

# ORIENTATION

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Location: Jones Hall  
 Website: <https://ysu.edu/first-year-student-services> (<https://ysu.edu/first-year-student-services/>)

## First-Year Student Orientation

Orientation is a requirement for all first-year undergraduate students. During orientation, students work with faculty and staff to help them with the transition into college. Students are acclimated to the university by learning about university expectations, building connections with other incoming first-year students, and registering for their academic courses. They are also provided various opportunities to ask and learn about the available resources on campus, support services, and student organizations.

Students must take the following steps to register for orientation:

- Upon admittance to the university, students will receive a packet from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions with instruction on activating their Penguin Portal account.
- Once the account is activated and the student is logged in, they can then register by selecting "Register for Orientation."
- After the reservation has been submitted, an email will be sent to the student with further information on the orientation program details and agenda.
- After attending Orientation, students will then register for and attend the IGNITE program.

## Transfer Student Orientation

Transfer student orientation provides an opportunity for incoming transfer students to learn about the university, navigate any campus resources/technology, review transfer credit, and meet with an academic advisor. This program is offered in two different formats. Students can choose to complete the program in real time or through a prompted, self-paced program.

Transfer students must take the following steps to register for orientation and select their preferred format:

- Upon admittance to the university, students will receive a packet from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions with instruction on activating their Penguin Portal account.
- Once the account is activated and the student is logged in, they can then register by selecting "Register for Orientation."
- After the reservation has been submitted, an email will be sent to the student with further information on the orientation program details and agenda.

## International Student Orientation

The International Student Orientation program is designed to welcome students to YSU with a successful transition to campus. Topics covered in orientation include key information on immigration matters, health insurance, campus resources, and more. All students will register for academic courses during orientation.

If necessary, students will also take placement tests during orientation.

After admittance to the university, students can register for orientation through the International Programs Office website.

## IGNITE

IGNITE is a one-day program for first-year students to connect with one another, the campus community, and find their place at YSU. It is a "Welcome to Campus" program for our newest Penguins that have attended summer/fall orientation. The IGNITE program occurs the week prior to the start of fall classes each August.

## CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Office: First Year Student Services