Bearcats Bound
Orientation
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Welcome to UC!

We have designed a two-day orientation to the University of Cincinnati for you and your family. Making the transition to college life presents many questions for new students:

- Where do I go?
- What classes will I take?
- Whom do I contact for help?
- What is it like at UC?
- Will it be easy to meet new friends?

All of these questions and many more will be answered at your Bearcats Bound Orientation. Please read this booklet completely to learn more about the program. You will receive information and materials at your Bearcats Bound Orientation to prepare you for your new and exciting experiences at the University of Cincinnati.

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E-mail us at: orientation@uc.edu
Check our website: uc.edu/orientation
Call us at: 513-556-2486
Fax us at: 513-556-3728

Send us a note at:
Orientation Office
University of Cincinnati
PO Box 210090
Cincinnati, OH 45221-0090

Drop in to see us at:
University Pavilion
Student Success Center
1st floor, Suite 120
Getting Your Central Login Username and UCID Number

1. Go to onestop.uc.edu
2. Under “PERSONAL INFORMATION” click on “get my username” and fill in the form. You will need the last four digits of your social security number (if you did not disclose your social security number, you will need to contact the helpdesk at 513-556-4357 to get your username).
3. Click on “Find My Username.” The next page will display your username and your UCID number.
4. Go to http://uc.edu/pss and answer the “Admin Defined Challenge Questions”. Following that, under “User-Defined Challenge Questions” create your own questions and answers (these questions and answers can be used to verify your identity if you forget your password). Go up to the left side of the page and click “Change Password” (your old password will be the initial password you just logged in with). PLEASE NOTE: This action will reset the password for all of your accounts.
5. If your initial password does not work contact the helpdesk at 513-556-4357.

Your UC Blackboard Account

1. You will use the Central Login username and password (from above) to access your UC Blackboard account.
2. Go to http://blackboard.uc.edu enter your username and password from the previous step.
3. Please Note: Unless you have already accessed and changed this, as in the steps above, the initial password will be Uclmmddyyyy where “mmddyyyy” is your full date of birth.

Accessing Your UConnect Email

1. Go to onestop.uc.edu (or any official UC page)
2. Click on “UC Tools” at the top of the page and then select “Student Email.”
3. Log in with your username and password from the previous steps.
4. Remember to check this email for all things related to UC.

Bearcats Bound Card

For My Central Login System (CLS) and UC Blackboard

Username: ________________________________
Password: ________________________________

My UCID Number
M _______________________________________

My UConnect Email Account

Username: ________________________________
Password: ________________________________

Bearcats Bound Orientation

All new first-year students are required to attend an orientation program before their first semester of classes. Students will not be able to register for their classes until their orientation attendance requirement is met.

Bearcats Bound Orientation is a comprehensive two-day program for new, first-year students and their families. This program assists them in making the transition from high school to the University of Cincinnati.

During Bearcats Bound Orientation, you will learn about UC policies, procedures and graduation requirements for your academic program. You will receive academic advising, and register for your first semester of classes. To make your Bearcats Bound Orientation reservation, see page 12.

What is Bearcats Bound Orientation?

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Getting Started

To get started, complete your Bearcats Bound Card (BBC) below by following the instructions in the right hand column. This will make all of your personalized information easy to access. You will need it to access your placement tests, the orientation registration system, OneStop class registration and many other systems. Take a few minutes now and follow the step-by-step instructions. If you choose not to record your passwords on your card, please be certain to commit them to memory.

Cut out your Bearcats Bound Card and keep it in a safe but accessible place. Please bring it with you when you come to campus for Bearcats Bound Orientation as you will need this information to register for classes.

UCIT Helpdesk: 513-556-HELP [4357] or helpdesk@uc.edu
Blackboard Support contact information: 513-556-1602 or blackboard@uc.edu
Your Bearcats Bound Checklist

Please bring the following with you to orientation:

• Photo I.D. – Acceptable forms of a photo ID are driver’s license, state ID, military ID, or passport.
• New School Supplies – To donate to the Bearcats Bound School Supplies Drive.
• Health Insurance Policy Card – If you are covered by an alternate policy, such as your parents’ policy, you may be eligible to waive the cost of the university insurance policy. In order to do this, you will need your insurance card or all the information on your insurance card.
• License Plate Number, Year, Make, Model of Your Vehicle and a credit or debit card – This information is required if you plan to have a car on campus and need to purchase a parking decal for the fall semester.
• Social Security Number – For financial aid paperwork.
• AP, PSEOP, or IB Transcripts – If you have earned credit from AP, PSEOP, or IB, bring copies of your score reports or transcripts to assist your academic advisor in placing you in the correct classes.
• Bearcats Bound Card – From this booklet, page 2.
• This booklet - Inside are driving directions, parking information, campus maps, and other important information.
• Pen, Pencil, and Notepaper – These are your first two days as a college student, come prepared to learn and take notes.

Good Walking Shoes – Bearcats Bound Orientation functions will be at various locations around campus. While all measures have been taken to keep walking to a minimum, we advise wearing a good pair of comfortable shoes.

Comfortable Clothing – Dress for Bearcats Bound Orientation will be summer casual (we suggest UC spirit wear!) You may want to bring a sweater as some meeting rooms may be cold.

For Play – Bring attire to swim, workout and play in the Rec Center (entrance fees will be on us!).

Umbrella – Just in case!

If staying overnight in Siddall Residence Hall, please also bring:

• Sleeping bag or linen, pillow, blanket, and towels – Please bring a sleeping bag or bed sheets, pillow, blanket, and towels as needed for your one- or two-night stay in the hall (see Overnight Accommodations on page 14).
• Personal Toiletries including shower shoes – Siddall Residence Hall has shared community bathrooms (see details in Overnight Accommodations on page 14).
• Alarm Clock – Day 2 of Bearcats Bound Orientation starts bright and early at 7:30 a.m.! Wake-up service will not be available. Please bring your alarm clock.

Bearcats Bound School Supplies Drive

It will soon be “Back to School” for many elementary school boys and girls. For most children, the start of a new school year is an exciting time filled with great anticipation and hope. But for little boys and girls whose families are unable to afford new school supplies, the start of school can cause feelings of embarrassment.

Team up with your Student Orientation Leaders and help these children in need. Please bring some new school supplies when you come to your Bearcats Bound Orientation. You might pick these up while you are shopping for your own college supplies.

Requested items include:

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Your donation will reach a needy child in time for the start of the new school year and you can help boost their confidence. The school supplies will be donated to a Cincinnati area elementary school to help children in need. Be generous, participate in the Bearcats Bound School Supplies Drive, and join us in serving the littlest among us!

Note: Monetary donations will be accepted in lieu of, or in addition to, your school supplies donations. All donations are welcome and greatly appreciated.
Student Bearcats Bound Orientation Schedule

Orientation Check-In
Be prepared to show a photo ID at the orientation check-in desk in Tangeman University Center. Acceptable forms of a photo ID are driver’s license, state ID, military ID, or passport.

If you have been accepted into the College-Conservatory of Music (CCM), you have a different schedule. Please see the enclosed insert. If you did not receive an insert, please call 513-556-2486 or go to uc.edu/orientation.

Overnight Accommodations Check-In
If you are planning to stay overnight in Siddall Residence Hall, and you are arriving on the day of your orientation, your check-in time into Siddall Residence Hall is from 4:00–8:30 p.m. Please leave your luggage in the trunk of your vehicle until the overnight stay check-in time (see Overnight Accommodations on page 14).

If you are arriving the day before your orientation, your check-in time is between 7:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m. Check-in for overnight stay is located in the Siddall Residence Hall, lobby level (see Overnight Accommodations on page 14).

What New Students Can Expect
During your Bearcats Bound Orientation, you will:

- Meet and interact with your Student Orientation Leader
- Meet and interact with other new students
- Find out what it’s like being a UC Bearcats
- Learn about your University of Cincinnati
- Receive academic advising and register for your first semester of college classes

Bearcats Bound School Supplies Drive
Please bring some new school supplies to donate at the Bearcats Bound School Supplies Drive. Bring your items to the orientation check-in desk to place in the donation box.

The school supplies will be donated to a Cincinnati area elementary school to help children in need. Be generous in participating in the Bearcats Bound School Supplies Drive, and join us in serving the littlest among us!

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<td>CHECK IN: Honors students and parents of Honors students will check-in at this time — Tangeman University Center, Level 4.</td>
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<td>CHECK IN: UC Athletes and parents of UC Athletes will check-in at this time — Tangeman University Center, Level 4.</td>
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<td>Math placement test for College of Engineering &amp; Applied Science (CEAS) students.</td>
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<td>CHECK-IN for all other students and parents — Tangeman University Center, Level 4.</td>
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<td>9–9:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Welcome</td>
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<td>Small Group</td>
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<td>11 a.m.–Noon</td>
<td>College Program I (Students and Parents)</td>
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<td>Noon–1 p.m.</td>
<td>Lunch at your College (will be provided)</td>
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<td>Just Community</td>
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<td>Library and UCIT</td>
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<td>Degree Progress Audit</td>
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Parent Bearcats Bound Orientation Schedule

The Parent Bearcats Bound Orientation is not mandatory. However, parents are strongly encouraged to attend (particularly if this is your first child going to college). There will not be a separate siblings program. Siblings will accompany parents.

NOTE: College-Conservatory of Music (CCM) students and parents have a different schedule. Please see the enclosed insert. If you did not receive an insert, please call 513-556-2486 or go to uc.edu/orientation.

What New Bearcats Parents Can Expect
During Bearcats Bound Orientation, parents will learn about:

- The numerous support services available to students
- UC’s academic and social programs
- How to stay actively involved in your student’s learning process
- Financial aid, housing, safety, and other programs and services
- How to join the UC Parents Association
- Meet and interact with other parents

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<td>College Program (Parents and Students)</td>
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Orientation Highlights

Small Group Sessions
These sessions, led by your Student Orientation Leaders (SOL) allow you to meet other new students and to find out what it’s really like at the University of Cincinnati. You will be with a group of other new students throughout the day-and-a-half orientation program. Informal discussions will be led by your Student Orientation Leader (SOL). Our SOLs are returning students who have been carefully selected and trained to help guide you through this transitional process.

Introduction to Your College
You and your parents will attend a session tailored by your college to get an overview of the college and academic requirements. You will then meet with your academic advisors to register for classes recommended by your academic advisor based upon your degree requirements, interests and any advanced standing to date. When you leave this session, you will have a schedule of your fall semester classes in hand! Parents will receive information about the best ways to support your academic progress at the college level in partnership with academic advisors.

Parents Orientation
We have designed a special orientation for parents that will explore the many changes parents face when their students go to college. There will also be several important general information sessions in areas such as safety, health issues, financing college, and residence hall living. Parents will meet with advisors from the colleges to discuss course and academic major information and graduation requirements. There will be an introduction to the UC Parents Association. All programs will be informal with the opportunity to ask questions and meet other parents.
Taking Care of Business

Do it and be done! You’ll be busy in August, so do as much as possible during orientation and be done!

Taking Care of Business will take place on Day 1 in the Tangeman University Center Study Lounge, Level 3, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

You will be able to take care of:

•Activating and depositing funds to your Bearcat Card
•Opening a PNC Bank account, and linking it to your Bearcat Card/UCID
•Signing up to receive your custom textbook list from your UC Bookstores and sign up for your textbook rental account.
•Waiving University Health Insurance (if applicable)
•Meeting with Housing & Food Services Personnel
•Purchasing a Campus Dining Pass
•Purchasing your Student Parking Pass

Bearcat Card is the debit feature of the UC ID. Use it both on and off campus. Deposit funds online to your Bearcat Card at uc.edu/Bearcatcard, and you can manage your account online, too. The dollars on your account will roll-over from semester to semester or you can get a refund of the balance at the end of the school year.

Power up your Bearcat Card with PNC Bank, the exclusive banking partner of UC’s Bearcat Card program. You can link your UC ID/Bearcat Card to your PNC account and use your ID as your ATM card, too. PNC makes banking easy for students with 10 main campus ATMs and a full-service branch in Tangeman University Center. PNC’s Virtual Wallet® Student provides interactive online tools that make it easy to keep track of your money, so you—and your family—have one less thing to worry about as you begin your college journey. Enter our Taking Care of Business drawings: Deposit at least $500 on your Bearcat Card by or before Aug. 8, 2013, and be entered to win one of five prizes. Drawing held Aug. 16, 2013, and winners notified soon thereafter.

Custom Textbook List allows you to order your books online from the UC Bookstores. Sign up to receive your custom textbook list via email in the form of a shopping cart. Decide whether you want to purchase what is in the cart, and whether you want rental, digital, used or new books. You can pay for them with your Bearcat Card or credit card. Pick them up or have them shipped.

Creating a Text Rental Account allows you to rent books from the UC Bookstores. This is a one-time signup process. Renting textbooks can save you on average more than 50% off the new book price. To sign up for a rental account, you will need a valid credit card, email address, driver’s license/state ID. If you are not 18, you will need your parent/guardian to sign you up.

Health Insurance: All students registered with six or more credit hours or on Co-op must have health insurance to attend UC. If you have your own insurance, you can waive UC’s insurance. If you do not have insurance, you do not need to do anything, and UC will bill you for Student Health Insurance. If you will be waiving your health insurance, please remember to bring your insurance card with you to Taking Care of Business.

Housing and Residential Meal Plans have generally been selected by this time, but if you have questions/concerns about your application, you can speak to a Housing representative at Taking Care of Business. You can also change the residential meal plan you have already selected, if needed.

Campus Dining Passes are convenient, and perfect for commuting students or upperclassmen. They can be purchased at Taking Care of Business or online at uc.edu/food.

Student Parking Passes can be purchased at Taking Care of Business, and remember to bring your license plate number with you. Parking passes are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. The passes will be mailed to your home before classes start.

We have packaged these programs in one place because Taking Care of Business is one of the most important activities you will engage in as you prepare for your new life at the University of Cincinnati. Take care of all the business while you’re here.

Do It and Be Done!

UC Bookstore’s Open House
Beginning at 2:30 p.m., Day 1
Free snacks!
You can purchase hardware and software at educational discounts. Microsoft-licensed software, for either PC or MAC, will be available for purchase for $13 or less. Make sure you have your new UC ID in order to take advantage of this great offer. Register to win $500 worth of textbooks.
UC Math Placement Test (MPT)

You are not required to take the math placement test (MPT) if you have an ACT math sub-score of 28 or higher or an SAT math sub-score of 630 or higher.

In addition, students admitted to the following programs are not required to take the math placement test:
- Architecture in DAAP
- Interior Design in DAAP
- Urban Planning or Urban Studies in DAAP
- All CCM majors except for E-Media majors

All other students are required to take the math placement test.

Test Requirements by College

College of Engineering and Applied Science (CEAS)
If you have been admitted to College of Engineering and Applied Science (CEAS) you are required to take the math placement test unless you have a math sub-score of 28 or higher on the ACT or a math sub-score of 630 or higher on the SAT. The CEAS math placement test is a proctored test.

Use one of the following ways to take your test:
- **Come to the UC Testing Center** – make an appointment at the UC Testing Center to come in and take the placement test on campus. You MUST make an appointment and can do so by visiting this link [uc.edu/testing/services/ucmpt](http://uc.edu/testing/services/ucmpt). Appointments are available on the following dates:
  - March 25, 26, 28
  - April 1, 2, 4
  - May 8, 11, 15, 22

For the above dates, there are multiple sessions available, but they do have limited seating. Check the registration link for available times. Upon registration, you will receive detailed instructions and directions on where your test will be held on campus. Parking will be validated. Call Testing Services at 513-556-7173 with any questions.

- **At Your Bearcats Bound Orientation** – take the test at your orientation. You will need to arrive and check in by 7:30 a.m. on Day 1 of your orientation. After you register for your Bearcat Bound Orientation dates register for the math placement test by emailing your full name and your orientation date to orientation@uc.edu and the words “Register for CEAS MPT”.

To practice on some sample math placement tests, go to [artsci.uc.edu/collegedepts/math/math_placement_test/sample_questions.aspx](http://artsci.uc.edu/collegedepts/math/math_placement_test/sample_questions.aspx). The proctored math placement test is only for students admitted to the College of Engineering and Applied Science (CEAS). All other students should follow the instructions below under their college heading.

College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning (DAAP)
If you have been admitted to the College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning in one of the programs listed below you are required to take the math placement test unless you have a math sub-score of 28 or higher on the ACT or a math sub-score of 630 or higher on the SAT.
- Graphic Communication Design
- Industrial Design
- Fashion Design
- Horticulture
- Art History (including Visual Arts Teachers Licensure)
- Fine Arts (including Visual Arts Teachers Licensure)

You will take the math placement test online from anywhere with internet access. See the instructions below. **Calculators are not permitted on this test. The only materials you may use during the test are pencil/pen and scratch paper. Do not use any other aid.** Please remember, placement tests are used to place you in the correct course. You will not be successful if you are placed in a course for which you are not academically ready. To practice on some sample math placement tests, go to [artsci.uc.edu/collegedepts/math/math_placement_test/sample_questions.aspx](http://artsci.uc.edu/collegedepts/math/math_placement_test/sample_questions.aspx)

If you have been admitted into the DAAP programs in Architecture, Interior Design, Urban Planning, or Urban Studies, you are not required to take the math placement test.

College-Conservatory of Music (CCM)
If you have been admitted to the CCM Electronic Media (E-Media) program you are required to take the math placement test unless you have a math sub-score of 28 or higher on the ACT or a math sub-score of 630 or higher on the SAT. You will take this test online from anywhere with internet access. **Calculators are not permitted on this test. The only materials you may use during the test are pencil/pen and scratch paper. Do not use any other aid.** Please remember, placement tests are used to place you in the correct beginning course. You will not be successful if you are placed in a course for which you are not academically ready. To practice on some sample math placement tests, go to [artsci.uc.edu/collegedepts/math/math_placement_test/sample_questions.aspx](http://artsci.uc.edu/collegedepts/math/math_placement_test/sample_questions.aspx)

If you have been admitted to any of the other CCM programs you are not required to take the math placement test.

To practice on some sample math placement tests, go to [artsci.uc.edu/collegedepts/math/math_placement_test/sample_questions.aspx](http://artsci.uc.edu/collegedepts/math/math_placement_test/sample_questions.aspx). The proctored math placement test is only
All Other Colleges
If you have been admitted to any of the colleges listed below you are required to take the math placement test unless you have a math sub-score of 28 or higher on the ACT or a math sub-score of 630 or higher on the SAT.

- McMicken College of Arts and Sciences (A&S)
- College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services (CECH)
- College of Allied Health Sciences (CAHS)
- Lindner College of Business (LCB)
- College of Nursing (CON)

You will take the math placement test online from anywhere with internet access. See the instructions below. Calculators are not permitted on this test. The only materials you may use during the test are pencil/pen and scratch paper. Do not use any other aid. Please remember, placement tests are used to place you in the correct beginning course. You will not be successful if you are placed in a course for which you are not academically ready. To practice on some sample math placement tests, go to artsci.uc.edu/collegedepts/math/math_placement_test/sample_questions.aspx

Complete the Online MPT Prior to Bearcats Bound Orientation
If you are required to take the placement test it is important that you take it before your Bearcats Bound Orientation dates. If you do not take the test ahead of time you may not be permitted to register for the appropriate classes when you attend orientation (this policy does not apply to CEAS students who will need to take the CEAS proctored math placement test).

Your score on the math placement test will be used to determine your mathematics skills and to place you into your first math course at UC. Enrollment in all math courses is restricted to students who have obtained a required minimum score on the math placement test. You should take this test seriously and give it your best effort because it will play a role in determining which mathematics course(s) you will be permitted to take. Placing into a lower math course could extend your undergraduate college career. Preparatory math courses are not college level and will not count toward graduation requirements.

For questions regarding the math placement test or your Bearcats Bound Orientation please email orientation@uc.edu or call (513)556-2486. You may also go to our website at uc.edu/orientation.

Taking the Online Math Placement Test (MPT)
Except for students admitted to College of Engineering and Applied Science, all students who are required to take the math placement test will do so online from anywhere with internet access. Pencil/pen and scratch paper are the only items permitted during this test. Calculators and other aids are not permitted on this test.

The placement test is timed for a maximum of 50 minutes and is entirely multiple-choice questions with only one correct answer. The test will adapt to match your level of proficiency with each question you answer. The questions are from the areas of algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and pre-calculus. To practice on some sample math placement tests, go to artsci.uc.edu/collegedepts/math/math_placement_test/sample_questions.aspx

1. The first letter of your last name determines the dates of your math placement test. Refer to the enclosed insert to see the dates of your math placement test.

2. If you miss your test session due to extenuating circumstances, you will need to wait until the “Missed Test Session” dates in order to take the test. Keep in mind that it is not ideal to miss your original test session, so please make a note of your dates.

3. To begin the math placement test, you will need the username and password information on the “Bearcats Bound Card” located on page 2 in this booklet.

4. Go to blackboard.uc.edu and click the tab “My UC” at the top of the screen to log into Blackboard. Enter your Username and Password, and click the “Login” button.

5. On the right side under “My Organizations” you will see “Math Placement;” click on it. You will see the organizational menu on the left. Read the information. Click on “Take the MPT.”

6. Click on the “Start Placement Test” link to take the test.
UC English Placement Test (ENPT)

If your ACT Writing score is 17 or lower or your SAT Writing score is 420 or lower you are required to take the English Placement Test (ENPT).

Students are placed into an appropriate English composition course by the UC English Placement Test (ENPT), the ACT Combined English/Writing score, the SAT Writing score or by the English Advanced Placement (AP) Score. Students who are required to complete the English Placement Test (ENPT) must do so prior to Bearcats Bound Orientation to be able to register for fall semester courses.

Students with transfer credit for English Composition or a score of 3 or higher on the AP English Language or Literature exam do NOT take the English Placement Test, regardless of ACT/SAT Writing Score.

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Accessing English Placement

1. Log in to Blackboard by going to blackboard.uc.edu
2. Click the Courses tab at the top of the page, and then enter “Main Campus English Placement” in the Course Search box.
3. Click on the arrow next to the course number uc11_viesonja_001 and select “Enroll.”
4. Click “Submit” on the Self Enrollment screen.
5. Return to the course during one of the sessions listed below to participate.
6. Note: You must submit your Placement Essay at least two weeks prior to your scheduled Bearcats Bound Orientation dates.

Upcoming Sessions

All tests are available from Fridays at 12:00 pm (noon) to Mondays at 12:00 pm (noon)*

- Friday, March 22 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) - Tuesday, March 26 at 12:00 p.m. (noon)
- Friday, March 29 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) - Tuesday, April 1 at 12:00 p.m. (noon)
- Friday, April 5 at 12:00 a.m. (noon) - Tuesday, April 8 at 12:00 p.m. (noon)
- Friday, April 12 at 12:00 a.m. (noon) - Tuesday, April 15 at 12:00 p.m. (noon)

For more testing sessions please check the English and Comparative Literature website at artsci.uc.edu/englishplacement/.

Specific questions regarding the English placement test should be directed to (513) 556-5924 or email English.ArtSci@uc.edu. For questions regarding your Bearcats Bound Orientation please email orientation@uc.edu or call (513)556-2486. You may also go to our website at uc.edu/orientation.

Disability Services for Testing

If you require extra time, an individual room, or other disability-related testing accommodations, you may request special arrangements or accommodations through the Academic Excellence and Support Services Office (Disability Services Office). Requests for sign language interpreters should be made at least 10 days in advance. These services are available at no additional charge. For details, please contact our Academic Excellence and Support Services Office at 513-556-6823 (TTY: 513-556-3277). Please notify the Orientation Office if you make arrangements to take your math placement test through the Academic Excellence and Support Services Office.

Special Needs

If you or a family member has a disability that requires accommodations, please contact us at 513-556-2486 at least 10 business days prior to your scheduled orientation date.

Advanced Placement (AP), Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program (PSEOP) and International Baccalaureate (IB)

AP, PSEOP and IB credits will be evaluated. It is ideal to have all your final transcripts and credit documents submitted to UC ahead of time so that they can be properly evaluated and applied by the time you arrive for orientation. If you have them available, please bring copies of your transcripts to give to your advisor at Bearcats Bound Orientation.
Academic Integrity

As new students to the University of Cincinnati, you are responsible for upholding the highest standards of honesty at all times, as well as adhering to the principles and spirit of the Academic Integrity Campaign. We ask that you acknowledge and honor your responsibilities while completing all placement tests, regardless of the location.

uc.edu/conduct/Academic_Integrity.html

Bearcat Bond - Honor Pledge

“As a member of the University of Cincinnati, I will uphold the principles for a Just Community and the values of respect, responsibility, and inclusiveness. I will promote the highest levels of personal and academic honesty and aspire continuously to better myself, the Bearcat community, and the world.”

Endorsed by Faculty Senate, GSGA, and Student Government Spring 2012.
Orientation Reservation, Fees and Check-In

It is important that you make your Bearcats Bound Orientation reservations early. Some sessions fill quickly and reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. If you delay, you may not get your first choice of dates.

Online Reservation
Go to uc.edu/orientation and click on the “Registration” link at the top left side and read through the information on the page.

1. Click on “Register for Bearcats Bound Orientation” and read through the information on this page. Click on “log in” and enter your username and password. This will take you to the page that contains all your unique information.

2. At the top of the page, click on the “Orientation Registration” tab. Select a set of dates from the drop down list. Keep in mind that some majors may only have one set of dates.

3. Make sure that you correctly enter the Parent/Guest information. Uncheck the box labeled “Attending” if your parents are not attending otherwise you will overpay your orientation fees.

4. Complete the online form as needed entering payment information. You may pay for Orientation by electronic check, credit card or debit card. PLEASE NOTE: The system will not allow registration unless you pay your Orientation fee by completing the payment section.

Bearcats Bound Orientation Fees
Students $85
Parents/Adult Guests $45 per parent/guest
Siblings under 12 years old $25
Overnight Accommodations $35 per night per person

Check-In
The Bearcats Bound Orientation check-in desk is located on Level 4 in Tangeman University Center (TUC), which is located near University Pavilion where you may have attended a campus tour. Refer to the campus map on page 16. At the check-in desk, students will be asked to show a photo ID. Acceptable forms of a photo ID are driver’s license, state ID, military ID, or passport.

Check-in time will be as follows:
7:25-7:40 a.m. Check-in for College of Engineering and Applied Science (CEAS) students who need to take the math placement test
7:30-7:40 a.m. Check-in for Honors students and their parents
7:35-7:40 a.m. Check-in for UC athletes and their parents
8:15-8:55 a.m. Check-in for all other students and parents
Policies & Procedures
Reservation Changes
You may make changes to your reservation online. Changes may be made without a late-change fee up to 72 hours in advance of your originally scheduled date. Changes made after that may incur a late-change fee. In addition, please note, that requested changes may not be accommodated because reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Dates fill very quickly, and all arrangements are made in advance on the basis of reservations received.

Late Payments
All fees are due prior to your orientation date. Students will not be permitted to attend orientation without paying their orientation fees. A late fee will be assessed on all unpaid balances and a service block may be placed against the student’s account. A service block will prevent access to grades, transcripts and other services.

Cancellations and Refund Requests
If you cannot attend Bearcats Bound Orientation, you must send a written request postmarked at least two days prior to your scheduled orientation date, or email a request to orientation@uc.edu at least 48 hours in advance of your scheduled orientation dates. A refund check will be issued in approximately 3-5 weeks. There will be a $15 handling fee for all requests that are granted. We regret that refund requests made less than 48 hours from scheduled dates will not be granted, as resources will have been reserved and expended on behalf of the attendees.

Bearcats Bound School Supplies Drive
It will soon be “Back to School” for many elementary school boys and girls. For most children, the start of a new school year is an exciting time filled with great anticipation and hope. But for little boys and girls whose families are unable to afford new school supplies, the start of school can cause feelings of embarrassment.

Team up with your Student Orientation Leaders and help these children in need. Please bring some new school supplies when you come to your Bearcats Bound Orientation. You might pick these up while you are shopping for your own college supplies.

Requested items include:
- Crayons, Pencils, Pens, Markers (waterbased), Erasers, Glue (white, non-toxic), Notebooks, Pencil box or case

Note: Monetary donations will be accepted in lieu of, or in addition to, your school supplies donations. All donations are welcome and greatly appreciated.

Parking Instructions for Bearcats Bound Orientation
The following garages are available for orientation parking: Clifton Court Garage, Woodside Garage, Campus Green Garage, University Avenue Garage, Corry Garage, Calhoun Garage, and Stratford Heights Garage. Please refer to the campus map on pages 16 and 17 for locations and directions to these garages.

Obtain a ticket (marked “1”) from the machine at the entrance of the garage. Place the ticket with date and time stamp facing up, on the front driver’s side of your vehicle’s dashboard so that it is visible to parking enforcement personnel. At orientation check-in, you will receive a voucher ticket (yellow on one side and marked “2”) which will allow you to exit at no charge. Ask for the number “2” voucher prior to leaving if you did not receive one in your nametag sleeve.

To exit the garage, first insert the ticket you received from the machine (marked “1”), wait for the dollar amount to show; then insert the voucher ticket (yellow, marked “2”) that you received from orientation.

Parking for Guests Staying Overnight in Siddall Residence Hall
Only students and parents staying overnight in Siddall Residence Hall will be permitted to park in CCM Garage. Overnight guests should obtain a ticket from the machine at the entrance of CCM Garage. Place the ticket with date and time stamp facing up, on the front driver’s side of your vehicle’s dashboard so that it is visible to parking enforcement personnel. At orientation check-in, you will receive a CCM Garage voucher ticket (yellow on one side and marked “2”) which will allow you to exit at no charge. You may also park in Calhoun Garage or any of the other garages indicated on the campus maps on pages 16 and 17.

Entrances to the Garages (refer to map on pages 16 and 17)
- You may enter Campus Green and Woodside Garages by driving from Jefferson Avenue or Clifton Avenue to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.
- You may enter the Clifton Court Garage via Clifton Avenue to Clifton Court.
- You may enter Calhoun Garage, CCM Garage, and Corry Garage by driving from Jefferson Avenue to Corry Boulevard.
- You may enter the University Avenue Garage via Jefferson Avenue to West University Avenue.
- You may enter the Stratford Heights Garage via Clifton Avenue to Straight Street to Stratford Avenue.
Overnight Accommodations

If you need overnight accommodations, you have two options: you may stay at Siddall Residence Hall or you may stay in a local hotel. You are not required to stay overnight in Siddall Hall. Parents have the option of staying in the residence hall as well, but parents will not be roomed with their freshman son or daughter. Also, please be advised that Siddall Hall has gender-focused floors with common bathrooms and showers, not private in-room bathrooms. If parents prefer to room together, please understand that one parent will have to travel to the appropriate gender floor for bathroom services. The cost of staying in Siddall Residence Hall is $35 per night, per person. Space is limited, and reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to accommodate all incoming students, parents and students are limited to a maximum of a two-night stay in Siddall Hall.

To reserve a room in Siddall Hall, register for Bearcats Bound Orientation at uc.edu/orientation.

Siddall Residence Hall

Siddall Residence Hall, because of its location on campus, is a convenient place to stay overnight. Linen service is not provided, so please bring bed sheets or a sleeping bag, a pillow, blanket and towels as needed for a maximum of a two-night stay. Check-in for overnight stay is in the Siddall Residence Hall lobby level. You may unload your overnight luggage curb-side close to Siddall Hall. To get close to Siddall Hall take Calhoun Street (one way) to right on Corbett Drive and Siddall Residence Hall will be on your right at the end of the drive. This route has a considerable number of steps leading to the entrance of Siddall. It may be easier for you to park in CCM Garage or Calhoun Garage and carry your overnight luggage the short distance to Siddall Hall (see campus map on page 16). Siddall Hall does not have storage space or concierge service.

- If you are arriving on the day of your orientation your check-in time for overnight stay is from 4:00-8:30 p.m. If you are arriving on the day of your orientation, please leave your luggage in the trunk of your vehicle until the overnight check-in time. Proceed to Orientation check-in (Tangeman University Center, level 4) and at the end of the day, you may check-in for your overnight stay, pick up your room key and then unload your luggage.
- If you are arriving the day before your orientation your check-in time for overnight stay is from 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Check-out, on Day 2, is from 7:00–7:30 a.m. The morning session on Day 2 begins at 7:45 a.m. Please allow enough time to eat breakfast. Breakfast is on your own, but keep in mind the many options available on and around campus.

May students and parents be roomed together for overnight stay in the residence hall?

Students of the same gender will be roomed with other new students randomly. Parents and guests will be roomed with preferred family members or guests if requested. If preference is not stated upon registration parents will be roomed with other parents of the same gender. Please indicate preference when registering online.

May I request single occupancy during my overnight stay in the residence hall?

Due to space constraints, we regret that we cannot honor requests for single occupancy rooms. Students, parents and guests who stay overnight in the residence hall will have a roommate.

What other options are there for overnight accommodations?

Students and their parents who wish to stay in a hotel will find many lodging options. We are happy to recommend UC’s hotel on our Medical campus: Kingsgate Marriott Conference Hotel at University of Cincinnati (on Medical Campus)

The Kingsgate Marriott Conference Center is proud to offer UC families a discounted rate of $135/night during Bearcats Bound Orientation.

For more information or to book your room today, visit KingsgateMarriott.com and reference promotional code “PNS” when booking. The place to enter the code is right under the dates “Special Rates & Awards” section. You can also call 1-888-720-1299.

Availability is limited, so call early for reservations.
For general hotel information, please call Kingsgate at 513-487-3800.
Veterans Programs and Services

We first want to welcome you to the University of Cincinnati and thank you for your immeasurable service to our great country. We are extremely excited and proud to have you as a part of our Bearcats family! Our office is a resource center for any topic relevant to the Department of Veteran Affairs and your benefits. Along with certifying enrollment and other education related issues, we also have a large resource base for questions and/or concerns about other VA benefits.

To get started, you need to file for your education benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs. You must accomplish this very important process before taking advantage of your benefits at UC. We need your Certificate of Eligibility (COE) or Award Letter verifying your eligibility for VA education benefits (which is obtained through an application process). We cannot begin our process of certifying until this Certificate of Eligibility (COE) is obtained from the VA. If you need help filing the Certificate of Eligibility (COE), please contact our office.

Along with your Certificate of Eligibility (COE) from the VA, we ask that you submit the VPS Benefits Form and a finalized copy of your schedule. If you have any questions regarding these instruction or VA benefits, please contact our office. You may also stop by and talk with us during your Bearcats Bound Orientation.

Again, thank you for your service and welcome to the University of Cincinnati!
Directions to Campus

From the North or South via I-75
From I-75, take the Hopple Street Exit (Exit 3 - if you are traveling north, Hopple Street exits from the left lane). Turn left off the exit on to Hopple Street. As you cross the first intersection (Central Parkway), Hopple Street becomes Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Follow Martin Luther King Jr. Drive until you reach the fourth stoplight. Turn right to enter campus via Woodside Drive. You are welcome to park in either Woodside Garage (to your right) or Campus Green Garage (to your left). You may also park in any of the other parking garages.

From the West via I-74
Take I-74 East to I-75 South. Take the Hopple Street exit (Exit 3). Turn left off the exit onto Hopple Street. As you cross the first intersection (Central Parkway), Hopple Street becomes Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Follow Martin Luther King Jr. Drive until you reach the fourth stoplight. Turn right to enter campus via Woodside Drive. You are welcome to park in either Woodside Garage (to your right) or Campus Green Garage (to your left). You may also park in any of the other parking garages.

From the Northeast via I-71
From I-71 South, take the Taft Road exit (Exit 3). The exit places you on Taft Road, a one-way street heading west. At the intersection of Taft Road and Jefferson Avenue, follow the right turn lane onto Jefferson Avenue. At the first light, turn left onto Corry Boulevard. You may park in Corry Garage by turning left at the first stop sign or in Calhoun Garage further down the street. If you are staying overnight in Siddall Hall, you may park in the College-Conservatory of Music (CCM) Garage by continuing to its entrance at the end of Corry Boulevard. You may also park in any of the other parking garages.

From the South via I-71
Take I-71 North until it merges with I-75 just south of Florence, Kentucky. Stay on I-75 after you cross the Ohio River. From the left lane on I-75, take the Hopple Street exit (Exit 3). Turn left off the exit onto Hopple Street. As you cross the first intersection (Central Parkway), Hopple Street becomes Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Follow Martin Luther King Jr. Drive until you reach the fourth stoplight. Turn right to enter campus via Woodside Drive. You are welcome to park in either Woodside Garage (to your right) or Campus Green Garage (to your left). You may also park in any of the other parking garages.

From the East
Take S.R. 32 West to I-275 South. Exit at I-471 North, then exit at Liberty Street. Turn right onto Reading Road (first light) and follow Reading Road north until it forks at an overpass after the Community Chest building. Take the left fork, which is Burnet Avenue. Follow Burnet Avenue north to Taft Road (a one-way street going west). Turn left on Taft Road. At the intersection of Taft Road and Jefferson Avenue, follow the right turn lane onto Jefferson Avenue. At the first light, turn left onto Corry Boulevard. You may park in Corry Garage by turning left at the first stop sign or in Calhoun Garage further down the street. If you are staying overnight in Siddall Hall, you may park in the College-Conservatory of Music (CCM) Garage by continuing to its entrance at the end of Corry Boulevard. You may also park in any of the other parking garages.
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