2017 ORIENTATION DATES
College Highlights

Orientation Leader Spring Training
OL College Visits: Monday, June 5th 10:30-11:30/45am (Various Locations)
Advisor Lunch: Monday, June 5th 12:00-1:30pm (Russell House Ballroom)
Orientation Showcase (skits, opening welcome, history & traditions):
    Thursday, June 8th 2:00-4:00 (Russell House Ballroom)

Summer School Orientation: (1 Total)
    Parents & Guests Academic College Visits: 9:20-10:20am
    Student Advisement & Registration: 1:00pm
Freshman & Transfers: Thursday, May 25th (Freshman & Transfer)

Transfer Orientation Sessions: (5 total)
    Parents & Guests Academic College Visits: 9:20-10:20am
    Student Advisement & Registration: 1:00pm
Friday, June 9th
Friday, June 23rd
Friday, July 14th
Friday, July 21st
Monday, July 31st (**Colleges can opt in or out to participate)

Freshman Orientation Sessions: (13 total)
    Day 1: Academic College (degree granting) Visits w/Students & Guests
        1:30-2:30pm
    Day 2: Student Advisement & Registration
        1:00pm
Session 1: Monday, June 12th - Tuesday, June 13th
Session 2: Wednesday, June 14th - Thursday, June 15th
Session 3: Monday, June 19th - Tuesday, June 20th
Session 4: Wednesday, June 21st - Thursday, June 22nd
Session 5: Monday, June 26th - Tuesday, June 27th
Session 6: Wednesday, June 28th - Thursday, June 29th
Session 7: Thursday, July 6th - Friday, July 7th
Session 8: Monday July, 10th - Tuesday, July 11th
Session 9: Wednesday, July 12th - Thursday, July 13th
Session 10: Monday July, 17th - Tuesday, July 18th
Session 11: Wednesday, July 19th - Thursday, July 20th
Session 12: Monday July, 24th - Tuesday, July 25th
Session 13: Wednesday, July 26th - Thursday, July 27th

August Late Orientation Sessions: (2 total)
    Parents & Guests Academic College Visits: TBD
    Student Advisement & Registration: TBD
Transfer: Friday, August 18th
Freshman: Tuesday, August 22nd

The Office of New Student Orientation
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
2017 ORIENTATION SESSIONS

RAC Information

The Registration Assistance Center (RAC) will be open during each Orientation registration day (dates below) from 1:00-5:00pm. The RAC is located in the Office of New Student Orientation (Russell House, Suite 345). The RAC is ONLY opened at this specified time during Orientation.

You can reach the RAC at:

(803) 777-9606 or (803) 777-9135 or (803) 777-0189
(alternative number: (803) 777-2780)

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Thursday, May 25th (Freshman & Transfer)

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Thursday, June 15th
Tuesday, June 20th
Thursday, June 22nd
Tuesday, June 27th
Thursday, June 29th
Friday, July 7th
Tuesday, July 11th
Thursday, July 13th
Tuesday, July 18th
Thursday, July 20th
Tuesday, July 25th
Thursday, July 27th

Late August Orientation Sessions: (2 Total)
Transfer: Friday, August 18th
Freshman: Tuesday, August 22nd
How Freshman Students Can Change Their Major

During 2-Day Orientation

Day 1, 8:00 – 9:30am (Orientation Check-in)

Change of majors will be done on site by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Admissions will provide the Office of New Student Orientation (ONSO) a list of all major changes, so that ONSO can communicate to advisors. The Office of the Registrar will also be present during this time.

Day 1, 9:30am – Day 2, 11:00am

During this time, the Office of New Student Orientation will collect Change of Major forms (example attached) at their information table (located on the 2nd Floor of the Russell House). There will also be Change of Major breakout sessions where students can complete the Change of Major form.

Day 2, 11:00am

The Office of New Student Orientation will deliver the Change of Major forms to the Office of Admissions in Lieber so that the changes can be made before students go to academic advisement and registration at 1:00pm.

The Office of New Student Orientation will notify the Colleges of these change of majors via email.

Day 2, 2:00 – 5:00pm

Students who want to change their major during this time will need to go to the Registration Assistance Center (Russell House 345). This will be the last chance for students to change their major during orientation. The Office of the Registrar, Undergraduate Admissions, and the Office of New Student Orientation will be present in the Registration Assistance Center.

If the student is further away from the Registration Assistance Center, they can call the Registration Assistance Center and fill out a Change of Major form that will be provided to them by the Orientation Leader that is present in their college advisement. The student will then go to the academic advisement and registration of their new major. The Orientation Leader will then bring the Change of Major forms to the Registration Assistance Center at the end of the day, so that Admissions has record of the changes.

**We will collect the student’s contact number during Orientation, so that they can be notified if there are any problems with processing their change of major.

**Please note that due to varying Admissions Requirements, transfer students can ONLY change their major through Undergraduate Admissions. Admissions is present during Orientation Check-in and the RAC.
Office of Undergraduate Admissions

Major Change Request Form for 2-Day Orientation
2017 Freshman Orientation ONLY

Date: __________

VIP ID# ____________________________

☐ Honors College
☐ Opportunity Scholar

Contact # During Orientation: (_________) ________________________________

Last Name: ___________________ First Name: ___________________ M.I. ______

Circle one: 1st major change during orientation 2nd major change during orientation

For a full list of majors, please see the back of this sheet.

CURRENT Major: ______________________________
(WRITE OUT THE FULL TITLE OF YOUR CURRENT MAJOR: NO ABBREVIATIONS)

Requested Major Change: ______________________________
(WRITE OUT THE FULL TITLE OF YOUR REQUESTED MAJOR: NO ABBREVIATIONS)

**NOT FINAL UNTIL APPROVED BY UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS**

For Office Use Only:

☐ Pre-Advising/Registration ☐ Post-Advising/Registration User processing request: _____
IN-PERSON TRAINING & EVENTS
(Register online at sc.edu/advising under “Advising Toolbox”)

APRIL 26: Top 5 Tips for Implementing Pathfinder and DegreeWorks in Your College

APRIL 27: Pathfinder New User Training

MAY 1: Transparency through Technology: Uniting DegreeWorks, Major Maps, and Advising for a Student-Centered Approach

MAY 3: Pathfinder New User Training

MAY 12: College Level Examination Program (CLEP) Workshop

MAY 15: Changes for Fall 2017: New Transfer Credit Display, Hardship Withdrawal Policy, and Undergraduate Studies Advising

MAY 22: Foreign Language and Math Placement Tests: An Overview