Center for New Student & Family Programs

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Who we are?

The Center for New Student & Family Programs welcome each new Utah student and their family and connects them to personalized support and meaningful opportunities by promoting academic excellence and successful transitions.
Why we do what we do?

The Center for New Student and Family Programs believes each University of Utah student deserves to have a college experience that instills a love for their alma mater. To create an environment that promotes this and student success, our staff provides key programs and activities focused on orientation, transition, and retention. These include intentional orientation programs, first-year student programs, transfer student programs, parent and family programs, and communications.

Through these key activities, our staff aspires to create an environment where all students feel valued for and empowered by their unique talents and identities, find a sense of belonging and support, and have positive social and emotional experiences that lead to personal growth and academic success. We understand that this impact cannot be facilitated by one team alone and so aim to inspire a shared vision with students, their families, campus partners, and other agents who want to foster student success.
New Student Orientation

This mandatory program for all new first-year students provides the opportunity to learn more about academic programs and support, connect with peers, receive information about campus involvement opportunities, and register for first semester classes.

It is also TONS OF FUN!!!
Example Schedule

Two-Day, Overnight Program

• Check-in
• Pre-Orientation Sessions
• Campus Tour
• Design Your Degree
• Learning Communities
• Faculty Session
• Small Group Meetings
• Evening Activities
• Information Fair/Interest Sessions
• First Semester Course Planning
Parent & Family Orientation

“The Parent Orientation was wonderful and eased a lot of the anxiety we were having. The entire experience was positive and the people who worked at the campus, both students and staff, were exceptionally nice and welcoming.”

"I was really impressed with the Orientation! The presenters were very prepared and gave valuable information. The student helpers were amazing! It was a great experience, and our first!“

“Well done! I am so glad we were able to attend. This orientation opportunity was well worth the trip to learn all we could through the orientation and explore the campus and surrounding area.”
Registering for NSO

- Pay enrollment deposit before registering
- Login using your student ID (UNID)
- Go to orientation.utah.edu
- Select summer or fall New Student Orientation
- Fill out required information
- Register any parents or guests
- Pay orientation fee
Two types for students to choose from:

**Adventure:** Outdoor immersion experience in collaboration with Outdoor Adventures Office. Students spend four days camping, hiking, climbing, and kayaking.

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**Sessions in June, July, and August TBA**

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**August 15-18, 2016**
Welcome Week

Spanning eleven days at the start of the fall semester, this program welcomes all students to campus and is highlighted by these major events:

• Pioneer Your First Year
• New Student Welcome
• Food Truck Rally
• PlazaFest
• Block U Class Picture
• Crimson Nights