



New Student Orientation: "The Passport to Your Future"

SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY
NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
AUGUST 11-14, 2005



You are about to embark on what may be the most significant adventure of your life. We want your college years to be filled with learning challenges and excitement so that you are fully prepared to enter the global workforce and ready to embrace the opportunities that await you.

As you prepare to make this transition, you and your family may have many questions. Whether you are entering college for the first time or transferring to SSU from another institution, we want this to be a smooth transition, free of anxiety and worry.

Savannah State University



New Student Orientation is required of all students who will take classes at SSU for the first time. It is an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with the campus, university policies, procedures, resources and services. Academic advisors will be available to discuss degree requirements and help you plan your first semester schedule.

Parental involvement is a crucial ingredient to your college success. For that reason, we welcome and encourage your parents or guardians to attend at least the first two days of orientation, where they will find informational sessions geared specifically to answer their questions and concerns. We want to make sure your parents are equipped with the knowledge to help you be successful.

There will be advice on parenting a college student, the ins and outs of residential living, financial aid, and how to keep the communication lines open via e-mail and more. Parents will have the opportunity to pose questions to the president and other administrators, faculty members, orientation leaders and others. Orientation 2005 is packed with learning and fun.

ORIENTATION LEADERS

The New Student Orientation Leaders are eager to make Orientation 2005 an unforgettable experience. They will serve as your guide and mentors during the orientation sessions and will be available to assist you throughout the academic year.

MARKET PLACE

At the Market Place, we will have representatives from campus clubs & organizations, area banks, insurance companies and outside health services on hand to acquaint you with their services.

HOUSING AND HOTEL

Students who have signed and returned their housing reservation agreements will have access to campus housing when they arrive for orientation. Parents, guardians and other guests will need to make reservations with one of the many fine hotels, inns or motels in Savannah; a partial listing is on the opposite side of this form. For more information about campus housing, contact Residential Services and Programs at 912-356-2324.

TESTING

All new students must take a diagnostic writing assessment prior to advisement and registration for classes. Some students may also need to take the placement exams in reading, English and mathematics.

Also, students pursuing degrees in the College of Sciences and Technology may have to take an additional test. Unless otherwise noted, all test sessions begin at 8:00 a.m. in Whiting Hall, Room 112. Please bring with you two #2 pencils, a ballpoint pen with blue or black ink, and a valid photo ID for admission. For more information about testing or to schedule a test, contact the Testing Office at 912-353-3112.

SERVICE OF DEDICATION

One of Savannah State University's longstanding traditions is the New Student Service of Dedication. During this sacred program, all new SSU students are officially inducted into the Tiger Family. Women are asked to wear white dresses, and men are asked to wear dark suits or white shirts and dark pants and ties for this ceremony.



FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is available to students who demonstrate the need for funds. The first step in the process is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You should check with the Office of Financial Aid to make sure that all required documents have been submitted so that the staff may evaluate your request. Student aid programs include grants, employment and loans. For more information about financial aid, contact the office at (912) 356-2253 or visit www.savstate.edu.

ORIENTATION REGISTRATION

The orientation fee for each participant is \$70 per student, which will cover all program materials, activities, a t-shirt, and social events. Parents and guardians may register at no cost. Due to limited space, we ask that students bring no more than three guests. Complete the enclosed reservation form and return it with the appropriate fees by July 31, 2005.

CANCELLATION

If it becomes necessary to cancel, 80% of the registration fee will be returned if your written notification is postmarked by August 5, 2005. Include the student's name and social security number in all correspondence and mail to Savannah State University, P.O. Box 20316, Savannah, Georgia 31404. Refunds will be processed approximately eight weeks after the end of orientation. Letters postmarked after August 5, 2005, and no shows will not be eligible for refunds.

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE | Orientation 2005

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2005

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Residence Halls Open / Move In
Location: Prospective Residence Halls

[For those students traveling 500 or more miles]

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2005

8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Residence Halls Open / Move In
SSU Welcome Brigade
Location: Prospective Residence Halls

10:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. Orientation Check - In
Location: Tiger Arena

2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. Orientation General Session
Location: Tiger Arena

3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. **New Student Group Assignments & Mixer**
Location: Tiger Arena &
Assigned Class Rooms

Parent Orientation
Location: Jordan Hall Auditorium

5:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. Dinner & Free Time
Location: Campus Dining Hall

8:00 P.M. Evening Social Activity
Location: TBA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2005

7:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Breakfast
Location: Campus Dining Hall

9:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. Academic Survival &
Registration Made Simple
Location: Tiger Arena

10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. "Getting Connected – Getting Involved"
Location: Tiger Arena

11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. SSU Market Place & Lunch
Location: Campus Circle

2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Freshmen Advisement & Registration
Location: Various Offices

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Dinner
Location: Campus Dining Hall

7:30 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. Cabaret & Amateur Theater
Location: Savannah Ballroom

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2005

7:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Breakfast
Location: Campus Dining Hall

9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. Student Success 101
Location: Savannah Ballroom

10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. "Eye of the Tiger"
Peer Group Meetings
Location: Savannah Ballroom

11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. Lunch on Your Own
Location: Campus Dining Hall

1:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. "It's a Different World"
Location: Savannah Ballroom

4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Dinner
Location: Campus Dining Hall

7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. New Student Service of Dedication
Location: Savannah Ballroom

Women - White Dresses / Men - Dark Suits

8:30 P.M. Presidential Reception
Location: King – Frazier Student Center

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2005

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Brunch
Location: Campus Dining Hall

10:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Worship Services
Meet in front of the King-Frazier Student
Center to catch a shuttle to a place of
worship of your choice

4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. Dinner & Free Time
Location: Campus Dining Hall

7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. Movie on the Lawn
Location: TBA

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2005

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES!

"A Little Touch of SSU"

If you would like to get an early start on testing, advisement and registration, please join us for "A Little Touch of SSU" on **June 16-17, 2005** or **July 21-22, 2005**. Call the **Office of Testing** at **912-353-3112** for more information or to make your arrangements.

Housing & Other Information Checklist

1. Have you submitted a Certificate of Immunization to the Admissions Office?
 Yes No If not, please call the Admissions Office at 912-356-2181
2. Have you taken the Writing Assessment and/or College Placement Exam?
 Yes No If not, please call the Testing Office at 912-353-3112
3. Have you reserved a Residence Hall room for the 2005-2006 academic year?
 Yes No If not, please call Residential Services & Programs at 912-356-2324
4. Have you received a room assignment?
 Yes No If not, please call Residential Services & Programs at 912- 356-2324

Local Hotels

Club House Inn
6800 Abercorn St.
(912) 356-1235
1-800-258-2466

Baymount Inn
8484 Abercorn St.
(912) 927-7660
1-800-428-3438

Holiday Inn/Midtown
7100 Abercorn St.
(912) 352-7100
1-800-HOLIDAY

La Quinta Inn
6805 Abercorn St.
(912) 355-3004

Courtyard by Marriott
6703 Abercorn Street
(912) 354-7878

The Fairfield Inn
2 Lee Boulevard
(912) 353-7100

Homewood Suites
5820 White Bluff Rd.
(912) 353-8500

Residence Inn
5710 White Bluff Rd.
(912) 356-3266
1-800-331-3131

Masters Inn Suites
7110 Hodgson Memorial Dr.

Directions to SSU Campus

FROM I-16: EAST

Take exit 164A/ Lynes Parkway South, which becomes DeRenne Avenue at the first traffic light.

1. Continue East (straight ahead) on DeRenne Avenue to LaRoche Avenue. You will go through 11 traffic lights until DeRenne ends. Landmarks include Checkers, Candler Hospital, Walgreen's, Jenkins High School, and Coastal Christian Church.
2. Turn left onto LaRoche Avenue, Keep straight. Landmarks include a BP/Amoco convenience store and Bible Baptist Church.
3. Turn right onto campus at first light.
3. At stop sign make a right and follow orientation signs.

FROM I-95 NORTH/SOUTH

Take I-95 to I-16 (Savannah) and refer to the above instructions.



New Student Orientation 2005
Post Office Box 20316
Savannah, Georgia 31404
912-353-3149



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NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION 2005 | REGISTRATION FORM

~PLEASE PRINT~

CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name of Student Attending:		
SS# - -	Phone#: ()	Male Female
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
E-mail Address		
Full Name of Parent / Guardian #1 Attending:		
Full Name of Parent / Guardian #2 Attending:		
Disabled or have special needs?		
If yes, specify:		

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration fee is \$70 per student. Fee covers all materials, souvenirs, T-shirt & social events. There is an additional **\$15** late registration fee if postmarked after **July 31, 2005**.

Please include the student's name and social security number on the **CASHIER'S CHECK** or **MONEY ORDER** for proper identification. Cancellations must be received in writing before **August 5, 2005**.

Number of student(s) registering _____	x \$70.00 = \$ _____
*Late fee _____	x \$15.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

*Postmarked after July 31, 2005

Make Cashier's Check or Money Order Payable to:

SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY

Mail with Registration Form to:

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