

# Orientation and Transition Services

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**O**rientation at CSU Fresno offers you the keys to success. The excitement that comes with starting university life can be tempered by the fears that come with starting a new experience. After all, CSU Fresno is a pretty big place.

Becoming familiar with the ins and outs of the university can be a major advantage to new students — freshmen and transfers alike.

**CSU Fresno's orientation programs** offer you the opportunity to learn all you can about your new environment before you begin your life as a member of the university community. Orientation experiences are designed to provide new students with transition to the university from high school or another college. Special parent orientation programs are also offered.

**Orientation and Transition Services** sponsors orientation programs for new undergraduates:

*Discovery* for students entering in the fall semester and *Advising Days* for students entering in the spring semester. Sessions include one-day and two-day overnight programs that are primarily scheduled prior to early registration deadlines. There is a fee for participation. All sessions are led by specially trained orientation student staff, faculty, professional staff, and administrators who assist new students in a comprehensive introduction to the academic and social life of the campus.

**Discovery and Advising Day** orientation program experiences include:

- Academic advising with faculty/staff
- Registration assistance
- Sessions on degree requirements including General Education
- Tours of the campus, library, and Health Center
- Information on financial aid and admission status, transfer courses, and special academic programs

- Small group sessions on academic and social campus resources/services
- Presentation/discussion with administrators, faculty, staff, and student leaders
- Study skills workshop
- Visit to residence halls
- Lunch with staff and students
- Overnight residence hall stay
- Social "get acquainted" activities

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For eligible new students, special orientation sessions are offered by EOP Summer Bridge.

**Welcome Week** offers new and returning students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to get to know and enjoy their university community. Featured programs on health, safety, and academic success; open houses, tours, and receptions; and special events like the "Celebration of Diversity" encourage participation and involvement in the life of the university.

New Student Convocation opens the academic year with an official welcome by the university president and others. This formal ceremony introduces academic traditions and expectations important to an enriched and successful university experience.

For more information, contact the Office of Orientation and Transition Services at (209) 278-7533. ↗



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