See Blue U Orientations

General Information

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A See Blue U Orientation is when students who are new to UK, or returning after an absence, register for classes for the upcoming semester. Attending an Orientation is mandatory for all new students. Students register for an Orientation through the Office of Enrollment Management, which sends registration instructions with each acceptance letter. At the orientation, students receive general information from the Office of Enrollment Management, and from their academic college, then meet with an advisor to discuss their specific program and select classes. Each student leaves with a completed schedule.

Orientation Types

See Blue U Orientations in the summer

Summer orientations take place from mid-June to mid-July and allow new students or students returning after an absence to register for the upcoming Fall semester. There are three types of orientations, each designed to serve a specific type of student:

- Freshman: This is a two day event including programming for both students and parents about opportunities available at UK, ways to make the most of the college experience, student transitions, and student success. On day two, students meet with their advisor to plan and schedule classes while parents receive separate programming.
- Transfer: This one day orientation welcomes transfer students to UK, provides an overview of UK policies and procedures, and allows time for transfer students to meet with an advisor and register for classes.
- Readmission: This one day orientation updates students returning from UK after an absence on UK policies and procedures and allows time for readmitted students to meet with an advisor and register for classes.
  - Non-Degree: Non-degree students are invited to attend the Readmission orientation, though they are not required to do so, and they may or may not have previously attended UK. Since Non-Degree students are not pursuing a degree from UK, many do not have a curriculum to follow but rather choose courses for...
personal interest or professional development, or choose courses that will transfer to an institution where they do plan to earn a degree.

**Merit Weekend**

Merit weekend is held twice, usually in March, and is a See Blue U Orientation for exceptional students who are granted an opportunity to register for Fall classes before the summer orientations. Students who have qualified for a top level scholarship (ACT 28/SAT 1250 + 3.3 GPA, GSP/GSA, or Parker Scholar) are invited to attend programming on a Friday afternoon and Saturday that concludes with an advisor meeting and course registration.

**April See Blue U Orientation**

The April orientation is primarily for transfer students who are coming to UK in the Fall and have applied and been admitted prior to April. It is a one day orientation with a short program regarding UK policies and procedures, followed by an advisor meeting and course registration.

**November See Blue U Orientation**

The November orientation is for all categories of new students enrolling for the Spring semester. It is a one day orientation with a short program regarding UK policies and procedures, followed by an advisor meeting and course registration.

**Summer I and Summer II See Blue U Orientations**

The Summer I orientation is typically the day prior to the start of the Summer I session. It is for newly admitted degree-seeking, non-degree and visiting students. It is a one day orientation with a short program regarding UK policies and procedures, followed by an advisor meeting and course registration.

The Summer II orientation is typically the day prior to the start of the Summer II session. It is for newly admitted degree-seeking, non-degree and visiting students. It is a one day orientation with a short program regarding UK policies and procedures, followed by an advisor meeting and course registration. Degree seeking students continuing to the fall would need to meet again with their advisor to register for the Fall term.

**Opening-of-Term See Blue U Orientations**

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These conferences are held just before the semester begins, are one day conferences, and also result in an advisor meeting and course registration.

**See Blue U Orientation for International Students.**

The International student orientation is typically held the Friday before each semester and is for degree and non-degree seeking international students. This orientation is held as part of a larger week-long program done by the Office of International Affairs. The orientation consists primarily of an advising meeting and course registration.

**Freshman/Transfer Orientation**

Typically held the Monday before a semester begins, new freshman and transfer students receive a short program regarding UK policies and procedures, meet with an advisor, and register for courses.

**Readmit/Non-Degree Orientation**

Typically held the Tuesday before a semester begins, readmitted students and non-degree students (optional) receive a short program regarding UK policies and procedures, meet with an advisor, and register for courses.

**Late Registration**

Any student who is unable to attend the appropriate See Blue U Orientation prior to their first term at UK has the option of “Late Registration” through the first full week of classes. Students report to the Office of Undergraduate Admission to check in, and are then assigned an advisor in their program with whom they must meet on their own prior to registering.

**Advisor Preparation**

- Colleges receive a list of confirmed attendees prior to the dates of the orientations. For students arriving with prior coursework, advisors should check transcripts for completed transfer equivalencies, AP credit, placement testing, or other relevant information.
- For students arriving with prior credit, equivalencies may not be received prior to the Advising Conference. Students should be instructed to send final transcripts, AP scores, or updated ACT/SAT scores. If work has been received but not equated (listed as NEEDEVAL) refer students to the Transfer Equivalency office for assistance.
• Find out if you are responsible for escorting students from the University presentation to your college presentation, or if an escort will be provided.

The following resources may be useful to an advisor in assisting students who are new to UK:

• Credit by Examination (AP, IB, CLEP):

• Transfer Equivalency:
  o [http://www.uky.edu/registrar/transfer-equivalency](http://www.uky.edu/registrar/transfer-equivalency)

• Math Placement:
  o [http://www.uky.edu/AE/prospective/PlacementScoreChart.pdf](http://www.uky.edu/AE/prospective/PlacementScoreChart.pdf)