

# Parent and Family Orientation 2026 Weeks 1-6

All sessions will be held at the Sondra and David S. Mack Student Center, North Campus, unless otherwise noted.

**9 a.m. • Check-In and Coffee • Multipurpose Room**

Parents and family members receive registration materials. Coffee and tea will be provided.

**9:25 a.m. • Welcome to Hofstra • Multipurpose Room**

Stay informed and engaged as your student journeys through their years at Hofstra. In this session, you will learn what to expect and how to guide your new college student this summer and during their first year of college.

**9:45 a.m. • Healthy and Safe at Hofstra • Multipurpose Room**

Learn how we all work together to educate students and support their health, self-care, and wellness goals. Additionally, hear about Hofstra's Public Safety Department and the resources and technology that keep our campus community safe.

**10:30 a.m. • Finding Balance: Good Friends and Good Grades • Multipurpose Room**

Current Hofstra students share their experiences and advice.

**10:45 a.m. • Academic Success at Hofstra • Multipurpose Room**

Join our panel of experts to learn about Hofstra's academic and advising resources, as well as student support services and early career counseling and preparation.

**11:30 a.m. • Managing the Costs of Your Student's Education • Multipurpose Room**

Financial aid, billing deadlines, FERPA, and tuition insurance are explained. For your personal financial questions, you are welcome to visit Student Financial Services in Room 206 Memorial Hall, South Campus, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**12:15 p.m. Choose one.**

**Lunch and Student Services Fair • Multipurpose Room and Atrium**

Enjoy a delicious lunch and mingle with other parents and families. Meet Hofstra administrators from Dining Services, Student Health, Student Financial Services, and the Hofstra Bookstore, who will be here to answer your questions. Connect with members of the Hofstra University Parent and Family Council.

**Rabinowitz Honors College Lunch • Greenhouse, Lower Level**

If your student has been accepted to Rabinowitz Honors College, please join the Honors College dean and faculty for lunch and information about the Honors College program.

**1:30 p.m. Choose one.**

**Living on Campus • Multipurpose Room and Atrium**

Learn about the benefits of living on campus and the logistics of moving in.

**Commuting to Hofstra • Location: Guthart Cultural Center Theater, Axinn Library, South Campus**

Commuting students receive extra support from the Office of Commuting Student Services and Community Outreach. Learn about fun and engaging events, a dedicated parking lot, and lounges for commuting students.

**2:30 p.m. (optional)**

**Campus Tour • Tour leaves from the Multipurpose Room.**

A Pride Guide leads you on a tour of the North (residential) and South (academic) Campuses.

**3:30-4:30 p.m. (optional)**

**Student Access Services • Location: Room 102 Roosevelt Hall, South Campus**

Please visit Student Access Services (SAS) if you have questions about accommodations for students with disabilities.

## Welcome to Hofstra

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