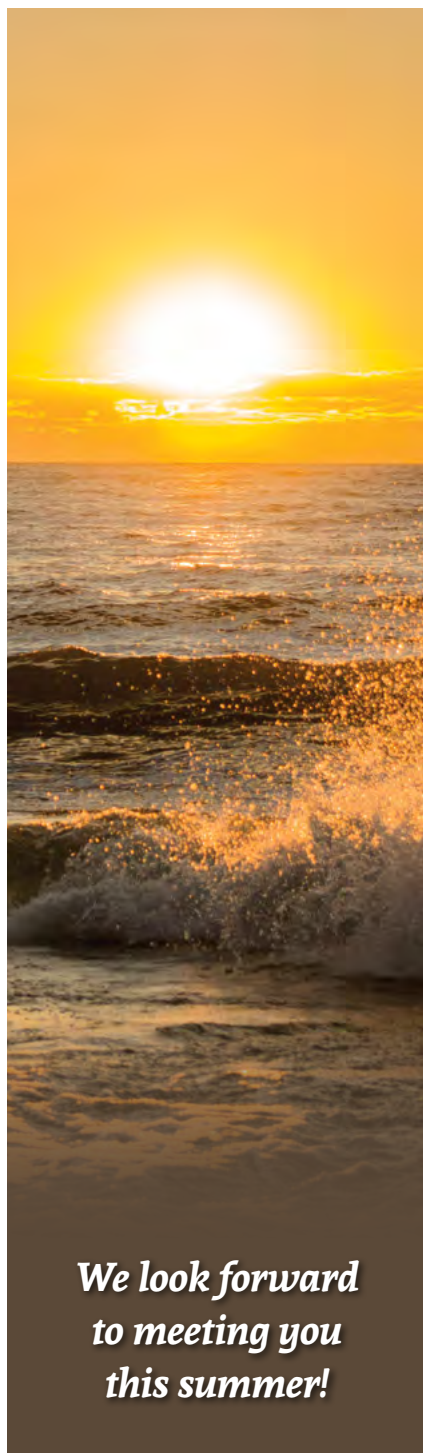
We have a great deal of information to share with you. In addition, we will connect you to current students to answer your questions and get you excited for this new journey. Both of the orientation experiences will serve as an important component of your transition to Oswego.

This booklet will guide you through the process of confirming your participation in the new student orientation experiences and get you on your way to creating a course schedule for the Fall semester. Visit oswego.edu/appstatus and **complete the steps outlined in pages 6-7 of this booklet in preparation for Orientation.**

Please review this booklet carefully. It will keep you on track when completing your Orientation requirements and provide you with other information regarding campus services, including housing.

If you have any questions as you navigate through the New Student Menu, or identify as an adult learner*, please contact the Office of New Student Orientation at (315) 312-5522 or via email at orient@oswego.edu.

*Please view page 7 to see if you may be considered an adult learner.



***We look forward
to meeting you
this summer!***



FIRST YEAR & TRANSFER ORIENTATION

The new student orientation experience is designed to introduce you to campus, academic expectations, and social life at SUNY Oswego. Our Oswego community is excited to welcome new students and their families to campus this summer through attendance at our one-day, in-person orientation programs. We respect the decision you and your educational supporters make regarding your attendance at an in-person orientation program over the summer. Attendance at the in-person orientation program is optional. All students, regardless if they attend an in-person orientation program or not, **are required to complete the Oswego Online Orientation program prior to the first day of classes.**

- **What to Expect:** Through your orientation experience, you will meet returning student mentors, your new peers, faculty, and staff who will provide you with information about the academic and social culture at SUNY Oswego. Opportunities for engagement will be offered in both virtual and in-person settings.
- **Connect with Student Mentors:** An assigned Laker Leader will guide you through the Orientation process.
- **Connect with your Academic Advisor:** All first year and transfer students are registered for first semester courses by their academic advisor. As a part of the Orientation process you will connect with your advisor and will learn more about academic expectations.
- **Meet New Students:** Your Laker Leader will offer online sessions so you can meet other students (sessions specifically for first year OR transfer students).

OSWEGO ONLINE ORIENTATION

Oswego Online Orientation modules, housed in Blackboard (our Learning Management System), are designed for you to learn about our campus, specifically regarding academic expectations, student life, and other resources/services we offer such as career services, dining, accessibility resources, fitness/recreation and technology. Whether you are a first year or transfer student, each module will be applicable to you as they are focused on the Oswego experience.

Our online modules deploy weekly beginning **June 20, 2022**. You will receive an email in your SUNY Oswego email account when the newest module is available for completion.



IN-PERSON ORIENTATION

For our new students and their family members who are seeking an in-person orientation experience, we've designed a one-day program that connects you with students, faculty, and staff from across our campus. You'll meet your peers through small group sessions, enjoy meals in our dining facilities, and learn the lay of the land as you explore all our campus has to offer.

Dates for the in-person orientation programs can be viewed on our website: oswego.edu/orientation. Students can register for an in-person orientation program in the New Student Menu beginning in mid-May.

FAMILY & GUEST ORIENTATION

We know families are going through this transition too! You are invited to participate in our in-person orientation program and opt in to receive information similar to what we are creating for your student, so that you can also learn about our academic expectations, student life opportunities and details of available resources and services.

- **Connect with Offices Around Campus:** No matter your student's preferred orientation modality, we want to make sure you know we are here to support your students in this time of transition by putting you in contact with folks that can answer your questions. You can find more information about the family-specific resources our office maintains by visiting our website: oswego.edu/orientation.
- **Meet Other Families:** We will provide opportunities for you to connect with other families virtually.
- **Connect with our Returning Student Mentors:** Wondering what student life is really like on our campus? Our Laker Leaders are available to answer your questions about life along the lake.
- **Attending an In-Person Orientation:** This program runs concurrent to your student's orientation program and includes several sessions designed just for you, each with a special emphasis on assisting your student in their college transition. *Due to space restrictions presented by our campus Covid practices, students may only bring 1 guest to the in-person orientation program and guests must be age 18 or older.*

4 REQUIRED STEPS FOR

To complete each step, you must log on to **oswego.edu**

STEP ONE:

ACTIVATE Email Account and Laker NetID

If you have not done so already, activate your Laker NetID and Oswego email account.

Once your Laker NetID is activated, check your Oswego email often! All of our communication will come to your Oswego email account.

Please note: email is SUNY Oswego's official form of communication.

STEP TWO:

COMPLETE Academic Requirements

Click on Academic Requirements and Complete the New Student Information Sheet.

Depending on your major, you may need to complete a Math Placement Exam before your advisor can complete your registration.

*For more info visit:
oswego.edu/mathplacement*

COMPLETE Health Requirements

Click on Health Requirements and Complete the Health History and Immunization Forms.

New York State Public Health Law requires new students to complete the Health History and Immunization Form.

*Please note: **no physical exam** is required for new and incoming students.*



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u/appstatus and navigate to the **New Student Menu**



must be completed by August 21, 2022

STEP THREE:

AGREE to Complete the New Student Orientation Experience

Sign your **INTENT FORM** to complete the Oswego Online Orientation modules and the in-person orientation program.

After you have filled out the form to complete the online Orientation you will receive an email letting you know when the modules are available.

Are you an adult learner?

An adult learner is typically 25 years of age or older, works full time while enrolled in courses; is a veteran or actively serving in the armed forces; married; or financially responsible for dependents. If you identify with any of these characteristics, give us a call for your program options! Our staff is dedicated to supporting your successful transition. The office can be reached by phone at (315)-312-5522.

SUBMIT your Student ID Photo

Click on **Submit your Student ID Photo** and upload a photo for your Student ID card.

You will receive your Student ID card at your in-person orientation program, when you move-in for the fall semester, or if you're a commuter student, at your mailing address.

STEP FOUR:

COMPLETE Online Orientation and REGISTER for your In-Person Program

Click on **Online Orientation** and **Complete the Online Orientation** program prior to attendance of **Summer Orientation**. If you plan to attend an in-person orientation program, click on the link to register in **Step 4**.

All new, incoming students are required to complete our Online Orientation program, which optimizes your in-person learning and experiences, by August 21, 2022. The link for Online Orientation will not be active until late June.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I access my email account?

You can reach your Oswego email messages by going to oswego.edu/mail. Since we use Google as our email provider, it will take you to a Google email login page. You'll sign in using your full SUNY Oswego email address and the same password you use to get into myOswego.

Please note, if you have a personal Gmail account, you may need to add your SUNY Oswego email account in order to access both at the same time. If you have any problems with getting to your Oswego email messages, please check out the FAQ list at <https://www.oswego.edu/cts/account-faqs> or contact the CTS Help Desk at help@oswego.edu.

When will I receive my course schedule?

As a new student, you will be pre-registered for courses by an academic advisor after you complete Step Three. The Information Sheet in Step 2 on the New Student Menu is where you can tell us your preferences along with all the information we need to get you a schedule that will best meet your needs. It is also very important that you send your final transcript with all of your final grades **as soon as possible**. This will ensure you are placed in the correct course levels.

If I need special accommodations during the academic year, who should I contact?

Accessibility Resources is dedicated to supporting students who require accommodations. If you are a student with a disability, please contact Accessibility Resources at access@oswego.edu.

What travel and accommodations are available for the in-person orientation program?

If you're traveling from the downstate area, we offer an Orientation Express Bus that provides direct transportation from New York City to Oswego and back. Family members and guests are welcome to stay on-campus for their overnight program, and we provide campus accommodations for those traveling to campus early. We list all accommodation and travel options on our website. Learn more at oswego.edu/orientation.





ON CAMPUS HOUSING

Housing Application

Complete your New Student Housing Application at myHousing.oswego.edu.

This includes signing the Housing and Dining License and submitting residence hall and roommate requests, if applicable.

The New Student Housing Application will 'go live' at myHousing.oswego.edu on March 1, 2022 at 10 a.m. Beginning on this date, you will have access to the New Student Housing Application. After submitting the application, you will be able to access the application until May 31st.

Room Assignments

Students that submit their New Student Housing Application by June 10, 2022 will be assigned in the first round of assignments. If you submit your New Student Housing Application after June 10, 2022, we will still provide housing for you in the next round of assignments. *So don't wait!!*

Assignments will be made in June and be posted at myHousing.oswego.edu the first week of July. At that time you will be able to see your roommate's name and contact information. Although we can't guarantee you will be assigned to a specific residence hall, we will do everything possible to honor your hall preferences.



ADVISEMENT AT OSWEGO

The Advisement Center is here to help you thrive academically. Your success here at SUNY Oswego is our top priority.

The Advisement Center helps students in their transition from high school and other institutions to SUNY Oswego. Before the start of the semester, an advisor will be available to answer your questions and provide academic support.

Students are assigned an advisor at the time of deposit and will have the ability to work with them over the summer. To learn more about SUNY Oswego's advisement model, visit oswego.edu/advisement.



WHAT'S TO COME

Move-In 2022

We are planning for a traditional Fall move-in and will provide more detailed information regarding dates/time in early July. Our professional and student staff members, including our Laker Move-in Crew, are excited to welcome you to your new home on campus.

For more information, please visit oswego.edu/reslife

Opening Week 2022

First year student or transfer student, living on campus or commuting, Opening Week is for you! During Opening Week, students are invited to take part in long-standing campus traditions, free social events, and more!

Several Opening Week events are required of all new students. Those events and dates will be shared with students via SUNY Oswego email.

Oswego Reading Initiative (ORI)

The Oswego Reading Initiative is an annual project encouraging the campus community to read one book over the summer. To accompany the selection, a series of programs, including cultural events and talks are planned to facilitate discussion and involvement around the title.

All incoming first year students are expected to read the ORI book in the summer before their arrival on campus for the fall semester.





Learn more about ORI at oswego.edu/oswego-reading-initiative

Students will be notified of experiences and updates via their SUNY Oswego email.

SUNY Oswego email is the College's official form of communication, so please be sure to check it often.

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