

UPDATED PROPOSAL: EXTENDED ORIENTATION PROGRAMMING BEGINNING IN FALL 2022

Beginning Fall 2022, Enrollment Management (EM) and partners propose offering an extension to new student orientation. This program will help new, main campus students acclimate to the University of Arizona and take place prior to the fall semester beginning. The programming will help students develop a sense of belong as part of the Wildcat Family and is intended to increase retention and completion. Institutions that offer such programs have seen an increase in first-to-second year retention.

To do this, we propose moving the first day of fall semester classes to a Wednesday and provide a structured transitional “extended orientation” (to be named) for new main campus students (and their families/ supporters). A Wednesday start will align fall and spring semesters as well and allow for two full days of connecting new students with “just in time” information for a successful start.

For Fall 2021, the Orientation and New Student Services team will implement a smaller-scale (virtual) version to welcome our new Wildcats within the current calendar.

PREPARING FOR THIS CHANGE

AFFORDABILITY

A two-day program will keep added expenses to a minimum for new students and their families. A small increase is expected in housing and meal costs which will also be reflected in the estimated cost of attendance used to determine eligibility for financial aid.

PLANNING

The Office of Orientation and New Student Services in EM will lead the planning and implementation of this effort in conjunction with a committee of campus partners. A full plan will be developed throughout Summer/Fall 2021. Best practices and benchmarking have been done with student belonging, student success and retention as the focus. Launching this program in AY22-23 will also align with the new General Education curriculum. More information on similar programming offered can be reviewed at <https://bit.ly/3dczVcl>.

BUDGET

To offer this new program all incoming, main campus students, will pay a slight increase in the Enrollment Fee of \$25. The increase was approved via ABOR in the April 2021 meeting and will be effective for Fall 2022 enrollees. Please note Pell eligible students are able to defer the Enrollment Fee.

SAMPLE PROGRAMMING *(to be determined with campus partners and academic units)*

- Small group connection opportunities and programming with student leaders
- Entire Incoming Class Programming
 - New Student Convocation
 - Interest Sessions
 - Title IX Conversations & Training
 - Cultural Competency Training and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Panels
 - Financial Literacy/Education
 - Class Photo
- Separate programming tracks for first-year vs. transfer students
- Parent/supporter programming

Extended Orientation Topics & Sessions:

- Academic Convocation (Presidential Welcome, Provost, College Deans)
- Campus Resource Tours
- Campus Safety Programming
- Campus Traditions
- Career Development and Student Engagement
- College/Department Programming (UA Clicks expanded)
- Cultural Competency Training / Title IX
- Dean of Students
- Financial literacy, including financial aid and scholarships
- Housing Programming/Relationship Building
- Start of School Celebration
- Tucson Community

CAMPUS PARTNERS (partial list on no particular order):

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| • Academic Colleges & Departments | • Dean of Students |
| • Housing & Residence Life | • Parent & Family Programming |
| • Scholarships & Financial Aid | • Presidential Events |
| • Student Unions / BookStores / Parking | • Hispanic Serving Initiatives |
| • Campus Recreation | • Native American Initiatives |
| • Disability Resource Center | • UAF / Alumni Association |
| • Campus Health | • Research and Innovation |
| • Student Success & Retention Innovation | • Advising Resource Center |
| • A Center | • Government & Community Relations |
| • Cultural Centers/Resource Centers | • Off Campus Partners |
| • Campus Life (ASUA, Greek Life) | • UA Libraries |
| • Student Development & Career Engagement | • Office of the Registrar |
| | • And many others... |