Preparing for Summer O 2015

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 Office of Admissions 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 can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

- View our informational videos provided on our website: www.murraystate.edu/summero

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.

- 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

RACER 101
Blue Session: closed
Gold Session: closed
Cost: $140

Racer 101 is the premier extended orientation program for first-year students. Racer 101 is designed to aid incoming students in their transition from high school to college by developing a diverse social network of classmates, upperclassmen, faculty and staff members and encouraging their bond to Murray State University through the introduction of campus culture and traditions.

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
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.

Paying for College
You will have the opportunity to meet with our Scholarship, Financial Aid, and Bursar offices during Summer O.

These offices will be available to meet with students that will not have any family or guests attending with them during the morning browsing session from 7:30-8:45 am.

Family & Guests attending, representatives will also be available in the afternoon sessions to provide more information about external scholarships, the FAFSA application, the process of work study, the verification process, and much more information. In addition, you can receive a tailored cost sheet, information will be shared about payment plans, important deadlines, and many more details.

HOUSING INFO

QUICK FACTS

• The online application is accessible through myGate. All students who live in a residence hall must pay the $150 housing deposit. We also cannot waive this fee.

• Our office will begin making our housing assignments for our new applicants for the fall semester towards the end of May; Housing assignments will not be finalized until the end of July.

• Students are required to live on campus their freshman and sophomore years. Students can request an exemption from this requirement

• To be exempt from Housing you must fit in one of the defined categories which can be found on the Housing website.. Housing exemption applications must be filled out and approved in order to live off-campus.

• Students who come from the regional tuition states of Alabama, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Tennessee are required to live on-campus not only during their freshman and sophomore years, but also during their junior year if they wish to receive the regional tuition rate

For more information visit: www.murraystate.edu/housing
Your Orientation Itinerary

7:30 - 8:45 AM  Check-in (Curris Center)
  Student ID Photographs (3rd Floor, Curris Center, Mississippi Room)
  Browsing Session (3rd Floor, Curris Center)
  University Store (2nd Floor, Curris Center)
  Financial Aid, Scholarships, & Bursar (3rd floor, Curris Center, Theatre)

9:00 - 9:30 AM  Opening Session (Curris Center Ballroom)

9:30 - 9:50 AM  Housing & Dining Info (Curris Center Ballroom)

9:50 - 10:30 AM  Intro to Academic Life (Curris Center Ballroom)

10:45 - 12:30 PM  Academic Advising (various locations)

12:30 - 1:15 PM  Lunch (Winslow Dining Hall)

1:30 - 3:00 PM  Session with Summer O Counselor (various locations)

3:15 - 4:30 PM  Student Resources w/Summer O Counselors

4:30 PM  Check-out w/Summer O Counselor

Please note that to confirm your fall class schedule you MUST check out with your Summer O Counselor at the end of the day. Upon completion, students will meet family/guests at the Curris Center. Representatives from Housing, Public Safety, and Dining Services will be available in the Curris Center after students check out for individual questions.

Family/Guests

7:30 - 8:45 AM  Check-In (Curris Center)
  Browsing Session (3rd Floor, Curris Center)
  University Store (2nd Floor, Curris Center)
  Financial Aid, Scholarships, & Bursar (3rd floor, Curris Center, Theatre)

9:00 - 9:30 AM  Opening Session (Curris Center Ballroom)

9:30 - 9:50 AM  Housing & Dining Info (Curris Center Ballroom)

9:50 - 10:30 AM  Intro to Academic Life (Curris Center Ballroom)

10:45 - 11:15AM  Parent & Family Connection (Curris Center Ballroom)

11:30 - 12:15PM  Lunch (Winslow Dining Hall)

12:30 - 1:30 PM  Student Affairs Resources (Curris Center Ballroom)

1:30 - 2:30 PM  Reception, Sponsored by University Bookstore & Dining Services

2:35 - 3:05 PM  Breakout Session #1 (Curris Center Meeting Rooms)

3:10 - 3:40 PM  Breakout Session #2 (Curris Center Meeting Rooms)

3:45 - 4:15 PM  Breakout Session #3 (Curris Center Meeting Rooms)

DINING SERVICES
QUICK FACTS

- All incoming first year students are required to be on the Unlimited Meal Plan (which includes $75 Flex Dollars)
- The Unlimited Plan is designed to give students maximum flexibility, no matter how busy the class and extracurricular activities schedule is
- If you have received a Housing exemption, you DO NOT have to also fill out a Meal Plan Exemption Request form
- Even though you might be living off campus, it is still a good idea to buy a meal plan
- We can accommodate special dietary needs
- Dining Services hires over 400 students/year
- To apply, go to www.murraystatejobs.com

For more information visit: www.murraystate.edu/dining

Be the change you wish to see in the world. -- Mahatma Gandhi
Foreign Language Placement Exams

Foreign Language

French, German, and Spanish

All incoming students enrolling in a foreign language class at Murray State who have had prior experience in that language, are required to take a placement exam to determine at which level they should begin (102, 201, 202, 301, etc.). This includes native and heritage speakers of the desired language. The Placement tests in French, German, and Spanish are available on the Web and may be taken at any time convenient to the student. It takes 10-20 minutes and costs $10. The 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.