Welcome Home

2016-2017
Welcome Weekend is one of the most memorable experiences that you’ll have at Southeastern University.

This will mark the beginning of your college career and your first steps into, perhaps, the greatest four years of your life. During these couple of days, you will be introduced to campus life, have a chance to get settled into your residence hall, and get to know our Student Development staff who will be guiding you through your journey here. Welcome Weekend is a time where students and parents can build upon the relationships started on opening day, be poured into spiritually through our Sunday chapel service, and get prepared for the transition into academia. We guarantee — whether you’re a new student or a parent of a new student—that you’ll feel welcomed into the Southeastern community as soon as you walk onto the campus. This guide will walk you through the practical, educational, communal, and spiritual aspects of orientation.

We look forward to getting to know you!

Chris Owen, D.Min
Vice President | Student Development
Saturday, SEPTEMBER 3rd

8:00 AM -12:00 PM: Last Names A-K  //  12:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Last Names L-Z
ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN (Residence Halls and University Offices Open)

We ask that students only check in during their allotted time slot. If your last name starts with A-K please check in between the hours of 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM. If your last name starts with L-Z please check in between 12:00 PM and 4:00 PM. This will help alleviate some of the traffic and lines. Once you arrive, if you know your housing assignment, proceed to the appropriate residence hall first. Residential students who need to find out their housing assignment should report to Sawgrass Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Pansler Alumni-Student Union. Students who will be commuting please proceed to the Welcome Center.

Residence Hall Check-In Locations:

- Aventura Hall: Aventura 2nd Floor Lobby
- Bauer Hall: Bauer Hall Front Lobby
- Bethany Hall: Bethany Hall Front Lobby
- Buena Vida: Buena Vida Lobby
- Commuters: Student Activity Center
- Destino Hall: Destino 2nd Floor Lobby
- Esperanza Hall: Esperanza 2nd Floor Lobby
- South Pointe/Buttercup: South Pointe H6
- Valencia Hall: Valencia D2

Welcome Center

All students will visit the Welcome Center located in the Student Activities Center to receive information about the following areas of interest:

- SEU on-campus employment
- Chartwells’ Dining Services
- GTE Financial
- Student Development
- Commuter Life Check-In
- Campus Identification Card
Registration steps to be completed by all:

NEW STUDENTS:  
(If not completed at an earlier date)

- Fire Card *(Student I.D.)*  
  - Student Activity Center
- Meal Plan  
  - Student Activity Center
- Health Services and Student Insurance  
  - Student Activity Center
- First Year Experience  
  - Student Activity Center
- Vehicle Registration  
  - Steelman Library
- Emergency Text Service  
  - Steelman Library
- Student Financial Services  
  - Addison Building, 2nd Floor
- Mailbox  
  - Pansler Alumni-Student Union, 1st Floor

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Computers Available for Course Registration  
(Steelman Library)  
Academic Advisors will be available to answer questions and assist with registration.

10:45 AM – 1:45 PM
Lunch *(Tuscana Ristorante)*  
The cost for Saturday’s lunch for all non-students is $9.25 per person.

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Dinner *(Tuscana Ristorante)*  
Dinner for all non-students is $9.50 per person.

8:00 PM
Welcome Event #1: The Underground *(Sportsplex)*  
You won’t want to miss the Underground’s carnival party! Come ready to make friends at the quick convo tables, snap photos with your roommate and win prizes. We look forward to seeing you there!
Sunday, SEPTEMBER 4th

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Worship Service (Sportsplex)
Speaker: Dr. Kent Ingle, Southeastern University President. For all new students and guests.

10:45 AM – 1:45 PM
Lunch (Two Options)
Orientation Brunch (Tuscan Ristorante) The cost for Sunday’s brunch for all non-students is $10.00/person.
Orientation BBQ (Destino Field) Come enjoy an outside BBQ featuring hotdogs, hamburgers, slow cooked brisket, and all the southern fixin’s. The cost for Sunday’s BBQ for all non-students is $8.00/person.

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Residence Halls Open/Fire Cards (Student I.D.)
Residential students who need a housing assignment should report to Sawgrass Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Pansler Alumni-Student Union Building. If you did not get your Fire Card (Student I.D.) on Saturday, please visit the Welcome Center in the Student Activity Center. Commuter students who have not checked in should report to the Welcome Center.

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Tissues and Issues (Sportsplex)
Parents, you do not want to miss this session with the Vice President for Student Development, Dr. Chris Owen. He will walk you through the values and culture of the Southeastern Community. This will also be a time to ask questions to members of our Student Development Staff.

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Music Orientation (Bush Chapel)
All new music majors and minors need to attend the Music Orientation where crucial information about policies, entrance exams, and advising will be shared.

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Honors Program Orientation (Bush Chapel)
Required for all new students enrolled in the Honors Program. (Parents are welcome)

8:00 PM
Welcome Event #2: The Backyard Bash (Destino Field)
The Backyard Bash will kick off with live music, free food, games, and giveaways. This event is exclusively for First Year Students to give you the opportunity to meet and connect with other new students.
Monday, SEPTEMBER 5th

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM
Getting off to a great start with Advising and Registrar (Bush Chapel)
Required for all students who are new to SEU. Topics include: registration policies, transfer credit information, meeting your advisor, and four-year plans.

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Departmental Meetings/Exams:
- New & Existing Education Majors Meeting (Bush Chapel) Required for all students interested in majoring in Education
- New & Existing Sports Management & Kinesiology Majors Meeting (Business & Education Building A203/A204) Required for all students interested in majoring in Sports Management or Kinesiology. Meet in Bush Chapel first.
- Department of Communication Knowledge Exam (Business & Education Building A115) Required for all new students wishing to pursue a major in communication, film, graphic design, broadcast, journalism/public relations, or media ministry. For additional information, call 863-667-5119.
- New Business Administration Majors Meeting (Business & Education Building A206) Required for all new students wishing to pursue a major in business and accounting
- New Historical, Legal & Leadership Majors Meeting (Business & Education Building A214/A215) Required for all new students wishing to pursue a major in History, Legal Studies, Criminal Justice, Political Science, or Organizational Leadership.
- New Mathematics & Natural Science Majors (Natural & Health Sciences Building S119) Required for all new students wishing to pursue a major in mathematics or Natural Science.
- New Department of English & Foreign Languages Majors (Business & Education Building A121) Required for all new students wishing to pursue a major in English or English & Intercultural Studies
- New & Existing Social Work Majors (Business & Education Building A211) Required for all students wishing to pursue a major in Social Work studies.
New Psychology Majors (Business & Education Building A205) Required for all new students wishing to pursue a major in Psychology.

New Nursing Majors Meeting (Natural & Health Sciences Building S107) Required for all new students wishing to pursue a major in Nursing.

New & Existing Ministry Candidates (Student Activity Center) Required for all ministry candidates. The College of Christian Ministries and Religion is proud to announce ECCLESIAM, a blog on the church, faith, and theology written by faculty and students. You can join the discussion at ecclesiam.com.

New Students: Undecided or Unsure of a Major (Business & Education Building A207) Are you not sure which meeting to go to? Not sure what you want to major in? Any student is welcome to learn more about our programs and meet with one of our staff advisors.

New Music Education Majors Meeting (Bolin Building 224) Required for all new students wishing to pursue a major in Music Education.

New Music Business Majors Meeting (Bolin Building 225) Required for all new students wishing to pursue a major in Music Business.

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM
Department Meetings/Exams

• New Church Music Majors Meeting (Bolin Building, Johnson Chapel) Required for all new students wishing to pursue a major in Church Music.

10:45 AM – 1:45 PM
Lunch (Tuscana Ristorante)

11:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Advising (Faculty Offices)
Students are required to visit their assigned advisors in their offices in order to review their registered courses. You will receive instructions at the 9:00 AM meeting. Open registration and the add/drop period close September 13 at 11:59 PM.

7:30 PM & 9:00 PM
Welcome Event #3: 1st Chapel (Bush Chapel)
Join us for prayer in Bush Chapel at 6:55 PM. There will be two 1st Chapel services. The services will be at 7:30 PM and at 9:00 PM.
Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 6th

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM
SEU 101 Orientation Session (Bush Chapel)
Only for students with last names A-K.

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM
SEU 101 Orientation Session (Bush Chapel)
Only for students with last names L-Z.

SEU101 Orientation Session is the opening session for all first year students enrolled in the four-week graduation requirement course SEU101. Any student born after August 1, 1997 or with fewer than 28 credit hours is automatically enrolled in the course and required to be at the orientation session. This session will be the intro to the course, as well as a welcome and address from the Associate Vice President for Student Development, Dr. Charlie Dawes.

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
All-Student Meeting (Bush Chapel):
Required for students with last names A-K.

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM
All-Student Meeting (Bush Chapel):
Required for students with last names L-Z

10:45 AM – 1:45 PM
Lunch (Tuscan Ristorante)

11:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Advising Continues (Faculty Offices)

10:30 PM
Welcome Event #4: Semester’s Eve (Victory Field)
Join us on Victory Field as we celebrate our new semester and upcoming athletic season with games, performances and a midnight countdown.
Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 7th

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Welcome Event #5: First Day Celebration

7:00 PM
Welcome Event #6: Battle of the Dorms
(Meet in your residence hall lobbies at 7:00 PM)
Suit up in your dorm colors and come prepared to compete! Who will be titled Spirit Champions and holders of the Spirit Stick, and who will become BOTD champions and gain rights to the coveted Battle Lion? Show your dorm loyalty in battle and earn the honors! Commuters meet in Sawgrass Conference Room, 2nd floor Pansler Alumni-Student Union.

8:00 PM
Residential Hall Meetings
Required for all residential students; See your Resident Director or Resident Assistant in your hall for more details.

Friday, SEPTEMBER 9th

7:00 PM
Talk Story (Portico Coffeehouse)
Come join us to hear stories about students who traveled the world on mission trips this summer and grab a free cup of coffee!

Thursday, SEPTEMBER 8th

6:00 – 9:00 PM
Downtown Lakeland Food Truck Rally
Come on out to Downtown Lakeland and enjoy a variety of Florida food trucks and their delicious cuisine.

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 10th

7:00 PM
Fire Football Game
Please join us for our Fire Football Home Opener. Tailgating starts at 4:00 PM and the Firewalk is at 5:20 PM. Student gates open at 6:00 PM. Don’t forget to wear your black-out shirts!
FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

Be sure to stop by the Student Development booth in the Student Activity Center! Our staff and student leaders will be there to welcome you and answer any questions you may have. Your SEU101 course should already be on your class schedule, and your first session will be on Tuesday, September 6, in Bush Chapel. This course will assist you with the transition into college life at SEU.

We have some exciting things for the fall semester, including The Backyard Bash which will take place during Welcome Week on Sunday, September 4, at 8 PM on the Destino Field. We look forward to seeing you both in the classroom and around campus.

If you have any questions, please contact the FYE office via email at kaltmyer@seu.edu or by calling 863-667-5654.

“Looking forward to spending time with you in SEU 101 and helping you discover and develop your Divine Design.”

Kent Ingle
SEU President
Southeastern University, in partnership with the Polk County Sheriff’s Office, operates a full-time safety and security department under a director who is a state licensed law enforcement officer. The Southeastern Campus Safety Department offers a 24-hour patrol of the campus and late night safety escorts for students, faculty and staff members.


Southeastern has one of the lowest incidents of crime on campus for universities of comparable size.
Southeastern has invested in a “state of the art” surveillance camera system that is monitored 24 hours per day to help keep our campus safe.
Southeastern has six emergency call boxes located on the campus: North Gate Area, Smith Hall, West Lot, Buena Vida Building, North Bethany Apartments, and Destino on the east side. All emergency calls go directly to our Security Office at the main entrance to the university, which is manned 24/7/365.
Southeastern has an emergency text messaging alert system available to its students, staff, and faculty. It is highly recommend students sign up through the campus website, or by using their mobile phones:
   - Students text: Alertstudents to 79516
   - Parents text: Alertparents to 79516
MYSEU: STUDENT INTRANET

The student intranet, MySEU, is an information resource for Southeastern students. It connects all SEU students, whether they are on-campus, off-campus, online or graduate students.

The site contains policies, forms, & information about financial aid, testing, academic advising and housing as well as campus office hours. MySEU also has links to tools that students use every day, such as webmail, student account information, class registration, library resources, and more.

MySEU also includes helpful and fun information, such as daily menu items, weather forecasts, an activities calendar, chapel schedule, and links to off-campus attractions. You can even list items for sale or find ones to purchase, such as books and electronics, through our FireSale system which operates similarly to Craigslist.

BANKING

Southeastern has partnered with GTE Financial, a credit union, to offer you free checking and savings, online and mobile banking, and other financial services. Take advantage of GTE’s convenient on-campus ATM and get your financial questions answered at GTE’s Student-Powered Financial Center on campus. You can even set up your checking and savings accounts before you arrive on campus at gtefinancial.org. Be sure to select “Southeastern University” from the Membership Eligibility dropdown when joining.
BOOKSTORE: NEW, USED, DIGITAL...AND NOW RENTAL!

The SEU Bookstore will be open for you to purchase your course materials on registration day. In order to do so, please bring a copy of your schedule and we will be happy to assist you in selecting those items. There are many different course material options for students to choose from including print (either new or used copies), digital, and rental. Materials may also be purchased via our website, www.seustore.com, and you may choose either in store pick up or delivery shipped directly to your home.

We also have thousands of other items available for purchase online such as, computer equipment, academically priced software, and dorm supplies. Also, don’t forget to show your SEU pride; make sure you are geared up and ready to go. We look forward to helping you become successful students and future alums! Please feel free to stop by or call with any questions.

FIRE CARD: STUDENT ID

The Southeastern University Fire Card is a key element in experiencing campus life here at Southeastern. The Fire Card is currently used for many functions on campus. The Fire Card is necessary for identification, room access, meal access in the campus restaurant, laundry and printing/copying. The Fire Card can also be used as a debit card on campus. Money can be replenished on the Fire Card at any time during the year for purchases made in the café, Portico, and the campus bookstore.

For more information regarding the functions of the Fire Card, please contact the Campus Card Office at (863)667-5315 or via e-mail at campuscard@seu.edu.
WHAT TECHNOLOGY IS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS?

• Each on-campus student has access to the internet and campus network via a high-speed ethernet connection in all residence hall rooms.
• Public access computers: 52 computers in Steelman Library, 7 computers in the Writing Lab
• Specialty computer labs: Video Editing Suite with 10 Apple computers with Final Cut, Music Lab with 9 iMac computers, Writing Lab with 7 Dell computers
• Wireless network is available in all academic areas, common areas, and most resident halls
• You will need a computer with Windows XP or higher as the operating system
• A wireless card is recommended for laptop users.
• On-campus students will need to have a computer equipped with an ethernet card

HOW DO I LOG ON TO THE INTERNET?

1. Your username and e-mail address will be automatically generated once you have gone through the application process.
2. Your username is your first initial, middle initial and full last name. Example: If your name is Jim Albert Smith, then your user name will be “jasmith”.
3. Your e-mail address is your username@seu.edu Example: If your username is jasmith, then your e-mail address will be “jasmith@seu.edu”.
4. To activate your account and set your password, please go to www.seu.edu and click on the link for Current Students. Then click the button for Account Activation Password Reset System.
FAQ: HOUSING

What items do I need to bring?
Linens, blankets, bedspread, pillow, towels, wash cloths, toiletries, clothes, clothes hangers, laundry bag, umbrella, school supplies, and other personal items to help make a resident’s stay more comfortable.

What items are not permitted?
Pets, room modifications (nails, paint, wallpaper, masking tape/double sided tape, etc.), items with open flames (candles, incense, etc.), halogen lamps, fireworks, firearms, or other weapons, couches, recliners, futons, oversized bean bags and other large items of furniture (due to limited space). Wood products are permitted only after inspection by residence hall staff for insects.

Are there phone jacks in all residence halls?
No, but data/internet and cable are available in all of the residential rooms/apartments on campus. Each room has 2 data and 1 cable hookup, per 2 residents. Students must provide their own TV and computer.

Are small appliances allowed in the rooms?
Small appliances, such as stereos, televisions, VCR/DVD players, microwaves, mini-refrigerators (4 cubic feet or smaller), computers, vacuum cleaners, clothes irons, oscillating fans, etc. are allowed. Cooking appliances with open burners are not allowed in the residence halls, such as toaster ovens and Foreman-type grills.

If you have additional questions about housing, please contact the Student Housing Office, at studenthousing@seu.edu, 863-667-5148 or toll-free at 800-500-8760.
IMPORTANT CONTACTS

STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES
Location: Addison Hall 2nd Floor
Phone: 863-667-5018

ADMISSIONS
Location: Addison Hall 2nd Floor
Phone: 863-667-5018

ACADEMIC ADVISING
Location: Modular Between Bush Chapel and Bolin Hall
Phone: 863-667-5082

REGISTRAR
Location: Modular between Bush Chapel and Addison Hall
Phone: 863-667-5015

HEALTH SERVICES
Location: Smith Hall 1st floor
Phone: 863-667-5205

HUMAN RESOURCES
Location: Smith Hall 1st floor
Phone: 863-667-5249

STUDENT HOUSING
Location: Addison Hall 1st floor
Phone: 863-667-5148

FOLLET CAMPUS BOOKSTORE
Location: Pansler Alumni-Student Union 1st floor, across from Mi Casa Café
Phone: 863-667-5048