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New Student Orientation
2012

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pride and purpose
“Orientation really gave me a feel for what the campus was going to be like, academically and socially, before the upper-class students arrived. It certainly helped to ease the transition from high school to college life.”
Dear Hofstra Student:

Welcome to the Hofstra University community!

Your decision to attend Hofstra is the beginning of what I know will be an extremely rewarding and dynamic experience for both you and your family. While this is no doubt an exciting time for you, the transition to a university community can also be challenging. To assist you in making a smooth transition to Hofstra, we have prepared a fun and informative New Student Orientation, which begins with the summer orientation program. During the summer program you will learn about resources at Hofstra, register for fall classes, meet faculty and advisors, and get to know your fellow Hofstra students.

The process continues with the Discovery Program, an optional program open to all incoming first-year students, which takes place August 25 to 29. The Discovery Program provides opportunities to connect with fellow students while participating in a variety of experiential learning projects in the community. Space is limited, so please sign up early!

Your summer transition experience culminates with Welcome Week, which begins Thursday, August 30. Our Welcome Week coordinators have already begun planning programming and events for you!

Keep in mind that attendance in the New Student Orientation and Welcome Week is required. Please check the Welcome Week website, hofstra.edu/welcomeweek, for additional information.

It is important that you log in to the Hofstra portal (My.Hofstra.edu) as soon as possible to select a date for your summer orientation session. Dates fill up quickly.

I also encourage you to connect with your fellow classmates on Facebook at facebook.com/HofstraOrientation and facebook.com/HofstraStudents, follow the Division of Student Affairs on Twitter at twitter.com/HofstraStudents, and check out the Hofstra Student Life blog at hofstrastudentlife.blogspot.com.

All of us in the Division of Student Affairs work to create a valuable and enjoyable orientation program for you, a member of the Class of 2016! If you have any questions, please feel free to email orientation@hofstra.edu or call the Office of Student Leadership and Activities at 516-463-4874.

I look forward to meeting you this summer!

Regards,

Sandra S. Johnson
Vice President for Student Affairs
Website: hofstra.edu/StudentAffairs
... is New Student Orientation?

New Student Orientation is a three-day/two-night program in which new students live on campus and begin preparation for the fall semester. There are eight three-day sessions to choose from. Please indicate your top three preferences when you register online. Dates are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

... should I expect?

Before attending, you will receive information about the common reading for the Class of 2016, *Tension City: Inside the Presidential Debates, from Kennedy-Nixon to Obama-McCain* (see page 14). Discussion about this book will be the core of the model class on Wednesday and will prepare you for further dialogue when the author speaks during Welcome Week. A member of the Hofstra University faculty facilitates each model class, and the class discussion can flow naturally into a conversation about course-related expectations for new students. The differences between high school and college are significant; having professors identify expectations before classes begin is extremely beneficial. The session concludes with an overview of campus resources that can assist in your academic success. Students consistently rate the model class as one of their top experiences at New Student Orientation.

On Thursday, you’ll meet with an advisement dean from the Center for University Advisement or a member of the faculty. If you have preregistered for First-Year Connections seminars and clusters, this is an opportunity to round out your schedule and complete the registration process. Advisement appointments are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

... will I learn?

At New Student Orientation, you will learn about the academic and career resources available at Hofstra, including degree requirements and the advisement process. You will meet with an advisement dean from the Center for University Advisement during the “Meet Your Dean” session. During this session your advisement dean will introduce you to the advisement system at Hofstra, which is designed to support you in reaching your academic goals at Hofstra. Your advisement dean will discuss academic expectations, resources, and policies and procedures. This is followed by a question-and-answer session to clarify any concerns you may have about the curriculum.

... else?

Please remember not to make any travel arrangements until after you receive your email confirmation regarding your assigned orientation session. Registration appointments on the last day of orientation may end as late as 5 p.m. Your session assignment will be sent to your Hofstra Pride email account and can be accessed by logging in to the Hofstra portal at [My.Hofstra.edu](https://My.Hofstra.edu) and clicking on the “Gmail” icon.
Sample New Student Orientation Schedule

Day 1: Tuesday
- Check-in (8:45-9:30 a.m.)
- Learn about academic requirements and expectations.
- Meet your orientation leaders and connect with fellow members of the Class of 2016!
- Attend workshops about campus life.
- Experience life as a Hofstra student at evening activities.

Day 2: Wednesday
- Model class
- Learn about campus resources.
- Attend Hofstra’s Got Talent/Open Mic Night.

Day 3: Thursday
- Meet with an advisement dean.
- Register for fall classes.
- Get your HofstraCard.
- Register your vehicle and/or laptop (if applicable).
- Check out all Hofstra has to offer at the departmental open houses.
- Last check-out at 5 p.m.

Please note: You will receive a detailed schedule at check-in.

Who attends Summer Orientation?

All first-year students, regardless of whether they plan to commute or reside on campus in the fall, are required to attend the three-day/two-night New Student Orientation program.

When you attend New Student Orientation, you are assigned to a group led by an orientation leader (OL). This OL will contact you prior to your orientation session and greet you when you arrive on campus. Orientation leaders are current Hofstra students who will help acclimate you to campus, lead you on tours, answer questions, escort you to various social activities, and assist you with registration for your first semester. You will also have plenty of time to get to know your fellow classmates.

Parents and families are also encouraged to attend Parent Orientation, a daylong program on the first day of each New Student Orientation. Parents/family members should refer to the Parent Orientation booklet enclosed in this Welcome Folder.

Register parents/family members for their orientation session at the same time you are registering online for New Student Orientation. Please contact the Office of Parent and Family Programs at 516-463-4698 or parents@hofstra.edu with any questions about Parent Orientation.
Check-in begins at 8:45 a.m. at the Netherlands Complex, North Campus, on Tuesday. Students traveling from a distance may request to check in on Monday. Check-in on Monday begins after 6 p.m. and must be requested by email after you receive your New Student Orientation session confirmation. Please email orientation@hofstra.edu to request an early check-in. New Student Orientation is completed on Thursday afternoon after you register for classes and check out of the Netherlands Complex. Advisement appointments are scheduled through 5 p.m.

**SPECIAL GROUPS**

Select your dates accordingly if you are part of (or plan to be part of) any of these special groups:

**Cheerleaders and Dance Team** members must be registered students in order to practice with the teams during the summer. Students who expect to be Hofstra Cheerleaders or members of the Dance Team in the fall semester should attend one of the following sessions: June 26-28, July 10-12, and July 17-19.
Drama majors should attend one of the following sessions: June 12-14, June 19-21, June 26-28, and July 10-12.

Dance majors should attend one of the following sessions: June 12-14, June 19-21, July 10-12, and July 17-19.

Hofstra University Honors College students should attend one of the following sessions: June 12-14, June 19-21, June 26-28, and July 10-12.

International students are welcome to attend the August 7-9 summer orientation session, provided that all visa and immigration paperwork is in order. There is a required international student program August 27-29 that is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural & International Student Programs. Please be aware that we are unable to provide housing from August 9 to 27. If you have any questions about the international student program please call the Office of Multicultural & International Student Programs at 516-463-6796.

Music majors should attend one of the following sessions: June 12-14, June 19-21, June 26-28, July 10-12, July 31-August 2, and August 7-9. Prospective music majors will take the Music Theory Placement Exam during the last day of orientation. The exam takes approximately 1 1/2 hours to complete. Please call the Hofstra Department of Music at 516-463-5490 if you have questions related to this exam.

NCAA student-athletes should attend one of the following sessions: June 12-14 or June 19-21. These students should bring a copy of their fall practice schedule to orientation; it will assist with the preparation of an academic schedule. Students may wish to direct specific questions regarding practices and games to Hofstra Athletics at 516-463-6750, or contact the appropriate coach directly.

Zarb School of Business students are encouraged to attend one of the following sessions: June 12-14, June 19-21, June 26-28, and July 10-12.

“A friend of mine who attends Hofstra told me that New Student Orientation is really fun, but I didn’t realize just how fun it was until I got here. I love the way the OLs (orientation leaders) are so involved with the entire process — they’re committed and friendly! The professors are also very friendly. I really enjoyed New Student Orientation.”
HOW

… do I sign up for New Student Orientation?

1. Obtain your Hofstra network ID and password; you will need this information to register for orientation. (Call Student Computing Services at 516-463-7777 if you do not have this information.)

2. Visit the Hofstra portal (My.Hofstra.edu) to indicate your date preferences for New Student Orientation and explore options for your fall semester academic program. When you register for orientation online, please indicate your first choice, as well as two alternate orientation sessions. We will try to accommodate your first choice; however, space is often limited. Please do not choose the same date twice. We ask that you do not make travel plans until you receive an email confirmation from the Office of Student Leadership and Activities. Registration appointments on the last day of orientation may end as late as 5 p.m.

3. While registering for New Student Orientation on the Hofstra portal, remember to register your parents/family members for Parent Orientation.

4. Check your Hofstra Pride email account for your orientation session confirmation and vital information about online placement exams. Confirmations are sent to your Hofstra Pride email account within three business days of your registration request. If you have any difficulty accessing your Hofstra Pride email account, please call the Office of Student Computing Services at 516-463-7777. Please note: All correspondence regarding New Student Orientation and Welcome Week will be sent exclusively to your Hofstra Pride email account.

… do I take placement exams?

To complete your math and foreign language placement exams, log in to the Hofstra portal (My.Hofstra.edu) and click on the “blackboard” icon, shown below. Detailed instructions will be provided in your confirmation email. (Additional information is also provided in the “Frequently Asked Questions” section of this brochure.)

It is imperative to take the placement exams in math and foreign language prior to attending New Student Orientation. Failure to complete placement exams will delay your registration for classes on the last day of orientation.
… can I prepare for New Student Orientation?

Please refer to the following checklist to prepare for New Student Orientation.

- Read *Tension City: Inside the Presidential Debates, from Kennedy-Nixon to Obama-McCain*, which will be used as the basis for the model class during New Student Orientation. You will receive more information about this in the session confirmation email.

- Bring photo identification; you will need it in order to have your photo taken for your HofstraCard (Hofstra’s student ID card).

- Send verification of immunization for measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) if it is not already on file at the Health and Wellness Center. It is extremely important that you provide an updated verification of vaccinations as well as the meningitis response. Students who do not comply with this New York state law are not permitted to attend classes at the University. Call the Hofstra University Health and Wellness Center at **516-463-6745** with any questions.

- Send official transcripts for Advanced Placement credit, college credits, or credits from any other special programs to the Office of Undergraduate Admission.

- Bring your laptop so University software can be installed (if applicable).

- Bring your vehicle for registration (if applicable).

- Bring a sweatshirt or jacket, as the air-conditioning at Hofstra can be quite powerful!

- Bring linens (pillowcase, sheets and towels). A pillow and blanket will be provided.

- Bring an umbrella (just in case).

- Bring extra spending money (optional). Some students choose to shop at the Hofstra University Bookstore and sample some of the University’s many on-campus dining facilities in addition to the meals provided during New Student Orientation.

- Become a fan of “HofstraOrientation” on Facebook to connect with fellow classmates and have your questions answered.

- Pre-order your textbooks at the Hofstra University Bookstore after registration on Thursday. Don’t forget your credit card.
How much does New Student Orientation cost?
The total cost for orientation, which includes the three-day summer orientation and Welcome Week as well as first-year programming, is $250. All first-year undergraduate students pay this fee along with a $250 tuition deposit. All fees should be submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Admission for processing.

How do I register for New Student Orientation?
After paying the $250 tuition deposit and $250 orientation fee, log in to the Hofstra portal (My.Hofstra.edu) to register for New Student Orientation. If you are living on campus, don’t forget to pay your housing deposit and complete the application for on-campus housing.

Do I have to stay on campus all three days?
Yes. The New Student Orientation program offers varying activities and scheduling opportunities each day. Therefore, it is necessary to remain on campus all three days. Evening programs include a variety of social activities that are important to the orientation experience.

What are placement exams?
Each new student is required to take online placement exams prior to orientation. You will take a mathematics placement exam depending on your prior course work and be redirected to the Pre-Calculus Proficiency Exam if you answer a sufficient number of questions correctly on the algebra portion. You are also required to take a foreign language placement exam that reflects the language you studied in high school. The results are used to determine your placement level for these two areas. These exams must be taken online at least one week prior to attending orientation. If you do not take exams prior to orientation, you will be given one of the later advisement appointments on Thursday afternoon and will need to take the exams Thursday morning. You will receive instructions on how to take the exams in the confirmation email sent to your Hofstra Pride email account.

How do I get to Hofstra’s campus?
For directions to campus, please visit hofstra.edu/directions. The directions and maps on the website provide links to the Long Island Rail Road, Metro-North Railroad, NYC Transit, and MTA Long Island Bus. The nearby airports are John F. Kennedy (JFK) International Airport, LaGuardia Airport and Long Island MacArthur Airport. A cab ride to and from the airports can be costly. Fares are subject to double once the taxi leaves NYC limits. Therefore, we suggest that visitors and guests travel using an airport shuttle. Super Shuttle services JFK, LaGuardia, Newark and MacArthur airports. The cost is approximately $45 per person to or from JFK, LaGuardia, and Newark airports and $50 per person to or from MacArthur Airport (Islip). These fares are one-way and are subject to change. For more information, call Super Shuttle at 1-800-BLUE-VAN. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Super Shuttle accepts cash and credit cards, except Discover.

I live far away from Hofstra. Can I check in earlier than Tuesday morning?
Students who have to travel more than four hours should contact the orientation staff to make arrangements to check in on Monday. Early check-in begins at 6 p.m. on Monday.

Do I stay overnight if I am a commuting student?
Yes. The three-day, on-campus orientation program is for all new students, regardless of whether you are residing on campus or commuting during the academic year.

Can I bring my car to New Student Orientation?
Yes. Students are allowed to have vehicles on campus. You must obtain a parking sticker (with proof of vehicle registration and license plate number) from Hofstra’s Department of Public Safety.

When do I plan my class schedule?
You will attend a curriculum overview to learn about degree requirements on Tuesday. In addition, you will receive information about the registration process, academic expectations and deadlines. You may have
preregistered a preference in advance for a first-year seminar and/or cluster for your specific academic program. At orientation you will meet with an advisement dean or faculty advisor to discuss your curriculum options. It is at this point that you will complete your schedule by adding courses. If you have not selected a preference for a specific first-semester seminar and/or cluster, these may be available to you during orientation. Your advisement dean or faculty advisor will review your curriculum options and placement levels in math and foreign language classes based on your placement exam scores. On Thursday, you will have the opportunity to register for classes.

Do you have vegetarian, kosher and/or halal meals?
Hofstra can provide vegetarian meals and is able to accommodate kosher or halal needs with advance notification. Please indicate this preference when you register for New Student Orientation.

Can I bring guests?
No. Due to the nature of the program, guests are not allowed to stay with you throughout the program. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet and mingle with fellow students in the Class of 2016.

Can my parents come to orientation?
The Office of Parent and Family Programs coordinates a program for your parents/family members. Parent Orientation sessions are on Tuesday of each New Student Orientation program. Welcome Week, which begins Thursday, August 30, also includes some events for families. For more information, please visit hofstra.edu/parents.

What if I need to cancel or reschedule my orientation date?
To reschedule your orientation session, call 516-463-4874 or email orientation@hofstra.edu.

Will I have a full range of course options if I attend a later New Student Orientation session?
Courses are available throughout the summer, and the University reviews course offerings to ensure that we meet the needs of our students. Students are strongly encouraged to preregister course preferences for their first-year program. Please refer to the First-Year Connections brochure for a list of classes available for preregistration. Instructions on how to preregister for these courses are available on the Hofstra portal (My.Hofstra.edu).

Should I make travel arrangements after I submit my New Student Orientation session preferences?
We ask that you not make travel plans until you receive an email confirmation from the Office of Student Leadership and Activities. Registration appointments on the last day of orientation may end as late as 5 p.m. Confirmations are sent to your Hofstra University Pride email account within three business days. You can access your Hofstra Pride email account by logging in to the Hofstra portal at My.Hofstra.edu and clicking on the “Gmail” icon. If you have difficulty accessing your Hofstra Pride email account, please call the Office of Student Computing Services at 516-463-7777.
Do you have talent?

Do you have a talent that you would like you share with the Class of 2016?

There will be an open mic night and auditions for Hofstra’s Got Talent on Wednesday evening during New Student Orientation.

Each year Hofstra University hosts Hofstra’s Got Talent, a competition showcasing the outstanding talent among Hofstra’s undergraduate students. The top three finalists are eligible for awards. Because we want you to become part of this Hofstra tradition, first-year students receive priority during the audition process. During orientation, representatives from the Office of Student Leadership and Activities will be looking for outstanding talent. If you are interested in auditioning, please indicate your desire to do so when you register for New Student Orientation.

If you are not interested in auditioning for the competition, you can still perform at our open mic night. We will try to accommodate your performance needs. If you are interested in performing, please indicate so when you sign up for New Student Orientation.

“All students should attend New Student Orientation! It is a great opportunity to meet new people and get to know your way around the Hofstra campus. There are also great OLs that get you involved in the programming, and are eager to answer questions. Overall, it was a wonderful experience, and I am so happy I attended!”
Questions?

If you have specific questions, please feel free to call the offices below.

The Career Center ................................................................. 516-463-6060
Center for University Advisement (Mack Student Center) .......... 516-463-7222
Center for University Advisement (Memorial Hall) .................. 516-463-6770
Dean of Students Office ......................................................... 516-463-6913
Hofstra University Health and Wellness Center ....................... 516-463-6745
Interfaith Center ................................................................. 516-463-6920
Mack Fitness Center ............................................................. 516-463-6958
Multicultural & International Student Programs ....................... 516-463-6796
Off-Campus Living and Commuting Student Services ............... 516-463-3469
Office of Community Standards .............................................. 516-463-6913
Office of HofstraCard Services .............................................. 516-463-6942
Office of Parent and Family Programs ....................................... 516-463-4698
Office of Residential Programs ................................................ 516-463-6930
Office of Student Leadership and Activities (main) .................. 516-463-6914
Office of Student Leadership and Activities (orientation line) .... 516-463-4874
Public Safety ................................................................. 516-463-6606
Services for Students with Disabilities ...................................... 516-463-7075
Student Computing Services .................................................. 516-463-7777
Student Counseling Services .................................................. 516-463-6791
Student Financial Services .................................................... 516-463-8000
Undergraduate Admission ..................................................... 516-463-6700
Every year, as part of the orientation experience, we choose a common reading to discuss with our entering students. This year – as we prepare to host the October 16, 2012, presidential debate – we have chosen *Tension City: Inside the Presidential Debates, from Kennedy-Nixon to Obama-McCain* by award-winning American journalist and former news anchor Jim Lehrer. You will receive this book in the mail. We expect you to read it in advance of your orientation session, so you may actively participate in the model class discussion.

Widely regarded as the “dean of moderators,” Jim Lehrer provides an insider’s view of the 11 presidential and vice presidential debates he has moderated since 1988. He highlights some of the turning points and political gaffes that have influenced some recent presidential elections. From Dan Quayle’s comparing himself to John F. Kennedy to the tense moments of the Obama-McCain debate, this book provides insight into the political drama as it unfolded in front of our nation’s television viewers. The book’s title was inspired by a conversation Mr. Lehrer had with former President George H. W. Bush as he described the high-pressure moments of the televised presidential debates. Jim Lehrer portrays these critical moments using journalistic wit and an awareness of his role in the process.

This book raises some important topics for discussion. What are some of the ethical challenges that journalists face? In what ways have televised debates influenced presidential elections in the past 40 years? In 2008, during the Obama-McCain election, we began to experience the effects of social media on campaigns and politics. What role will social media play in the upcoming presidential election? As Hofstra prepares to host its second presidential debate, how will this event shape your first year at Hofstra?

Jim Lehrer will address the Class of 2016 during Welcome Week, just before fall classes begin. You will have the opportunity to engage in a question-and-answer session with him about the book, and you will be invited to enter an essay contest on the book; winners will be announced by Jim Lehrer at the Welcome Week event.
After Summer Orientation

Hofstra Discovery Program
Saturday-Wednesday, August 25-29, 2012

The Hofstra Discovery Program is a dynamic, interactive, optional program open to all incoming first-year students that provides the opportunity to come to Hofstra early, learn the campus, make friends, connect with student-leaders, participate in service-learning projects, and get a jump-start on your transition to college. Participants choose a path of discovery and are guided by upper-class students.

This is an opportunity to build connections and discover campus resources. Take advantage of this opportunity and become empowered to make decisions about the future and our world! Please visit hofstra.edu/discovery for more information. Space is limited so register early.

Welcome Week 2012
Thursday-Monday, August 30-September 3, 2012

Hofstra students, faculty and staff welcome you to campus and kick off the academic year. Welcome Week is designed to help you meet fellow students and immerse yourself in campus life. The week kicks off on Thursday, August 30, 2012, with an official welcome to the University from Hofstra President Stuart Rabinowitz. Throughout the week, there are academic programs, trips, guest speakers, and social and educational activities planned. This is a great way to meet other students, develop friendships and get involved! Remember to check your Hofstra Pride email account and visit hofstra.edu/welcomeweek on a regular basis for a detailed schedule as well as other important notifications.

Office of Student Leadership and Activities
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Phone: 516-463-4874 • Website: hofstra.edu/orientation

Campus Crime Reporting and Fire Safety Statistics: In compliance with the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act and other federal law, an annual campus safety report which contains detailed information on campus security and fire safety, including statistics, is available by accessing the Hofstra website at hofstra.edu/campussafetyreport or by contacting the Advisory Committee on Campus Safety. Crime statistics are also available at the U.S. Department of Education website at ope.ed.gov/security. The Advisory Committee on Campus Safety will provide upon request all campus crime and fire safety statistics as reported to the United States Department of Education. For additional information or a paper copy of the report, please call the Department of Public Safety at 516-463-6606.

Nondiscrimination Policy: Hofstra University is committed to extending equal opportunity to all qualified individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, national or ethnic origin, physical or mental disability, marital or veteran status in employment and in the conduct and operation of Hofstra University's educational programs and activities, including admissions, scholarship and loan programs and athletic and other school administered programs.

Hofstra University Harassment Policy: Hofstra’s prohibition against discrimination is also addressed in Hofstra’s Harassment Policy. The Harassment Policy prohibits harassment—including sexual harassment and sexual violence—based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, national or ethnic origin, physical or mental disability, marital or veteran status. Hofstra University is committed to professional and interpersonal respect ensuring that no individuals are subjected to harassment or discriminated against in any way on the basis of any of these protected characteristics. Harassment based on any of these protected characteristics is a form of discrimination prohibited by law and by Hofstra University’s Harassment Policy. The Harassment Policy, which is available online at the link referenced below, contains complaint procedures for resolving complaints of harassment in violation of Hofstra’s Harassment Policy. Harassment policy link: http://www.hofstra.edu/pdf/Faculty/Senate/senate_FPS_43.pdf