Preparing for Summer O 2014

What do I need to do before I attend Summer O?

- Activate your Murray State email address and your myGate account. You should have received a series of letters from the Admissions and Registrar’s Offices with instructions on how to do this. For assistance contact the CTLT Help Desk at (270)-809-2346.

- Review your ACT scores. If you scored below an 18 in English, 19 in Math, or 20 in Reading sections of the ACT, you are encouraged to take the developmental placement exam. More information on those exams and their scheduling can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

What do I need to bring with me?

- You MUST have your username and password for your myGate account, so write it down if you need to.
- You MUST have a picture ID.
- If you intend to take the developmental placement test, you should bring a copy of all ACT scores.
- Comfortable shoes, a light jacket if you are cold natured, and an umbrella if there is a chance of rain

For more information visit: www.murraystate.edu/racer101
Getting Started at Summer O

Where do I park when I arrive? When and where do I check in? What if we have special needs? How can I get ahead? Don’t worry, we’ve got answers to all your questions!

PARKING
You will NOT need a special permit for this event. Parking will be available off Chestnut Street, near the Curris Center. This parking can best be accessed by way of 16th Street from either the north or south. Specific parking locations will be behind Old Richmond, Franklin, and the lot off of Gilbert Graves Drive. If you intend to use a GPS or other navigation system you may use the following address to locate the Curris Center parking lot:

1375 Chestnut Street
Murray, KY 42071

For additional assistance you may contact the Office of Recruitment at 270-809-2896.

CHECK-IN
Your check-in process at Summer O will depend on whether or not you intend to take the developmental placement exam.

If you scored BELOW an 18 in English, 19 in Math, or 20 in Reading sections of the ACT: you are encouraged to take the developmental placement exam. Because those exams begin promptly at 7:45 AM, you will need to report to the Collins I&T Center (directly west of the Curris Center) by 7:30 AM. We will complete your Summer O check-in process after you complete the exam.

If you scored ABOVE an 18 in English, 19 in Math, or 20 in Reading sections of the ACT: you may report to the Curris Center at your convenience between 7:30 AM and 8:45 AM to complete your Summer O check-in process. (See schedules on p. 3)

All check-in processing will be completed at the Curris Center. You will receive your name tag, program guides, and other materials at check-in. You will also get your picture made for your MSU student ID.

We will have a browsing session available for the early birds who complete the check-in process before the opening session begins at 9:00 AM. Information tables for our different academic departments and various extracurricular activities will be on hand.

SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE
Our staff is prepared to accommodate anyone who may have special needs. If you or any of your guests require special assistance please contact the Office of Student Disability Services at 270-809-5737. You may also contact the Office of Recruitment at 270-809-2896.

GETTING AHEAD
Looking for a way to get ahead before you arrive at Summer O? You may choose to look at program curriculum and course selections so that you have a better idea of the classes you will have to choose from. This will also give you an idea of how the online registration process works.

Start your curriculum search at:

www.murraystate.edu/Academics/majorsProgramsAll.aspx

Course selections can be viewed through the Class Search tool, under the Academics tab, on myGate. By doing this now, you could save valuable time during the academic advising/registration process.
Your Orientation Itinerary

Students
7:30 - 8:45 AM  Check-In (Curris Center)
                  Placement Testing (231 Collins Industry & Technology Center)
                  Student ID Photographs (3rd Floor, Curris Center, Mississippi Room)
                  Browsing Session (Curris Center)
                  University Store (2nd Floor, Curris Center)
9:00 - 9:30 AM  Opening Session (Curris Center Ballroom)
9:45 - 10:15 AM Session with Summer O Counselor (various locations)
10:15 - 11:15 AM Intro to Academic Life (Curris Center Ballroom)
11:30 - 12:20 PM Interest Sessions (Curris Center Meeting Rooms)
12:30 - 1:15 PM  Lunch (Winslow Dining Hall)
1:30 - 2:20 PM  Session with Summer O Counselor (various locations)
2:30 - 2:45 PM  Final Prep w/Dr. Don Roberson (Lovett Auditorium)
3:00 - 5:00 PM  Academic Advising Info and Advising Sessions (Lovett Auditorium)

Family/Guests
7:30 - 8:45 AM  Check-In (Curris Center)
                  Browsing Session (Curris Center)
                  University Store (2nd Floor, Curris Center)
9:00 - 9:30 AM  Opening Session (Curris Center Ballroom)
9:45 - 10:15 AM Parent & Family Connection (Curris Center Ballroom)
10:15 - 11:15 AM Intro to Academic Life (Curris Center Ballroom)
11:30 - 12:15PM Lunch (Winslow Dining Hall)
12:30 - 1:30 PM  Student Affairs Resources (Curris Center Ballroom)
1:30 - 2:10 PM  Reception, Sponsored by University Bookstore & Dining Services
2:15 - 2:45 PM  Breakout Session #1 (Curris Center Meeting Rooms)
2:50 - 3:20 PM  Breakout Session #2 (Curris Center Meeting Rooms)
3:25 - 3:55 PM  Breakout Session #3 (Curris Center Meeting Rooms)
4:00 - 4:30 PM  Closing (Curris Center Ballroom)

SERVICE 101
Date: June 25-26 (closed)
Cost: $40

Service 101 is an overnight experience offered to new MSU students prior to classes starting in the fall. Participants in the program learn about the important social issues facing the county and how service can be used as a tool for personal growth and community building. During the program, students will have the opportunity to become acquainted with the community they will soon be part of, as well as interact with faculty, staff and students on campus.

For more information visit:
www.murraystate.edu/service101
Placement Exams

Developmental (English, Math, Reading)

Bring a copy of all ACT scores to your Summer Orientation session if you plan to take one of the assessment tests. Placement tests will be given at the following two times for each Orientation Session:

On the morning of each Orientation Session: Seating at 7:45 AM
RM 231 Collins Industry & Technology Center

For more information on placement exams visit:
www.murraystate.edu/headermenu/offices/OfficeOfRecruitment/SummerO/Testing.aspx

Foreign Language

French, German, and Spanish

All incoming freshmen and transfer students who have had French, German, or Spanish, including native speakers, are required to take the placement exam, even those who do not plan on continuing the language at this university.

The free placement tests in French, German, and Spanish are available online and may be taken at any time convenient to the student. To access online exams go to:

http://webcape.byuhtrsc.org?acct=murraystate

You may login using the password:

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After logging in, select your language from the drop down menu and press the “Begin” button. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the placement exam.

Chinese and Japanese

At this time, online placement tests are unavailable for Japanese and Chinese. For placement tests in Japanese, please contact:

Ms. Yoko Hatakeyama yhatakeyama@murraystate.edu

For placement tests in Chinese, please contact:

Dr. Jie Wu jwu@murraystate.edu

Scoring

Scores will be sent automatically to the student and to Murray State. On the basis of the score earned, the student can be placed at the appropriate language level. If you score, for example, into the 3rd semester of the language (201), enroll in the course and complete it with a final grade of “A” or “B”, the student may receive credit for the two prior courses (101 and 102), saving time and tuition money. Students may earn up to a maximum of 12 credit hours.
Special Notices

Registration Verification Process

In order to register for classes ALL students must complete a registration verification form online. This process will take a few minutes and we strongly encourage you to complete this before you attend Summer Orientation. This will save you time during your advising session. Please log-in to your MyGate and click on the “Academics” tab and click on the Pre-Registration Verification Form.

Additional Parking Information

How do I register for my parking permit? You will have an opportunity during or after your Summer O session to pre-register for your MSU Parking Permit.

Make sure you register your vehicle using the MSU Parking Channel, under the Money Tab, through MyGate. You will need to provide the following information:

- Year of vehicle
- Make & Model
- License Plate # & State
- Cell phone #

City of Murray Vehicle Stickers

City ordinance requires that those citizens that work or live within the city limits of Murray obtain a city sticker for each personal vehicle utilized within the city limits. This includes Murray State Students. The cost of each sticker is $50.00 and is valid for a period of one year, however, students can purchase their stickers upon their arrival in August for a prorated price. To obtain a city sticker you will need to know:

- Year of Vehicle
- Make of Vehicle
- Model of Vehicle
- License Plate Number

For more information please call 270-762-0300.