NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

UAN Meeting - September 2022
2022 BY THE NUMBERS

• 23 Sessions Total
  • 2 Summer Sessions
  • 14 Freshman Sessions
  • 5 Transfer Sessions
  • 2 August Sessions

• 14,168 Total Attendance
  • Students:
    • 6,751 freshmen students
    • 1,246 transfer students

  • Families/Supporters:
    • 5,470 freshmen guests
    • 701 transfer guests
SUCCESES

• Return to fully in-person Orientation sessions
• Excitement and confidence in attending UofSC
• Connections with Orientation Leaders and other students
• Knowledge of academic and university requirements
• Academic advising and course registration
• Feeling a connection to campus and wayfinding
OPPORTUNITIES

- Food offerings
- Evening activities (location, length of time, variety)
- Enhanced social media engagement
- More customized experiences
- Increased onboarding prior to the orientation session
- Academic processes (RAC, major change, no shows)
- Greater opportunities for student perspective
“The OLs were incredibly helpful, very fun to talk to, and hang out with. They gave really good advice and were honest in their answers. Good communication, incredibly entertaining!”

“My advisor was very kind and understanding, and she was very patient when explaining things to me, even if some of my questions were a bit dumb. She didn’t make me feel stupid for asking and answered all of my questions enthusiastically. I was also impressed by the amount of work she did to help me figure out my courses.”

“Thank you guys for making USC feel like home! I had a genuinely good time and am looking forward to the fall. I feel more prepared and more confident heading into college. I’m never going to forget this experience.”
LOOKING AHEAD
**JANUARY ORIENTATION**

- Dates
  - January 5\textsuperscript{th}
  - January 6\textsuperscript{th}
- Registration Launch – November 14\textsuperscript{th}
- College Capacities
- Schedule Overview
SUMMER ORIENTATION

• Schedule will be similar, with enhancements
• Dates will be announced in November
• Finalized schedule will be released by February
• Will likely offer more sessions due to increased class size
ONSOS UPDATES

• ONSO welcomed Kayley Safley to our team in August.
• OL Applications open October 3rd—please nominate students and encourage them to apply!
• Currently hiring for the two remaining positions within ONSO
  • Office Manager
  • Assistant Director for Logistics
QUESTIONS?

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UofSC New Student Orientation Advising

Summer 2022
Pre-Orientation Worksheet

- 6,764 forms submitted by incoming students before their advising session during orientation
- ~44% of those students are interested in graduating early (Freshman & Transfer students)*
- ~2,500 First-Year Students are interested in graduating early – across 80 majors

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Orientation Advisor Survey - 2022
During New Student Orientation, how valuable is it for advisors to have individual 1:1 meetings/time with First-Year Students?

By Respondent

- **Very Valuable**
  - UAAs: 31.00%
  - College Advisors: 17.20%
  - Advising Supervisors: 16.70%

- **Valuable**
  - UAAs: 33.30%
  - College Advisors: 33.30%
  - Advising Supervisors: 33.30%

- **Moderately Valuable**
  - UAAs: 33.30%
  - College Advisors: 10.30%
  - Advising Supervisors: 16.70%

- **Slightly Valuable**
  - UAAs: 27.60%
  - College Advisors: 33.30%
  - Advising Supervisors: 33.30%

- **Not Valuable**
  - UAAs: 31.00%
  - College Advisors: 22.20%
  - Advising Supervisors: 33.30%

- **Blank**
  - UAAs: 10.00%
  - College Advisors: 10.00%
  - Advising Supervisors: 10.00%
During New Student Orientation, how valuable is it for advisors to have individual 1:1 meetings/time with Transfer Students?

- Very Valuable: 54.50%
- Valuable: 29.50%
- Slightly Valuable: 9.10%
- Moderately Valuable: 6.80%
- Other: 0.00%

By Respondent:
- UAA: Very Valuable 14%, Valuable 3%, Slightly Valuable 33%, Moderately Valuable 33%
- College Advisor: Very Valuable 35%, Valuable 67%
- College Admin/Advising Supervisor: Very Valuable 48%, Valuable 67%
How were students advised this summer?

If hybrid, how long did you meet 1:1?

- < 5 minutes = 1
- 5–15 minutes = 19
- 15 – 30 minutes = 3
- > 30 = 1
What changes would you recommend for the Pre-Orientation Advising Worksheet to improve its value for advisors?

**Updates/Ideas in the works:**
- Separate POAWs for FTIC and Transfer Students
- Refine language around pre-enrollment credits
- MAP and FPLT Test Scores – Banner Feed
- Honors Identifier – Banner Feed
- Open a question if major commitment is <5.
  - Because you’ve identified your commitment to your major as less than 5, please share your other interests here.
- QR Code added to Day 1 Presentations

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<td>More clarity on the form about anticipated credits/including ALL credits/language about credits</td>
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How satisfied are you with the following resources and processes at orientation related to advising and registration?
How important is it for Academic Advisors in the degree-granting colleges to have time with Honors Students at New Student Orientation?

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