

# BE THE BEAR AT SUMMER ORIENTATION



**7:00 AM to 7:45 AM** **Check-In at Orientation Headquarters** ..... **Penfield Hall Large Room**  
Welcome to Summer Orientation! Check in at our Orientation Headquarters inside Penfield Hall. Enjoy a cup of coffee, prepare for your day, and hang out on Cruz before the Welcome begins. Should you have any questions throughout the day, please stop by Orientation Headquarters.

**8:00 AM to 8:30 AM** **Welcome and Overview of the Day** ..... **Toney Auditorium**  
We are glad that you are here with us! Members of the Mercer community will welcome you and outline today's schedule.

## Family & Guest Schedule

**8:45 AM to 10:00 AM** **Family Matters: Academic Support for Your Student** ..... **Toney Auditorium**  
There is a lot to consider before fall classes begin in August, and we are excited to share an overview of what you can expect. Academic rigor, first-year academic support and Bear Beginnings are just a few topics we will discuss. You'll also meet faculty/staff members of the Provost's Council who design various academic experiences to support students' undergraduate journeys.

**10:00 AM to 10:15 AM** **Bear Book Bundle Overview** ..... **Toney Auditorium**  
Academic success cannot happen without the proper tools, and textbooks and other course materials remain instrumental in this process. Learn more about Mercer's affordable rental program from our Bookstore representatives!

## Student Schedule

**8:45 AM to 10:15 AM** **Math & Foreign Language Placement Exams** ..... **Campus Labs**  
Mercer's Math and Foreign Language departments have designed placement tests that will help place you into courses that will challenge you but also ones for which you are prepared. If you have been advised to and are registered to take either or both exams, please plan to do so this morning.

**Ready to BE THE BEAR?** ..... **Willet Auditorium**  
Test your knowledge of Mercer and Discover new information with your orientation group! Learn how to win prizes during the day and receive your orientation punchcard!

**As students finish their placement exams, they will join the rest of their orientation group in Willet Auditorium!**

**10:20 AM to 10:25 AM** **College & School Line-up** ..... **Historic Quad**  
Both families and students will reconnect on the Historic Quad to line up with their college or school before making their way to Deans Meetings.

**10:30 AM to 11:30 AM** **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 what it takes to be a successful Mercer student.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES: Willingham Hall, Toney Auditorium  
STETSON-HATCHER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS: Stetson Hall, Room 251  
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING: Science & Engineering, Room 110  
TIFT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION: Stetson Hall, Room 158  
TOWNSEND SCHOOL OF MUSIC: McCorkle Music Building  
COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS: Willet Science Building, Willet Auditorium



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## Student Schedule

- 11:45 AM** **Making Mercer Connections** ..... **Cruz Plaza**  
to  
**12:45 PM** Join Peer Advisors, classmates, and members of the Mercer community for an interactive session designed to help you establish connections on campus
- 11:45 AM** **Academic Advising Appointments Begin** ..... **Your Advisor's Office**  
to  
**12:45 PM** You will receive an advising time to meet with an academic advisor today. As your advising time nears, a PA will help you find the advisor's office. You'll have the opportunity to review and adjust your Fall 2024 course schedule. Note: Schedules may possibly need to be adjusted again in July once AP scores are received by the Registrar's Office.

## Family & Guest Schedule

- 11:45 AM** **Student Health and Safety Panel** ..... **Toney Auditorium**  
to  
**12:45 PM** Join representatives from the Division of Student Affairs, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), Student Health Center (SHC), Title IX, Residence Life, and Mercer Police to discuss the support systems in place that prioritize student health and safety.

- 1:00 PM** **Lunch** ..... **Penfield Large Room or Presidents Dining Room**  
to  
**2:00 PM** Redeem your "Bear Bucks" meal ticket with a catering staff member for lunch inside Penfield Large Room or the UC Presidents Dining Room (PDR). Feel free to find seating inside, on Cruz Plaza, or anywhere across campus.
- 2:15 PM** **Academic Advising Appointments Continue** ..... **Your Advisor's Office**  
to  
**4:15 PM** You will receive an advising time to meet with an academic advisor today. As your advising time nears, a PA will help you find the advisor's office. You'll have the opportunity to review and adjust your Fall 2024 course schedule. Note: Schedules may possibly need to be adjusted again in July once AP scores and/or dual enrollment transcripts are received by the Registrar's Office.

## Options for the Afternoon

- 2:15 PM** **Campus Resource Fair** ..... **Heritage Hall**  
to  
**4:15 PM** **Campus Business** ..... **Throughout Campus**  
Campus offices are available throughout the afternoon to answer questions and provide further information to assist in your transition to Mercer.
- Residence Halls Tours** ..... **Cruz Plaza**  
Meet your Campus tour guides on Cruz Plaza at the Ask A Peer Advisor tent to take a tour of a few of our campus residence halls. (Some residence halls are closed for maintenance or camp use during the summer).
- Please arrive at least 5 mins before the allotted tour times for departure:**  
**( 2:15 - 2:45 ) ( 3:00 - 3:30 ) ( 3:45 - 4:15 )**

## Workshops

- 2:15 PM** **Residence Life and Move-In Information** ..... **Presidents Dining Room**  
to  
**3:00 PM** Join the Office of Residence Life for a brief presentation about the residence life experience and the Opening Day move-in process.
- 3:00 PM** **Fraternity and Sorority Programs (FSP) at Mercer** ..... **Presidents Dining Room**  
to  
**3:30 PM** Interested in Fraternity and Sorority Programs at Mercer? Join representatives from each council to hear more information about Mercer's Greek Life community