

Orientation

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY
2008

Freshman Orientation—Students
June 2008

Tentative Schedule

Day 1

7:30–9 a.m.

Registration—Colvard Student Union

Welcome to Mississippi State University and Orientation 2008! Check in and receive your Orientation packet, schedule and T-shirt. A special thanks to the MSU Alumni Association, your “forever maroon and white family,” for sponsoring the Orientation 2008 student T-shirts.

7:30–9 a.m.

Breakfast— Colvard Student Union

Enjoy a breakfast prepared by MSU Dining Services, compliments of Orientation 2008.

7:30–8:30 a.m.

Campus Tours

Enjoy a riding tour of MSU’s beautiful campus with MSU staff members.

7:30–8:30 a.m.

Barnes & Noble at Mississippi State—Cullis Wade Depot

Browse through the university’s premier bookstore, Barnes & Noble at Mississippi State, for MSU apparel and merchandise, to learn about textbook pre-orders, and more

7:30–9 a.m.

Organization Fair— Colvard Student Union

A number of MSU’s most prominent student organizations will be on hand to share information regarding academic, honorary, Greek, religious, and service opportunities on campus.

- 7:30–9 a.m. **Post Office Boxes– Colvard Student Union**
- Students can complete the post office box application included in their Orientation packets and turn it in to the post office staff. They will need two forms of identification and the rental fee, which is \$21. Students living on campus must have a post office box to receive mail.
- For those students not able to reserve a post office box at this time, the university post office will be open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 7:30–9 a.m. **Sanderson Center Hand Scans– Colvard Student Union**
- Have your hand scanned to access the Joe Frank Sanderson Center, the recreation center at MSU.
- 7:30–9 a.m. **Immunizations– Colvard Student Union**
- Students who have not submitted the student immunization form or need to receive the required measles/rubella immunization may do so at this time.
- 9:15 a.m. **General Assembly–Ballroom Colvard Student Union**
- Enjoy a special university welcome from MSU administrators and faculty, an overview of the Orientation schedule, and general announcements.
- 10:30 a.m.–noon **Dawg Talk**
- Meet with your Orientation Leader to discuss Mississippi State and Starkville living, with emphasis on campus services, student involvement and student life in general.
- Noon–1:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- Noon– 1:30 p.m. **Barnes and Noble at Mississippi State Open – Cullis Wade Depot**
- Visit Barnes and Noble at Mississippi State for MSU apparel and merchandise, to learn about fall textbook pre-orders, and more.
- Noon-1:30 p.m. **State Fountain Bakery Open**
- Visit the historic State Fountain Bakery for homemade MSU cookies, ice cream, and fountain drinks. Shuttles will be available outside of the bakery for transportation throughout campus.
- Noon– 5 p.m. **All University Offices Open**
- Noon – until **Housing Check-In – Griffis Hall Lobby**
- Students and parents staying overnight on campus during Orientation can check into Griffis Hall during this time.
- 1:30–2:45 p.m. **Dawg Talk**
- Meet with your Orientation Leader to discuss Mississippi State and Starkville living, with emphasis on campus services, student involvement and student life in general.

- 2:45–3:30 p.m. **Ice Cream Social**
- MSU’s Interfraternity, Panhellenic and National Pan-Hellenic councils invite you to enjoy the university’s famous homemade ice cream and live music, while visiting with current members of Greek student organizations.
- 3:30–4:30 p.m. **Dawg Talk**
- Meet with your Orientation Leader to discuss Mississippi State and Starkville living, with emphasis on campus services, student involvement and student life in general.
- 4:30–5 p.m. **Campus Life at Mississippi State**
- Choose from among four activities to get a firsthand taste of campus life at MSU! Whether it is learning more about the prestigious Shackouls Honors College, finding information about Greek Life, experiencing a mock classroom experience, or talking to current MSU student leaders, you will learn more about your new home away from home.
- 4:30–6 p.m. **Campus Card Office–108 Allen Hall (Student ID Cards and MoneyMate)**
- Students can have their official MSU ID card made during this time.
- 5–5:30 p.m. **Campus Life at Mississippi State**
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- 5:30–8 p.m. **Dinner**
- Enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet prepared by MSU Dining Services. Name tag required for admission.
- 5:30–8 p.m. **Residence Hall Tours**
- Enjoy a guided tour of the university’s residence halls. Please meet Housing and Residence Life staff in the lobby of the following halls: Building 3 (Co-Residential), Cresswell (Co-Residential), Rice (Female), and Sessums (Female). Tours will depart on shuttles from the State Fountain Bakery.
- 8:30–10:30 p.m. **Movie–MSU Amphitheater (Rain Location: Lee Hall Auditorium)**
- Complimentary refreshments and popcorn will be provided.
- 8:30–10:30 p.m. **Coffee House–Barnes & Noble at Mississippi State–Cullis Wade Depot**
- Enjoy Starbucks coffee and live music at the “Depot,” compliments of Barnes & Noble at Mississippi State. Shuttle service will be available at Griffis Hall and Cullis Wade Depot.
- 11 p.m. **Shuttle Service Ends**

Day 2

What's Open Today

7 a.m. **State Fountain Bakery Open for Breakfast (On Your Own)**

7:30 a.m. **Barnes and Noble at Mississippi State–Cullis Wade Depot**

8 a.m.–noon **Housing and Residence Life Office–Herbert Hall**

8 a.m.-1 p.m. **Campus Card Office–108 Hall (Student ID Cards and MoneyMate)**

8 a.m.-1 p.m. **Information Technology Services Help Desk–108 Allen Hall**

Students are invited to drop by the ITS Help Desk for questions and assistance regarding the MSU Wireless Network, the On-Campus portal system, and other technology-related issues.

7 a.m. **Shuttle Service Begins**

Shuttles will be available at Griffis Hall, State Fountain Bakery and the Orientation parking area for service throughout campus.

7 a.m. – noon **Check-Out–Orientation Residence Halls**

If you are staying on campus during Orientation, please check out at the front desk of your residence hall at this time. Linens, blankets, and pillows should be left in the room.

8:30 a.m. **Meeting with the Registrar**

Receive a tutorial on the university's course registration procedures.

9:30 a.m. **Academic Advising and Registration**

Discussion with academic officials about curriculum, registration, and other important information. If you have not yet turned in your immunization compliance form, please report to 250 Montgomery Hall. If you have any problems during registration, please report to the Registrar's Office in Garner Hall.

11 a.m.–2 p.m. **Famous Maroon Band Auditions–MSU Band Hall**

For more information, please report to the MSU Band Hall or contact Elva Kaye Lance at 662-325-2713.

11 a.m.–2 p.m. **MSU Choir Auditions–Choir Rehearsal Hall**

For more information, please report to the MSU Band Hall or contact Dr. Bruce Lesley at 662-325-7801.

Please take a moment to complete an Orientation 2008 evaluation form. Forms may be found at the State Fountain Bakery or the front desk of Griffis Hall. It was our pleasure to serve you during Orientation 2008 and we look forward to seeing you in the fall. Have a safe trip home!