

What is SCREAMING EAGLES ORIENTATION?

You chose to attend the University of Southern Indiana to become part of something big, to join a challenging yet supportive academic community. Screaming Eagles Orientation is your opportunity to claim your place. Screaming Eagles Orientation is a required program where you will learn about University resources, get your Eagle Access Card (student ID), meet with an advisor and register for your first semester of classes. You will have the opportunity to meet the heart of our University—other new students, current students, faculty and staff. Screaming Eagles Orientation is your next step in becoming a USI Screaming Eagle!

USI offers three Screaming Eagles Orientation programs to meet your individual needs. Turn the page to learn more about each of these orientation options.



New Student Checklist: COMPLETE PRIOR TO SCREAMING EAGLES ORIENTATION:

- **SELECT THE ORIENTATION PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR YOU.** *(Details on the next page)*
 NEW STUDENT Orientation | TRANSFER and ADULT STUDENT Orientation | ONLINE Orientation
- **SELECT YOUR ORIENTATION DATE.**
 Orientation occurs March through August. Pages 3-4 will give you the dates available for your particular orientation program. As sessions get full, they will not be available on the online registration form. Make sure to register for orientation as soon as possible.
- **INVITE YOUR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO PARENTS AND FAMILY ORIENTATION.**
 Research shows parent involvement has a positive effect on a student's transition to the University. Encourage your parents or family members to attend. Select an orientation date together and remember to sign them up when you register.
- **COMPLETE ANY REQUIRED OR OPTIONAL PLACEMENT TESTING.** *(Details on the next page)*
- **SUBMIT TRANSCRIPTS FOR ANY COLLEGE COURSEWORK.**
 If you have taken any college coursework (in high school or at another college) that can be considered for college credit, you must request that the college(s) send an official transcript to Undergraduate Admissions for evaluation. College coursework taken at your high school requires submission of a transcript from the college offering the college credit, even if it also appears on your high school transcript.
- **CHANGE ENTRY TERM**
 If you plan to take courses during the summer, notify Undergraduate Admissions at 800-467-1965 option #1 or 812-464-1765 to change your entry term.
- **CHANGE OF MAJOR OR ADDRESS**
 If you have decided to change your major since your acceptance to the University, contact the Registrar's Office (812-464-1762 or registrar@usi.edu) immediately to declare your new major. This information is used to coordinate advising and registration. Include your full name and student ID number. If you have changed your address or other contact information, go to myUSI (my.usi.edu) and select Personal Information to submit the current information, or visit the Registrar's Office.
- **APPLY FOR ON-CAMPUS HOUSING.**
 When you apply for on-campus housing, consider the Living Learning Communities (LLCs). LLCs provide freshmen the unique opportunity to live with students who have similar interests, goals and academic programs. In addition to living together, you also will take some of your coursework together and participate in additional activities around the theme of the community. Students who participate in the LLCs are some of our most successful students. If you are interested in being part of this unique opportunity, submit your application early and prior to your orientation session. More information can be found at USI.edu/housing.



Archie Eagle
USI Mascot

Orientation Programs Designed For You:

New Student Orientation is designed for students entering the University for the first time or for transferring students who have earned less than 20 credits at another institution. This program is a one-day, on-campus program.

Transfer and Adult Student Orientation is designed for students who are transferring 20 or more credit hours from another college or university or adult students (25 years of age or older). This does not include college credit earned while in high school. This program is a one-day, on-campus program.

Online Orientation is designed for students meeting one of the following criteria:

- Transfer students who have an associate's degree or who will have completed 60 credit hours at previous institution(s) when they begin courses at USI
- Adult students (25 years of age or older)
- Students in the military
- Students who are taking all their courses through distance education

Students Exempt from Orientation

- Students who have already earned a bachelor's degree or higher
- Students who are full-time employees of the University of Southern Indiana

If either of these apply to you, contact Student Development Programs at 812-465-7167, 800-350-7830 or orientation@usi.edu so we may waive your orientation requirement and direct you to the next step in registering for courses.

Course Placement and Testing Information:

Placement of students into appropriate level coursework helps students transition smoothly to their studies at USI. Students will be placed into their English, reading, and math courses based on their SAT/ACT scores.

Students can see their placement for these courses in their myUSI account by following these steps:

1

Go to my.usi.edu

2

Log in with your myUSI username and password

3

Click on the Self-Service Icon →



4

Click on Student, Student Records and then View Test Scores.

All students should have a placement indicated for English, reading, and math. Transfer credit for these areas should also be indicated. If a placement is missing, it means the student will need to take a placement test for that area. Placement tests needed will also be communicated in the student's orientation confirmation. **Any necessary placement tests need to be completed at least two weeks prior to orientation to enable course registration on the day of orientation.**

If you have taken a foreign language and are considering taking foreign language as part of your coursework at USI, an optional foreign language placement test is available. Information on the benefits of taking a foreign language placement test and your options on how to complete the test are available at usi.edu/placement-testing.

For more information on placements or on how to take placement tests visit usi.edu/placement-testing or call Academic Skills at 812-464-1743.



SCREAMING EAGLES ORIENTATION

Sessions

New Student Orientation is a one-day event. Make arrangements to be on campus from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (CST).

Orientation begins with check-in on the second floor of the USI Performance Center between 8-9 a.m. During this time, you are encouraged to participate in the morning activities with your parents/family. You will want to get your student ID picture taken; ask questions and gather information at the resource fair, where more than 30 University departments will be represented; and take an individual or family photo with Archie, the University mascot.

The program begins at 9 a.m. with the official University Welcome for you and your parents/family. Following the Welcome, you and your parents/family will have separate schedules and will reconnect at the end of the day. You will meet your Orientation Leader (AMIGO) and a small group of other new students. You will attend orientation with this small group and learn about University resources, academic requirements and college life.

In the afternoon you will meet with an academic advisor and register for classes. At the end of the day you will receive your official student ID (Eagle Access Card) and find out more about becoming a Screaming Eagle!



New Student
Orientation Dates:

MARCH

Thursday-28*
Friday-29*

APRIL

Tuesday-16
Wednesday-17

MAY/JUNE

Friday-31
Saturday-1
Friday-14
Saturday-15

JULY

Friday-12

AUG

Wednesday-14

*By invitation only based on academic standing

Visit USI.edu/orientation for a complete schedule.

Transfer and Adult Student Orientation Dates:

APRIL

Saturday-13

MAY

Friday-10

JUNE

Thursday-13

JULY

Thursday-11

AUG

Wednesday-14

Transfer and Adult Student Orientation is a one-day event.

Make arrangements to be on campus from 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m. (CST). August 14 session will be 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Orientation begins with check-in on the second floor of the USI Performance Center between 8-8:45 a.m. During this time, you are encouraged to participate in the morning activities with your parents/family. You will want to get your student ID picture taken; ask questions and gather information at the resource fair, where more than 30 University departments will be represented; and take an individual or family photo with Archie, the University mascot.

The program begins at 8:45 a.m. with the official University welcome for you and your parents/family. Following the welcome, you and your parents/family will have separate schedules and will reconnect around lunch and at the end of the day. You will meet your orientation leader (AMIGO) and a small group of other transfer students. You will attend part of orientation with this small group and learn about University resources, academic requirements and college life. In the afternoon you will meet with an academic advisor and register for classes. At the end of the day you will receive your official student ID (Eagle Access Card) and find out more about becoming a Screaming Eagle!

Visit USI.edu/orientation for a complete schedule.

Online Orientation can be completed at USI.edu/orientation.

Select "Online Orientation." Online orientation will take you 60-90 minutes to complete. After completing online orientation, it is your responsibility to contact the college of your major, or University Division if you are undecided, to schedule an appointment for advising and registration. Online orientation will be available beginning March 1, 2019.

ONLINE ORIENTATION COLLEGE CONTACTS

Romain College of Business

812-465-7028
RCOB.Advise@usi.edu
USI.edu/business

College of Liberal Arts

812-461-5307
la.advise@usi.edu
USI.edu/liberal-arts

College of Nursing and Health Professions

812-228-5042
cnhp.advisor@usi.edu
USI.edu/health

Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

812-228-5191
USI1SEEAdv@usi.edu
USI.edu/science

Center for Exploring Majors

812-465-1606
udadvise@usi.edu
USI.edu/university-division

Bachelor of Professional Studies

812-464-1879
lshafer@usi.edu
USI.edu/bps

Parents and Family Orientation

As a parent or family member, you play a vital role in your student's transition to college life. This is why we encourage parents and family members to register for and attend Parents and Family Orientation. You will learn about the University and its many resources and become a partner with the University in supporting your student's success in transitioning to college.

Parents and Family Orientation offers relevant and timely information on financial assistance, tuition and billing, health and safety, advising and registration, University support services and what to expect as your student transitions to this next chapter in their life. Parents and Family Orientation occurs during the same time as New Student Orientation and Transfer and Adult Student Orientation, but follows a separate and different schedule.

Registering For Orientation

Register as soon as possible because sessions close when full. Plan carefully when selecting your session. Remember to check your high school activities calendar, your academic calendar at your current institution and/or work schedule.

When you register for orientation, you will have the option to register guests for the Parent and Family Orientation. If they decided to attend after you have registered, you can go back to your reservation and add them.

Incoming freshman will need information on dual credit (course #, title, grade, and college) and AP exams (exam name and score) earned or expected to earn to submit the orientation reservation.

Make your reservations online by following these easy steps:

1 Go to my.usi.edu.

2 Log in with your myUSI username and password.

3 Click on the Screaming Eagles Orientation icon under Eagle Apps. →

4 Fill out the form and make sure you click “Submit.”



NEED MYUSI USERNAME AND PASSWORD

To get your myUSI username and password, use the Activate Account tab at my.USI.edu to create your USI password and get your username. If you need assistance, contact IT Help Desk at 812-465-1080.

Following submission of your reservation, you will get an email confirmation to your USI email. You access your USI Email through myUSI by clicking on the email icon under Eagle Apps. Make sure to review the confirmation for accuracy and for information about any additional items that need to be completed prior to orientation. If you need to make changes to your orientation date, guests, or overnight accommodations, go to my.USI.edu, log in, click on the Screaming Eagles Orientation icon under Eagle Apps, make any necessary edits and click “Submit”.

Contact Student Development Programs at orientation@usi.edu or call 812-465-7167 or 800-350-7830 with any questions.

Cost for Students

The cost for students to participate in an orientation program is included on your first tuition bill as the **matriculation fee**. This fee covers the cost of orientation, Welcome Week and other programs for new students at USI. This is a one-time, non-refundable fee paid by all new students to the University who register for classes.

Cost for Parents and Family Orientation

There is no additional fee for up to two parent and family members to attend Parents and Family Orientation. We will provide materials and lunch for up to two family members per student. Lunch tickets for additional guests at Parents and Family Orientation will be paid for at Orientation Check-in. We ask that you only make reservations for family members you know will be attending.

Disability Resources

If you or your guest require accommodations to participate fully in orientation, notify the Orientation staff by filling in the appropriate area of the online reservation form or contacting us at least three weeks prior to your session.

Student and Parent On-Campus Overnight Accommodations Evening Prior to Session

Experience what living on campus has to offer while on your orientation visit (both new student and transfer/adult student sessions). Campus housing for orientation is located in the residence halls and is available the evening prior to the May, June and July orientation sessions for students and families. You will meet other students, connect with other parents and participate in activities and events with current USI student leaders. Families and students staying on campus need to bring linens (twin sheets, blanket, pillow, towels, etc.), toiletries, alarm clock and personal items. The price for the residential experience is \$27 per person per night. This fee will be posted to the student's University account. No payment is due at the time of making a reservation. Indicate on your orientation reservation form if you plan to stay on campus.

If you make reservations to stay on campus, you will check in between 5–10 p.m. the evening prior to your confirmed session in one of the Residence Halls. Watch for signs on campus. Check out is from 6:30–8:30 a.m. on your orientation day. You may park near the Residence Hall.

August 14 Orientation Housing

No on-campus housing will be available for students or their guests attending the August 14 orientation sessions. However, if you have a fall housing assignment and are registered for the August 14 session, you are able to move into your fall housing assignment on August 13. For more information regarding early move-in visit USI.edu/housing.

Hotels

Check the orientation website (USI.edu/orientation) for hotels in the area. Let them know you are visiting the University of Southern Indiana as some may provide a discount.



Getting Connected

AMIGOs

STUDENT ORIENTATION LEADERS:

AMIGOs are highly motivated, involved student leaders who assist new students and their families in making the transition to USI.

USI FACEBOOK GROUPS

USI has “Class of” groups for each graduating year. In addition, we have a group for transfer students. Pick a “Class of” group corresponding to your anticipated graduate year and begin connecting with other USI students. If you are a transfer student, please also join the “USI Transfer Student” group. Information for new students to USI will be posted in the “Class of 2023” group and the “USI Transfer Student” group. AMIGOs will answer any questions you post as you make the transition to USI.

FIRST YEAR @ USI NEWSLETTER

The *First Year @ USI Newsletter* will build from your orientation experience and help you successfully transition to USI. The *First Year @ USI Newsletter* is emailed weekly over the summer and during the first six weeks of the fall semester.

WELCOME WEEK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15–WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21:

Welcome Week marks the beginning of your college experience at the University of Southern Indiana. It is a week full of activities and events to help students meet other new students, get adjusted to new surroundings and get off on the right foot on your academic career at USI. All students are expected to attend the Eagle Experience activities, and all new freshmen are required to attend the UNIV 101 program on Saturday, and encouraged to attend all other Welcome Week activities. Make plans to attend now! More information, including a specific schedule, will be available this summer at USI.edu/welcomeweek.

THE SOURCE NEWSLETTER

Want to find out about the great events and opportunities on campus throughout the academic year?

Yes! Then watch for *The Source*, a weekly newsletter emailed during the academic year. We will automatically sign you up for the newsletter and you can always opt out by following instructions in any of the emails.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

COMPLETE YOUR IMMUNIZATION FORM

As a University of Southern Indiana student, you are required to complete the Student Immunization Form prior to the start of your college career. To access the form or learn more about the state and University immunization requirements, visit USI.edu/healthcenter/new-students. Email completed forms to immunizations@usi.edu or fax to 812-465-7170.

Or send your completed form to:

University of Southern Indiana
University Health Center, HP091
8600 University Boulevard
Evansville, IN 47712

QUESTIONS ABOUT FINANCIAL AID

Have questions about scholarships, grants, loans or other forms of financial aid? A presentation on financial aid basics will be provided during orientation.

In addition, student financial assistance counselors will be available to answer specific questions. The Student Financial Assistance office is located on the first floor of the Orr Center and they will serve students and parents on a walk-in basis. Make sure you have taken the first step and applied for financial aid. Details about applying can be found at USI.edu/finaid.

MUSIC AUDITIONS

Music auditions will take place on the day of orientation in the Music Studio, Liberal Arts Center 0114. All new students interested in participating in Chamber Choir, Women's Choir or Jazz Band must audition to be placed in a music group. For more information, contact Daniel Craig, associate professor of music, at dcraig@usi.edu or 812-464-1736.

SUBMIT YOUR FINAL TRANSCRIPT

Submit your final high school and/or college transcript to Undergraduate Admissions by August 1, 2019.

DISABILITY RESOURCES

Students with disabilities are encouraged to register for academic accommodation through Disability Resources.

Documentation should be submitted at least 60 days before academic accommodations are needed. Students requesting accommodations on their placement tests should complete the disability registration process prior to scheduling a placement test appointment. Contact Disability Resources at USI.edu/disabilities or 812-464-1961.



Student Development Programs

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Evansville, Indiana 47712

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**HAVE QUESTIONS?
ASK US!**

812-465-7167 or 800-350-7830

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USI.edu/orientation

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Monday–Friday,
8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. CST

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