



Frequently Asked Questions

How do you register for Orientation? You can register for Orientation on our webpage by clicking the *"New Student Orientation Registration can be found here"* Button. This will take you to a separate webpage where you can choose a session you would like to attend. We will need some information about you to process your registration.

Is Orientation Required for New Students? Yes. Attendance at the New Student Orientation program is **MANDATORY** for all first-year freshman and transfer students. The program is designed to ease the transition to the Roger Williams community. During Orientation, students will learn about vital campus resources as well as the opportunities available to them that supplement and enhance their educational and co-curricular experience. Students will also be confirming their course schedule. Orientation is the first step you take as a Roger Williams student, and if you do not attend you may set yourself back in the process of becoming a Hawk!

Is Orientation Required for Family Members? We do not require Family Members to attend Orientation, but the staff highly encourages family members to attend. Due to the large amounts of information

shared at all the available sessions, younger family members may not be as interested in attending but are still welcome to join.

Do I stay overnight if I am a commuter student? Commuter Students will stay overnight during our June program, this is a great way to make connections with other students.

Do we provide housing for families during Orientation? Overnight accommodations are not provided for family members; family members interested in booking overnight accommodations can visit our webpage for area hotels at <https://www.rwu.edu/maps-directions/accommodations>.

I have registered for Orientation, but how do I switch my date? Students can contact the Orientation Office via email at orientation@rwu.edu. We can reschedule your date pending space in June sessions.

Do you need to attend orientation with your intended roommate? No, this is not required. In fact, by attending orientation without a roommate, students may have an easier time branching out to meet new people!

What should I bring to orientation? Comfortable clothing for both day 1 and day 2, as well as anything that you may need to spend the night (including medications). You will need to bring linens (blanket/sheets) or a sleeping bag and a pillow as the residence halls do NOT have linen. We suggest packing light, as we will not be spending an abundant amount of time in the residence hall. We also suggest taking a look at the forecast ahead to prepare for any bad weather: rain or shine, our Orientation program continues! ***Please note that students should bring their belongings to check in as you will also be visiting the residence hall you will be staying in.***

Can I change my major at orientation? Yes, students will have the opportunity to meet with an admissions counselor (if necessary) to discuss potential major changes.

Will I be staying in my residence hall for next year? All students that participate in the summer 2-day program will be spending the night in one of our first-year residence halls, although it will not necessarily be the housing assignment they will have when they attend in the fall.

Who do I contact if I need special accommodations? We are more than happy to accommodate students if need be. To make these arrangements, contact our orientation department via email at orientation@rwu.edu.

Where do I find the schedule for Orientation? Students and families will be sent the program schedule for the Orientation program one week prior to their session. The Orientation schedule will be published via Guidebook.

When do I register for my classes? During New Student Advising and Registration, you will learn about the RWU curriculum, degree requirements, and academic opportunities. You will meet with a faculty member, your school dean, or an academic advisor to finalize your course schedule and learn how to use our student portal, Roger Central. Students will receive information on how to register for an appointment to register for classes in advance of Orientation. Course Schedules are confirmed at our Orientation program

How will I know what classes I need to take? There will be an advising session for each student prior to registering for classes. During these sessions, students will be meeting 1:1 with an academic advisor to discuss their course schedule.

If I am deferring until the spring, should I still attend orientation over the summer? Students who decide to defer their admission should attend our January orientation session that is best suited for the spring semester.

Do I need to bring money to orientation? No, the registration covers the cost of all food, housing, and activities for the duration of the program.