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Your on-campus PNC branch:
Tangeman University Center (TUC)
Level 3

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Welcome to UC!

We have designed a one-and-a-half 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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Cincinnati, OH 45221-0090
Drop in to see us at: University Pavilion
Student Success Center
1st floor, Suite 120
What is 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 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.

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.

Bearcats Bound Card

For My Central Login Service (CLS) and UC Blackboard

Username: ________________________________

Password: ________________________________

My UCID Number

M ______________________________________

My UConnect Email Account

Username: ________________________________

Password: ________________________________

UCIT Help Desk: 513-556-HELP (4357), 1-866-397-3382 or helpdesk@uc.edu

Getting Your Central Login Service (CLS) 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 Help Desk 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 UC online accounts.
5. If your initial password does not work, contact the Help Desk at 513-556-4357 (HELP), 1-866-397-3382 or helpdesk@uc.edu.

Record this information on your Bearcats Bound Card.

IT@UC Help Desk contact information: 513-556-HELP (4357), 1-866-397-3382 or helpdesk@uc.edu.

Your UC Blackboard Account

1. You will use the Central Login Service (CLS) username and password (from above) to access your UC Blackboard account.
2. Go to canopy.uc.edu and 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 Uclmmdddyyyy where “mmdddyyyy” is your full date of birth.

Record any updated information on your Bearcats Bound Card.
For Blackboard support contact the IT@UC Help Desk: 513-556-HELP (4357), 1-866-397-3382 or helpdesk@uc.edu.

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.

Record this information on your Bearcats Bound Card. IT@UC Help Desk contact information: 513-556-HELP (4357), 1-866-397-3382 or helpdesk@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** – If you need to complete 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/Calhoun 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). **Please note:** Siddall/Calhoun residence hall may be cold. Please bring appropriate clothing.

• **Personal Toiletries including shower shoes** – Siddall/Calhoun 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.

Donate to Bearcats Bound School Supplies Drive

August will 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 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 school supplies.

Requested items include:

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

**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. Please 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.

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 UC Bearcats 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 Bearcat
• Learn about your University of Cincinnati
• Receive academic advising and register for your first semester of college classes

Overnight Accommodations Check-In

If you are planning to stay overnight in Siddall/Calhoun Residence Hall, and you are arriving on the day of your orientation, your check-in time into Siddall/Calhoun Residence Hall is from 4–8:30 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 7–11 p.m. Check-in for overnight stay is located in the Siddall/Calhoun Residence Hall, lobby level (see Overnight Accommodations on page 14).

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!

Day 1 - Students

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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</td>
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<td>Honors program for Honors students and their parents</td>
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<td>8:15–8:55 a.m.</td>
<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>College Program I (Students and Parents)</td>
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<td>Breakfast on your own</td>
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<td>7:45–9:15 a.m.</td>
<td>Just Community</td>
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<td>9:30–10:30 a.m.</td>
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<td>SOL Panel</td>
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<td>12:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Residence Hall Tour One Stop at One Stop</td>
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NOTE: This is a sample schedule and is subject to change. For the final program, please refer to the schedule in the Bearcats Bound materials you will receive at your orientation check-in. You must check in before attending any sessions in order to be able to register for classes.
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](http://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 & Family Association

As well as —
- Meet and interact with other parents

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Tangeman University Center, Level 4 |
| 7:30–7:40 a.m. | *CHECK-IN:* Students will check in at this time  
Tangeman University Center, Level 4 |
| 7:35–7:40 a.m. | *CHECK-IN:* Parents of UC athletes and UC athletes will check in at this time  
Tangeman University Center, Level 4 |
| 7:40–8:45 a.m. | Math placement test                                                  |
| 7:45–8:45 a.m. | Honors program for Honors students and their parents                |
| 7:45–8:45 a.m. | UC athletes program for UC athletes and their parents               |
| 8:15–8:55 a.m. | *CHECK-IN for all other students and parents*  
Tangeman University Center, Level 4 |
| 9–9:30 a.m.    | Welcome                                                              |
| 9:45–10:30 a.m.| Campus Services                                                      |
| 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | College Program (Parents and Students)                             |
| 12:45–1:30 p.m. | Lunch at CenterCourt (will be provided)                            |
| 1:30–2 p.m.    | Doctors, Diseases, and Deductibles                                  |
| 2–2:45 p.m.    | Residence Life, Commuter Life, and Living at University Park Apartments |
| 3–5 p.m.       | Spotlight                                                            |
| 3–5 p.m.       | UC Bookstores Open House                                            |
| 3:15–5 p.m.    | Taking Care of Business (see page 7)                                |

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<td>Breakfast on your own – Enjoy the options on campus</td>
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<td>8–9 a.m.</td>
<td>UC Parents &amp; Family Association &amp; UC Athletics</td>
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<td>9:15–9:45 a.m.</td>
<td>Money Matters</td>
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One Stop at One Stop                                                 |

**NOTE:** This is a sample schedule and is subject to change. For the final program, please refer to the schedule in the red bag you will receive at check-in. Please check in at the desk and pick up all of your materials before attending any sessions.
Orientation Highlights

Small Group Sessions
These sessions, led by your Student Orientation Leaders (SOLs), allow you to meet other new students and 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 opportunities and choices parents face when their students go to college. There will be several important general information sessions in areas such as safety, health issues, financing college, residence hall living, and your student’s college information session. Parents will hear from their respective college regarding course requirements and academic major information as they relate to graduation requirements. Parents are asked to partner with university faculty and staff as students begin to accept responsibility for their educational experience at UC during orientation. Professional academic advisors will work individually and collectively with students in the development of the student’s initial academic schedule. For parents, there will be an introduction to the many resources available, including the UC Parents and Family Association, academic resources, and many more opportunities for both students and parents. All programs will be informal with the opportunity to ask questions and meet other parents.

Undergraduate Academic Advising Association (UCUAADA)
The University of Cincinnati Undergraduate Academic Advising Association (UCUAADA) was formed in 1988 to provide communication links and information sharing among those involved in academic advising. The group represents all colleges and offices concerned with advising and is committed to implementing ideas and programs to strengthen advising.

Mission: The UC Advising community engages and supports students through teaching and collaboration to achieve their academic, personal, and professional goals.

Vision: The UC Advising community will advance a personalized educational environment in which:

- All students achieve their goals through exploration, reflection, and engagement.
- We are committed to inclusion, teaching, and lifelong learning.
- We are global leaders in advising practice, scholarship, and innovation.
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!

Enter our Taking Care of Business drawings
Deposit at least $500 on your Bearcat Card by or before August 8, 2015, and be entered to win one of five prizes. Drawing held August 14, 2015, and winners notified soon thereafter.

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
• Learning how to obtain your custom textbook list from the UC Bookstores and signing 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

The Bearcat Card has a debit feature that can be used 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 Bearcat Card to your PNC account and use it 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. Additionally, PNC Bank has more ATMs than any other bank in Cincinnati. 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.

Custom Textbook List allows you to order your books online from the UC Bookstores directly from your class schedule. Learn how 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, 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, and driver’s license or state ID. If you are not 18, you will need your parent or 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 may speak to the Housing staff at Taking Care of Business. You may 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 Permits can be purchased at Taking Care of Business, and remember to bring your license plate number with you. Parking permits are sold on a first come, first-served basis, and certain garages sell quickly. The permits 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 you can while you’re here.

Do It and Be Done!

UC Bookstores Open House
Beginning at 2:30 p.m., Day 1
You can purchase hardware and software at educational discounts. Microsoft-licensed software, for either PC or MAC, will be available for purchase for $9 or less. Make sure you have your new Bearcat Card in order to take advantage of this great offer. Register to win $500 worth of textbooks.
UC Math Placement Test (MPT)

The math placement test (MPT) is used to determine proper placement in most entry-level mathematics and statistics courses, some physics and chemistry courses, and select courses in other disciplines as well. Students admitted to colleges having mathematics requirements will need to take the MPT (see the list by college below). Other students may choose to take the MPT if they think they will at some point take a mathematics or statistics course.

It is important that you take your math placement test before your Bearcats Bound Orientation dates. If you have not completed the MPT before orientation, you will not be able to register for the appropriate classes at orientation.

It is important that the MPT places you correctly. Starting either above or below your correct level will ultimately delay your graduation. To that end:

• Take the test seriously and give it your best effort.
• Follow the instructions. In particular, do not use a calculator.
• Read about the test and look at the examples before attempting it.

Information on the MPT and example question can be found at www.uc.edu/orientation/math

All of these scores will become part of your permanent academic file. 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.

College MPT Requirements

If you have been accepted into any of the colleges listed below you are required to take the Math Placement Test.

• McMicken College of Arts and Sciences (A&S–15)
• College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services (CECH–18)
• College of Allied Health Sciences (CAHS–35)
• College of Engineering and Applied Science (CEAS–20)
• College of Business (LCB–22)
• College of Medicine (COM–26)
• College of Nursing (Nursing–29)
• College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning (DAAP–23)

If you have been admitted into the following programs in DAAP you are required to take the math placement test:
• Graphic Design (Graphic Communication Design)
• Industrial Design
• Fashion Design
• Art History (including Visual Arts Teachers Licensure)
• Fine Arts (including Visual Arts Teachers Licensure)

If you have been accepted 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–16)

If you have been admitted into the following program in CCM you are required to take the math placement test:
• Electronic Media

Taking the Math Placement Test

The MPT can be taken online from anywhere with internet access. Calculators are not permitted on this test. The MPT is untimed, but most students finish in under 60 minutes. Make sure that you set aside a sufficient block of unconstrained time that you can take the MPT without feeling rushed and can work the problems carefully. The MPT consists of a mix of multiple-choice and numerical fill-in-the-blank questions from the areas of algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and precalculus. The problems should be worked out on paper before answering. The test is adaptive; the next question will be determined by your answers to the previous questions. There is no set number of questions, but there is a maximum of 25.
To practice on some sample math placement questions, go to [www.uc.edu/orientation/math](http://www.uc.edu/orientation/math)

1. To begin the Math Placement Test, you will need to have obtained the information on the "Bearcats Bound Card" located on page 2 in this booklet. Go to canopy.uc.edu to access the Blackboard system, enter your Username and Password, and click the "Login" button.

2. On the lower-right side under "My Organizations" you will see "Math Placement," click on it. If Math Placement does not appear, contact the New Student Orientation Office (513-556-2486 or orientation@uc.edu). You will see the organizational menu on the left. Read the information and instructions under the top two buttons. When you are ready click on "Take the MPT."

3. Click on the "Start Placement Test" link to take the test. When the test finishes, you will be shown your score. Keep a copy for your records.

Remember: do not use a calculator of any kind, but do carefully work out problems on scratch paper before submitting answers.

**Taking the Math Placement Test a Second Time**

If you feel the score from your first attempt is not an accurate reflection of level, you may take the MPT a second time after waiting at least 21 days. Retakes are handled by Testing Services ([www.uc.edu/testingservices/ucmpt.html](http://www.uc.edu/testingservices/ucmpt.html)).
UC English Placement Test (ENPT)

If your ACT Combined English/Writing Score is 17 or lower (or you did not complete the English/Writing component on the ACT), or if 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.

### English Placement Test Criteria

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### Registration

The English Placement Test is facilitated via Blackboard and is not completed at a traditional on-site testing center or classroom facility. Complete the following steps to register for the English Placement Test:

1. Go to [canopy.uc.edu](http://canopy.uc.edu) and using your CLS username and password (from page 2) log into Blackboard.
2. Click the “Courses” tab at the top of the page, and then enter “Main Campus English Placement” in the Course Search box.
3. Scroll down the page until you see the Course ID uc11_viesonja_001
4. Click on the downward arrow next to the course number and select “Enroll.”
5. On the next pages click “Submit” and then “OK”
6. On your selected test date, return to Blackboard under the “Courses” tab. Locate “My Courses” click on uc11_viesonja_001: Main Campus English Placement and follow the links and instructions to complete the test.

**Note:** You must submit your Placement Essay at least two weeks prior to your scheduled Bearcats Bound Orientation dates.

### Upcoming Test Sessions

All tests are available from Fridays at 12 p.m. (noon) to Mondays at 12 p.m. (noon).

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For more testing sessions, please check the English and Comparative Literature website at [uc.edu/orientation/english](http://uc.edu/orientation/english).

Specific questions regarding the English placement test should be directed to 513-556-5924 or email English.ArtSci@uc.edu.

### 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.
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](uc.edu/conduct/Academic_Integrity.html)

Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB)

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate credits will be evaluated upon receipt of your AP Grade Report or IB transcript. Advanced Placement Grade Reports are typically received by the University in early July. International Baccalaureate transcripts are typically received in August. If you attend Orientation before your Grade Report or transcript are received, it’s important to inform your academic advisor about AP/IB courses you have completed when registering for UC classes. If you have not requested that your AP Grade Report or IB transcript be sent to the University of Cincinnati, contact the appropriate agency below immediately and make this request. The UC CEEB code, which you may need, is 1833.

Advanced Placement (AP)
Contact Information:
1-888-CALL4AP
apscore.collegeboard.org/scores/score-reporting

International Baccalaureate (IB)
Contact Information:
The IB Coordinator for your high school.
If one year or more after high school graduation:
ibo.org/iba/transcripts/

Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program (PSEOP)

Post-Secondary coursework will be evaluated upon receipt of your PSEOP transcript. Post-Secondary coursework cannot be evaluated from a high school transcript. The PSEOP transcript must be issued by the college or university you attended. A student copy of the transcript will not be accepted as official. It is important to have your PSEOP transcript sent to UC as early as possible in the admission process. Depending on your PSEOP enrollment, you may need to have a final transcript sent to UC after grades are posted for your final term at the PSEOP institution. Transcripts can be requested by contacting the Registrar’s Office at your PSEOP institution. Frequently, this request can be made online via the institution’s website. If you attend Orientation before your final transcript is received, it’s important to inform your academic advisor about PSEOP courses you have completed when registering for UC classes.

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.”

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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 “Orientation 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

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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:

- 7:25-7:35 a.m. Check-in for 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

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 $25 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.

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.

Bearcats Bound School Supplies Drive
August will 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 of 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/Calhoun Residence Hall
Only students and parents staying overnight in Siddall/Calhoun 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)
- Enter Campus Green Garage from Woodside Drive or Campus Green Drive. Access both streets from Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.
- Enter Clifton Court Garage via Clifton Court, which is off of Clifton Avenue.
- Enter CCM Garage and Corry Garage via Corry Boulevard (which runs by the tennis courts and soccer field). Access Corry Boulevard from Jefferson Avenue.
- Enter Calhoun Garage from Corry Boulevard or Calhoun Street. (Note: University Park Apartments Parking lot is directly above Calhoun Garage)
- Enter University Avenue Garage via West University Avenue off of Jefferson Avenue.
- Enter Stratford Heights Garage via Clifton Street or Stratford Avenue. Stratford Avenue is off of Straight Street or Joselin Avenue which are off of Clifton Avenue.
Overnight Accommodations

If you need overnight accommodations, you have two options: you may stay in a university residence hall or you may stay in a local hotel. Due to an upgrade to our facilities, the residence hall you may stay in will be dictated by the construction timeline. Parents and students will reside in either Calhoun or Siddall Halls. More information will arrive from the Bearcat Bound Orientation office regarding specific arrival procedures depending on which residence hall is made available. You are not required to stay overnight in University Housing. Parents also have the option of staying in a residence hall, however, parents will not be roomed with their freshmen student. Please be advised that the halls typically used during orientation have gender specific 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 the 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 and their family, guests are limited to a maximum two-night stay (the night before and the night of your orientation) in Siddall or Calhoun Hall.

To reserve a room in university residence halls, register for Bearcats Bound Orientation at uc.edu/orientation.

- If you are arriving on the day of your orientation, your check-in time for overnight stays is from 4-8:30 p.m. If you arriving on the day of your orientation, please leave your luggage in the trunk of your vehicle until the overnight check-in time. Upon arrival, proceed to the Bearcats Bound Orientation check-in located in Tangemen University Center, level 4. 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 stays is from 7-11:00 p.m.

Checkout, on Day 2, is from 7-7:30 a.m. The morning sessions on Day 2 begin 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 $140/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 “Corporate/Promotional Code” 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 instructions 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!

Veterans Programs and Services
Terence Harrison, Program Manager
513-556-6811

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2618 McMicken Circle

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Fax: 513-556-0959
Email: vetcert@uc.edu
Web: uc.edu/aess/vps

If you need an excuse letter to submit to your high school because you will be missing school in order to attend Orientation, you may request a letter of absence at orientation@uc.edu.

We will provide a letter of absence for the days you are going to be in attendance at Orientation plus associated travel time. If you need a letter of absence, email a request at least 5 days in advance of your Orientation dates. You may pick up the letter at the check-in desk when you arrive for your Bearcats Bound Orientation.

Last Minute Bearcats Tips
- Take your math and English placement tests if you need to.
- Review the Checklist on page 3 before you leave.
- Pictures will be taken for your Bearcat Card on Day 1, so get a good night’s sleep to look good for your photo!
- Don’t forget your school supplies donations (page 3).
- Bring play clothes: swimwear, work out gear, dance shoes, etc.
- Get excited! This is your first day of college and a new beginning!

If you have any questions after reviewing this booklet, please contact us.

Email 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: University Pavilion
Student Success Center
1st floor, Suite 120
Directions to Campus

University of Cincinnati
Uptown West Campus
(not to scale)

From the North via I-75
From I-75, take the Hopple Street exit (exit 3).
Turn left off the exit on to Hopple Street.
Hopple Street becomes Martin Luther King Drive.
Follow Martin Luther King Drive up the hill to Clifton Avenue.

From the South via I-75
From I-75, take the Hopple Street exit (exit 3).
Turn right off the exit on to Hopple Street.
Hopple Street becomes Martin Luther King Drive.
Follow Martin Luther King Drive up the hill to Clifton Avenue.

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. Hopple Street becomes Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.
Follow Martin Luther King Jr. Drive up the hill to Clifton Avenue.
Campus will be on the right.

From the Northeast via I-71
From I-71 South, take the Taft Rd. Exit (exit 3).
Follow Taft Rd. until it intersects with Jefferson Avenue.
Turn right onto Jefferson Avenue.
Once on Jefferson Avenue, take the first left onto Corry Boulevard.

From the East
Take S.R. 32 West to I-275 South. Exit at I-471 North.
Follow I-471 North and take the Liberty Street Exit.
Turn right onto Reading Rd. Follow Reading Rd. north just past the Community Chest Building and turn left onto Burnet Ave.
Follow Burnet Ave. to William Howard Taft Rd. and turn left.
Follow Taft Rd. until it intersects with Jefferson Avenue.
Turn right onto Jefferson Avenue.
Once on Jefferson Avenue, take the first left onto Corry Boulevard.

From the South via I-71
Take I-71 North until it merges with I-75 just South of Florence, Kentucky.
Follow I-75 North and take the Hopple Street Exit on the left (exit 3).
Turn left off the exit onto Hopple Street.
Hopple Street becomes Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Follow Martin Luther King Jr. Drive up the hill to Clifton Avenue.
Campus will be on the right.

Note: See page 13 for detailed descriptions on how to get into each garage.
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