



SCREAMING EAGLES ORIENTATION



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Orientation at USI is designed to meet the needs of our students. Therefore, we have two slightly different orientation programs. Students will complete their orientation requirement by completing the parts associated with their classification.

FRESHMAN AND TRANSFER STUDENTS with less than 60 credit hours

Part A: New Student Pre-Orientation

Pre-orientation is an online orientation that will provide you the necessary information you need to prepare for your advising and course registration appointment, in-person orientation and processes that may happen prior to your orientation session. It will provide information on advising and registration, housing, meal plans, technology at USI, etc. We ask that you complete this prior to your advising and course registration appointment and before coming to the in-person orientation. You can access this through your Admitted Student Task List in myUSI beginning March 1, 2023.

Part B: Advising and Course Registration Appointment

All students will be advised and registered for courses prior to attending Screaming Eagles Orientation. Students will make a reservation for an appointment as they are reserving their date for orientation. Advising appointments will begin **April 3, 2023**. At this appointment, you will develop a schedule for your first semester of classes. This appointment will be about 30 minutes and conducted by Zoom. Prepare for this appointment by completing the following:

- Complete New Student Pre-Orientation (online).
- Submit transcripts for all college credit earned.
- Have information for all college credit currently enrolled, including AP credit, available at appointment.
- Complete all required placement tests ([USI.edu/university-division/academic-skills/placement-testing](https://www.usi.edu/university-division/academic-skills/placement-testing)).
- Freshman: Complete the Academic Information in the Admitted Student Task List.

Part C: Screaming Eagles Orientation (on-campus)

Screaming Eagles Orientation will provide an on-campus experience for new students and their families. This one-day event will provide opportunities for you to:

- Learn information that will be important to you as you begin your academic career at USI.
- Learn more about specific areas of campus by attending the resource fair and information sessions.
- Participate in workshops to prepare you for college.
- Meet with an advisor to confirm course schedule.
- Meet with faculty from your college.
- Meet students, faculty and staff that will help USI feel like home.
- Visit campus offices, tour housing and campus facilities, get student ID and visit the Campus Store.

Students and families should plan to be on campus from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Central time). Lunch will be provided as part of the program. Students are limited to 2 guests.

TRANSFER STUDENTS with more than 59 credit hours OR STUDENTS WHO ARE 25 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER

Part A: New Student Online Orientation (full version)

You can complete your orientation online. Online orientation will provide you with information about advising, academic requirements, financial aid and billing, campus services and resources, and answer many other questions you have about attending USI. You will complete this orientation at your own pace. It will take you 2-3 hours to complete. You don't need to do it in one sitting, but you will need to log in with the same information for the system to remember where you left off. You can access this through your Admitted Student Task List in myUSI beginning March 1, 2023. We encourage you to complete it prior to your advising and registration appointment.

Part B: Advising and Course Registration Appointment

All students will be advised and registered for courses beginning **April 3, 2023**. Students will make a reservation for an appointment in the Admitted Student Task List. At this same time, you will indicate if you plan to complete your orientation requirement by completing online orientation or by coming to campus. At the advising appointment, you will develop a schedule for your first semester of classes. This appointment will be about 30 minutes and conducted by Zoom. Prepare for this appointment by completing the following:

- Complete New Student Online Orientation.
- Submit transcripts for all college credit earned.
- Have information for all college credit currently enrolled available at appointment.
- Complete all required placement tests ([USI.edu/university-division/academic-skills/placement-testing](https://www.usi.edu/university-division/academic-skills/placement-testing)).

SCREAMING
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ORIENTATION
DATES
FOR STUDENTS
AND PARENTS

JUNE

Friday, 9

Saturday, 24

JULY

Saturday, 15

Friday, 21

AUGUST

Wednesday, 16

Visit [USI.edu/Orientation](https://www.usi.edu/Orientation) for a complete schedule.

PARENT AND FAMILY ORIENTATION

As a parent or family member, you play a vital role in your student's transition to college. We encourage parents and family members to participate in Parent 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. There are two components to Parent and Family Orientation, and we encourage you to participate in both.

Online Orientation

Similar to the students New Student Online Orientation, there is an online orientation for parents. To review all of the material, it will take you 2-3 hours. You can jump to those areas you want to learn more about or go back in several times. Online orientation works best using the Google Chrome browser. You will access this online at [USI.edu/orientation](https://www.usi.edu/orientation), under Parent and Family Orientation.

Screaming Eagles Orientation Parent Track

At the on-campus orientation session, there will be specific sessions and workshops geared towards parents and families of our new students. You will have opportunities to learn more about specific areas of interest and visit campus offices to take care of any business. When students are completing their reservation for orientation, they will be able to sign up parents and family members. **Students are limited to 2 guests.** If the student has already made a reservation for Screaming Eagles Orientation, they can go back into their reservation and make edits.

Cost for Parents and Family Orientation

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

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

On-Campus Evening Prior to Session

Experience what living on campus has to offer while on campus for orientation. Campus housing for orientation is located in the residence halls and is available the evening prior 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 \$32.20 (rate includes sales and innkeepers' tax) 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 if you plan to stay on campus.

If you make reservations to stay on campus, you will check in between 6-8 p.m. the evening prior to your confirmed session in one of the residence halls. Location will be shared in confirmation and/or reminder emails. 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.

On-campus overnight accommodations are not available for evening prior to the August 16 orientation. However, if you plan to live on-campus, you may request an early move-in date of August 15.

Hotels

If you decide not to stay on campus, but need overnight accommodations, check the orientation website ([USI.edu/orientation](https://www.usi.edu/orientation)) for hotels in the area. Let them know you are visiting the University of Southern Indiana as some provide a discount.

MAKING A RESERVATION FOR ORIENTATION AND ADVISING

Make a reservation for Orientation and your advising and registration appointment as soon as possible for best selection. Plan carefully when selecting your session. Remember to check your activities calendar and/or work schedule.


As part of the reservation you will select a time for your advising and registration appointment and make reservations for any family member attending with you.

Make your reservations online by following these easy steps:

- Go to my.usi.edu.
- Log in with your myUSI username and password.
- Click on the Admitted Student Task List icon under Eagle Apps.
- Select "Screaming Eagles Orientation" on the Task List.
- Fill out the form and make sure you click "Submit".



You will need to pay the enrollment deposit for this to be available.

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, or guests, go to my.usi.edu, log in, click on the Admitted Student Task List icon under Eagle Apps, select the orientation task, make any necessary edits and click "Submit".

Contact New Student and Transitional Programs at new.student@usi.edu or call **812-465-7167** or **800-350-7830** with any questions.

Cost for Students

The cost for you to participate in Orientation 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.

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.



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**.

ADMITTED STUDENT TASK LIST

The Admitted Student Task List provides a comprehensive list of tasks a new student needs to complete prior to beginning classes at USI. We have compiled them in one location to help you keep track. Use this task list to track your progress through the steps.

Access Task List

You can access the Admitted Student Task List in myUSI by following these steps:

- Go to my.USI.edu.
- Log in with your myUSI username and password.
- Click on the Admitted Student Task List icon under Eagle Apps.



Tasks will become available between admission and classes starting based upon when those tasks should be completed. You will see a date next to some tasks which indicates when that task will become available to complete. Other tasks may not be able to be completed unless an earlier task is completed.

Each task list item will provide you instructions on how to complete. If you need help, click on the question mark. It will provide you contact information for the department on campus that can assist with that specific task. The task list is personalized to you, so other students may have a different list.

It may seem that there are a lot of tasks to complete, but it's important that you complete each one.

There are three ways completed tasks are tracked:



- **Automated Step:** System will check off step when complete. Most of these steps will update automatically within 1-2 hours with a nice big check mark when complete. Others may take 24-48 business hours.



- **Manual Step:** After you have completed this step, mark as complete by clicking on the checkbox.



- **Pending Step:** This step will become available after you have completed all required prerequisite steps.



GETTING CONNECTED

Student Orientation Leaders (OLs)

Orientation Leaders are highly motivated, involved students who assist new students and their families in making the transition to USI. Reach out to these students with your questions.

First Year @ USI Newsletter for Students and Parents and Families

This newsletter will help you make a successful transition to USI. The *First Year @ USI* newsletter will be emailed monthly in February-June and October-April and weekly July-September. You don't want to miss an issue.

Welcome Week

Wednesday, August 16–Wednesday, August 23

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 to a good start in your academic career. All students are expected to attend the Eagle Experience activities and encouraged to attend all other Welcome Week activities.

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.



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 graduation 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 2027” group. Orientation leaders will answer any questions you post as you make the transition to USI.



Instagram

Follow @USIClassof2027 on Instagram to learn more about campus, upcoming events and important dates. Throughout the summer, current students will share their experience and tips about starting at USI.

There are many great USI-themed stickers for your Instagram stories; be sure to check them out on GIPHY! Search for “USI.”





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