BE THE BEAR AT
SUMMER ORIENTATION

7:30 to 8:15 a.m. Check-In at Orientation Headquarters and Coffee.........................Heritage Hall, University Center (UC)
Welcome to Summer Orientation! Enjoy a cup of coffee and prepare for your day. Also during this timeframe, families and guests can purchase lunch meal tickets for $8.25 from the UC Ticket Booth.
Should you have any questions throughout the day, please stop by Orientation Headquarters, located at the Orientation Check-In area. We are happy to assist you!

8:30 to 8:45 a.m. Welcome and Overview of the Day.......................................................Hawkins Arena, UC
We're glad you're here! Members of the Mercer community will welcome you and outline today's schedule.

8:45 to 12:15 p.m. Siblings Program..................................................................................Departs from Hawkins Arena Floor, UC
Mercer siblings under the age of 12 are invited to join the Peer Advisors (PAs) for a morning of fun in Penfield Hall Large Room, located on Cruz Plaza. Families should pick up siblings at 12:15 p.m. from the Orientation Headquarters station in the UC's Heritage Hall.

9:00 to 10:15 a.m. Meetings with Deans..........................................................Locations Listed Below
Students and families meet with a representative from their college or school to discuss academic requirements and learn more about the career of a Mercer student. See pg. 3 of the Bear Facts.
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS: Willingham Auditorium
STETSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS: Stetson Hall, Room 251
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING: Science & Engineering Building, Room 110
TIFT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION: Stetson Hall, Room 158
TOWNSEND SCHOOL OF MUSIC: Newton Chapel Sanctuary
COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS: Stetson Hall, Room 241

STUDENT SCHEDULE

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Placement Exams..........................................................Departs from Making Mercer Connections
If you have been advised during your Dean's meeting to take either or both exams, please plan to do so this morning or afternoon. See pg. 3 of the Bear Facts.
MATH PLACEMENT EXAM: Stetson Hall, Lab 238
FOREIGN LANGUAGE PLACEMENT EXAM: Stetson Hall, Labs 133 & 135

10:30 to 12:15 p.m. Making Mercer Connections.........................................................Farmer’s Market, UC
Join the PAs, your classmates, and members of the Mercer community for an interactive session designed to help you establish connections on campus.

10:30 to 4:00 p.m. Academic Advising Appointments Begin..................................Your Advisor’s Office
You will receive an advising time to meet with an academic advisor during orientation (see pg. 3 of the Bear Facts). As your advising time nears, a PA will help you find the advisor’s office. You’ll have the opportunity to review your Fall 2018 course schedule and adjust accordingly. Note: Schedules can be adjusted in July once AP scores are received by the Registrar’s Office.

FAMILY & GUEST SCHEDULE

10:30 to 11:10 a.m. Surviving Your Student’s First Year..............................................Willingham Auditorium
This session is designed for families and guests to address transition issues related to sending your student to college.

11:10 to 11:30 a.m. Mid-Morning Break.................................................................Willingham Auditorium
Review your notes from the sessions, learn more about Bear Mail, and prepare for your final morning workshop.

11:30 to 12:15 p.m. Student Health and Safety Panel............................................Willingham Auditorium
Join representatives from the Division of Student Affairs, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), Student Health Center (SHC), Title IX, and Mercer Police to discuss the support systems in place that prioritize student health and safety. See pg. 5 of the Bear Facts.
12:15 to 1:00 p.m. Lunch.......................................................................................................................................................UC
Redeem your “Bear Bucks” meal ticket with a catering staff member for a boxed lunch in the UC. Feel free to find seating in the UC’s Food Court, Farmer’s Market, or Presidents Dining Room (PDR).

Use this time to plan the remainder of your Orientation day. Remember: If you desire to attend the Residence Hall Information Session & Tours, reserve your time at Orientation Headquarters during lunch.

1:00-1:30 & 1:30-2:00 p.m. Your First Year at Mercer.........................................................................................Presidents Dining Room (PDR), UC
Prepare for your next steps this summer, Opening Day, and Bear Beginnings weekend festivities. Learn more about the year ahead and how you’ll use the Orangeprint, a four-year blueprint for your Mercer experience.

1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Residence Hall Information Session & Tours..........................................................Penfield Hall Large Room
Join the Office of Housing and Residence Life for a brief presentation explaining the online room selection process that students complete in July to select their housing location for the fall semester. Following this presentation, groups depart from Penfield Hall to view first-year residence hall options. See pg. 9 of the Bear Facts.

Available timeframe for the Residence Hall Information Session & Tours are:
1:00-2:00 p.m. | 1:30-2:30 p.m. | 2:00-3:00 p.m. | 2:30-3:30 p.m. | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Campus Business.....................................................................................Throughout Campus
Campus offices are available throughout the afternoon to answer questions and provide further information that aids in your transition to Mercer.

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Placement Exams......................................................................................Locations Listed Below
If you have been advised to take placement exams, please do so today.
See pg. 4 of the Bear Facts.
MATH PLACEMENT EXAM: Stetson Hall, Lab 238
FOREIGN LANGUAGE PLACEMENT EXAM: Stetson Hall, Lab 135

1:30-2:00 & 2:30-3:30 p.m. Pre-Health Program Information..............................................Farmer’s Market, UC
If you are interested in pursuing any of Mercer’s pre-health programs, learn more about your track’s requirements in your first year. See pg. 4 of the Bear Facts.

1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Campus Tours.................................................................................Depart from Ticket Booth, UC
After you’ve received your fall course schedule in your advising appointment, PAs will depart every thirty minutes to walk you through your schedule and classroom buildings for the fall semester. Please note: The last tour leaves at 3:00 p.m.

2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Campus Resource Fair............................................................Heritage Hall, UC
Interact with resources from across campus. Remember to turn in your Immunization Form to the Student Health Center (SHC) table and your Student Records Release Authorization (FERPA form) to the Registrar’s table. Pick up your Bear Card (if pre-printed) and your MU Box number from the Auxiliary Services: Bear Card and Mail Services table.

2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Bear Card Production & Distribution.........................................................Mail Services Office, UC
Students who haven’t previously received a Bear Card nor uploaded a photo for pre-printing can have their Bear Card printed today in Mail Services.

2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Relaxation Station.................................Presidents Dining Room (PDR), UC
Soak up a few moments of rest before you depart for home. Families can also hand in their Bear Mail to the Family Corner inside the Presidents Dining Room.

As You Depart ‘Bear’ly Goodbye..................................................Orientation Headquarters, UC
Enjoy an afternoon treat with the PAs and clarify any remaining questions with Orientation Headquarters.
Your orientation day may be complete but this is ‘bear’ly goodbye—we’ll see you for Opening Day: Saturday, August 18!