



# Mercer's Orientation and Registration Experience 2009

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## Family and Guest Schedule

7:45-8:15 a.m.	<b>Check-In and Continental Breakfast</b> .....University Center Lobby
8:30-8:50 a.m.	<b>Welcome and Overview of the Day</b> .....University Center Arena We're glad you're here! Members of the Mercer community will welcome you and outline today's schedule. This is also your chance to meet the Peer Advisors!
9:00-12:00 p.m.	<b>Siblings Program</b> .....Depart from University Center Mercerians' siblings who are under the age of 12 are invited to join the Peer Advisors for a morning of fun! Families may rejoin siblings at Noon in the Connell Student Center Lobby.
9:00-9:50 a.m.	<b>Family FYI</b> .....University Center, President's Dining Room A panel consisting of representatives from the Division of Student Affairs and the Mercer Police Department will share information that family members of our newest Mercerians need to know about student life, campus safety, and general health issues. This forum will also give you the opportunity to ask our panelists questions.
10:00-10:50 a.m.	<b>Meetings with Deans</b> .....Various Locations Meet with one of the deans of your student's college or school to discuss academic requirements and learn more about what your student can expect from academic life at Mercer. College of Liberal Arts.....Medical School Auditorium Stetson School of Business and Economics.....Stetson Hall 265 School of Engineering.....Science and Engineering Building 110 Tift College of Education.....Stetson Hall 151 Townsend School of Music.....McCorkle Choir Rehearsal Room
11:00-12:00 p.m.	<b>Surviving Your Student's First Year in College</b> .....Medical School Auditorium This session is designed just for parents and families and will address transition issues related to sending a student to college.
11:00-2:30 p.m.	<b>Student Identification Cards Made</b> .....Connell Student Center Peer Advisors will escort groups of students every thirty minutes (11:00 and 11:30 AM; and Noon, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, and 2:30 PM) to have student <i>Bear Cards</i> made in the Auxiliary Services Building.
11:30-1:00 p.m.	<b>Campus Resource Fair</b> .....Connell Student Center Lobby Come see what Mercer has to offer by visiting with departments from across campus. Your student can enter a drawing for a chance to win a giftcard to Mercer's bookstore at the Closing Reception!
12:00-1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b> .....Fresh Food Company, Connell Student Center
12:30-2:30 p.m.	<b>Residence Hall Tours</b> .....Connell Student Center Peer Advisors will depart every thirty minutes (12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00 and 2:30 PM) to show you a first-year residence hall.
12:30-2:30 p.m.	<b>Campus Tours</b> .....Connell Student Center Peer Advisors will depart every thirty minutes (12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00 and 2:30 PM) to take you on a tour of Mercer's historic campus!

*Please remember to turn off all cellphones and pagers during sessions. Thank you for your consideration!*

- 1:00-5:00 p.m.      **Office of Student Financial Planning**.....First Floor of Ryals Hall  
Staff members will be available to meet with you to review your student’s financial aid package and answer any questions you may have.
- 1:15-1:45 p.m.      **Residence Life/Health and Safety Information**....Connell Student Center, Conference Room I  
Come learn more about residential life and campus health and safety services at Mercer.  
**Commuter Student/Health and Safety Information**.....Connell Student Center 314  
Learn about commuter student life and campus health and safety services at Mercer.
- 1:50-2:20 p.m.      **Financial Matters at Mercer**.....Connell Student Center 314  
Learn more about the financial services and account payment options available at Mercer.  
**Student Health and Insurance Information**.....Connell Student Center 336  
Receive information about health services and policies.  
**Minority Mentor Program**.....Connell Student Center 337  
Discover the opportunities that await minority students at Mercer.  
**Campus Life/Greek Life Information**.....Connell Student Center, Conference Room I  
Join the Campus Life staff to learn more about the involvement opportunities available at Mercer.  
**Pre-Professional Program Information**.....Connell Student Center, Conference Room II  
Hear important information pertaining to students in Mercer’s pre-health and pre-law programs.
- 2:25-2:55 p.m.      **Financial Matters at Mercer**..... Connell Student Center 314  
**Student Health and Insurance Information**.....Connell Student Center 336  
**Minority Mentor Program**.....Connell Student Center 337  
**Campus Life/Greek Life Information**.....Connell Student Center, Conference Room I  
**Pre-Professional Program Information**.....Connell Student Center, Conference Room II  
(Repeated earlier sessions)
- 3:00 p.m.            **Closing Reception**.....Connell Student Center Breezeway  
Don’t miss the student drawing for a Bookstore gift card at 3:10 p.m. (your student must be present to win)!

*Orientation staff members will be available at the Information Table in the Connell Student Center Lobby beginning at 11:30 AM if you need additional assistance.*

### **Family and Guest Checklist**

**Please make sure that you complete the following items!**

- Make sure your student completes the Foreign Language and/ or Mathematics Placement Exams, if applicable.
- Visit the Resource Fair with your student to gather information from across campus.
- If your student will live on campus, attend the Residence Life Information session and visit a first-year residence hall.
- If your student will be commuting, attend the Commuter Student Information session.
- Make sure your student visits the Office of Student Disability Services, if applicable.
- Make sure your student meets with an academic advisor.
- Make sure your student has his or her ID card made.
- If your student needs health insurance coverage, speak to the insurance representatives from Core Management Resources.
- Make sure your student submits a completed Student Health Form.
- Have all of your questions answered by the Peer Advisors, faculty, and staff.

### Important Campus Departments

- **Office of Academic and Advising Services (301-2078):** Penfield Hall
- **Office of Admissions (301-2650):**  
Lower level of Connell Student Center
- **Office of the Bursar (301-1111):**  
First floor of Ryals Hall
- **Office of the Registrar (301-2680):**  
First floor of Langdale Hall
- **Office of Residence Life (301-2687):**  
Third floor of Connell Student Center
- **Office of Student Financial Planning (301-2670):** First floor of Ryals Hall
- **Student Disability Services (301-2778):**  
Third floor of Connell Student Center
- **Student Health Center (301-2696):**  
First Floor of the Medical School Building

**We look forward to seeing you again on Saturday, August 22nd! If you have any questions about Bear Beginnings (Fall Orientation), please contact the Orientation Office at orientation@mercer.edu or (478) 301-4300.**