

ORIENTATION

First-Year Student Orientation

Orientation is a requirement for all first-year undergraduate students. During orientation, students meet with current YSU students, academic advisors, and staff who help them learn about university resources, build connections with other incoming first-year students, and register for their first-semester courses. Students also learn about support services and student organizations.

Student must take the following steps to register for orientation:

Upon admittance to the university, students will receive a packet from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions with instruction on activating their Penguin Portal account.

Once the account is activated and the student is logged in, they select, as appropriate, the “New Freshman Start Here” or the “New International Students Start Here” card to confirm their intent to enroll at YSU and register for Orientation.

After the Orientation reservation has been submitted, an email will be sent to the student with further information on the orientation program details and agenda.

After attending Orientation, students will then register for and attend the IGNITE program.

Transfer Student Orientation

Transfer student orientation provides an opportunity for incoming transfer students to learn about the university, navigate any campus resources/technology, review transfer credit, and meet with an academic advisor. This program is offered in two different formats. Students can choose to complete the program in real time or through a prompted, self-paced program.

Transfer students must take the following steps to register for orientation and select their preferred format:

Upon admittance to the university, students will receive a packet from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions with instruction on activating their Penguin Portal account.

Once the account is activated and the student is logged in, they select the “New Transfer Students Start Here” card and sign up for Orientation.

After the reservation has been submitted, an email will be sent to the student with further information on the orientation program details and agenda.

IGNITE

IGNITE is a one-day program for first-year students to connect with one another, the campus community, and find their place at YSU. It is a “Welcome to Campus” program for our newest Penguins that have attended summer/fall orientation. The IGNITE program occurs the week prior to the start of fall classes each August.

CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

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