



URT and College Orientation

Whether you started at the University as an online student, transfer student, or a traditional student, you participated in some type of orientation before beginning classes. The goal of the orientation program was to reduce your uncertainty and anxiety in starting school.

For this application, you to share your orientation experience with your pod mates and draw connections between the seven axioms of uncertainty reduction and your experiences

Axioms

1. Verbal Communication
2. Nonverbal Warmth
3. Information Seeking
4. Self-disclosure
5. Reciprocity
6. Similarity
7. Liking
8. Shared Networks

New Student Orientation

8:45am - 10:30am	Check-in at the Student Union Plan your arrival time accordingly to maximize this self-guided portion of the day.
9:00am - 11:30am	Concurrent Interactive Engagement Resources This is a self-guided portion of the day during which you can visit all the offices that you still need to meet with to complete the actions on your New Student Checklist (<i>meet with a Financial Aid Officer, learn about Dining, Parking, Housing & see a residence hall room, academic assistance, health services, and much more!</i>). You will learn about other important departments and places on campus. Browse our bookstore and enjoy our beautiful campus. This portion of the day will involve walking outside and into different buildings on-campus. It gets hot in South Georgia, but inside the air

	<p>conditioning can be cold. Please dress comfortably and weather appropriate. Light layers and comfortable walking shoes are encouraged.</p> <p>Please plan to arrive early enough to utilize this time to your advantage - there is so much to see and learn about!</p>
11:30am-12:45pm	Palms Dining Hall (Lunch is included as part of your Orientation Day)
1:00pm	Student & Parent Orientation Sessions - Student Union

Discussion Questions

- Was the orientation program successful in reducing uncertainty and anxiety? Why or why not?
- How could the institution improve its orientation program?
- Did any of the students go through a different orientation program? If so, what were the differences? How successful were they in reducing uncertainty and anxiety?
- What topics were the orientation program designed to address?
- What topics should the orientation program address?