

FOCUS ORIENTATION

Welcome, New Hatters!

We are so excited to welcome you to your new home. In the days to come, you will begin your journey as a Hatter. This is your first opportunity to become fully immersed in our community, and we are so happy you are here! During FOCUS, you will be able to learn about our values and traditions while connecting with other incoming and returning students. FOCUS is your opportunity to discover the many resources and experiences available here at Stetson. You will attend events to help in your transition and learn more about your academic and community expectations. Please make the most of your FOCUS week, as it can be where some of your best college memories and longest-lasting connections are formed! Please do not hesitate to ask a FOCUS Leader any and all questions you may have throughout the week. We are here to help make this experience the best it can be!

***For First-Year Seminar/FOCUS Group Locations,
School of Music audition information and other
FOCUS Orientation resources, visit:***

www.stetson.edu/focus-resources

Saturday, August 13

8 a.m. – 3 p.m. One-Stop Residential Student Check-In *Lynn Business Center Parking Lot*

It's a great day to be a Hatter! Drive-thru Check-In is your first stop. During this time you will participate new student check-in, which is mandatory for all students. You will also pick up your FOCUS packet and get your residence hall access. Please make sure you have your Stetson ID number and government-issued photo ID ready when you arrive at your pre-registered time.

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Lunch on Your Own

4 p.m. School of Music New Student Meeting *McMahan Hall, Feasel Rehearsal Hall*

This session is required for all new music majors, minors and anyone interested in participating in music ensembles. This meeting will orient you to the music community at Stetson and offer specific information about auditions and placement exams that occur Sunday through Wednesday of orientation week. Music faculty will be at this meeting to greet you and answer your questions. Hatter parents are welcome!

5 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Dinner, Set Up Your Room, etc.

7 p.m. First Residence Hall Floor Meeting

Meet with your Resident Assistant (RA) and fellow neighbors while discovering the opportunities of living on campus. Learn what being a part of a Residential community is about and find out how you may contribute. Check your Stetson email for more information from your RA!

7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Parent and Family Reception *Rinker Welcome Center*

Come as you are and join us for hors d'oeuvres, drinks and dessert, and make connections with Stetson staff and faculty as well as other Hatter parents and families.

8:30 p.m. Movie Under the Stars *Stetson Green*

Ready to unwind after a long day of moving in? Join Student Development and Campus Vibrancy and enjoy Pixar classic "The Incredibles", snacks and more under the stars.

Sunday, August 14

8:30 a.m. Chapel Service **Lee Chapel, Elizabeth Hall**

Join us for a service led by Religious and Spiritual Life that celebrates our commitment to spiritual growth as a community of diverse faiths, beliefs and cultural backgrounds.

9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Commuter Student Check-In **Edmunds Center**

It's a great day to be a Hatter! Check-In is your first stop. During this time you will participate new student check-in, which is mandatory for all students. You will pick up your FOCUS materials and meet other commuter students. Please make sure you have your Stetson ID number and government-issued photo ID ready when you arrive.

9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Parent and Family College **Rinker Fieldhouse**

This program provides all the tools needed to establish a strong support network for your new Hatter. To learn more about Parent & Family College, view the [schedule!](#)

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Class Meeting 1 **Edmunds Center**

Welcome to your first Class Meeting! These interactive sessions will help you navigate life as a Hatter. Today's Class Meeting is about the university's value of Personal Growth. You'll meet Co-Interim Vice President of Campus Life and Student Success and Dean of Students, Lynn Schoenberg, and important members of our campus community as they introduce our campus values and discuss what it means to be a leader and a member of the Stetson University community. Learn about university policies and procedures and the importance of Title IX. All Class Meetings and FOCUS Group Meetings are mandatory and attendance will be taken.

11:30 a.m. Class of 2026 Photo **Stetson Green**

Immediately following the Class Meeting, the Class of 2026 will meet on the Stetson Green for a class photo. Be sure to wear the Stetson T-shirt you received at check-in!

11:30 a.m. Transfer Student Photo Photo **Libby Lawn**

Immediately following the FOCUS Kick-Off, all transfer students will meet at Libby Lawn for a photo. Be sure to wear the Stetson T-shirt you received at check-in!

11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch **Lynn Dining Commons**

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. FOCUS Group Meeting **Your FSEM/FOCUS Group Room** **Check the FOCUS Resource Page for Location**

Meet your FOCUS Group, which will be your FSEM classmates or fellow transfer students. Your FOCUS Leader will help you get to know your peers and learn about life at Stetson. FOCUS Group Meetings are mandatory and attendance will be taken.

3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Title IX **Edmunds Center**

You and your FOCUS Group will participate in an engaging session about keeping our community safe. Stetson promotes a culture of consent and encourages reporting of incidents involving gender bias, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and interpersonal violence. This session will help consider topics such as consent, incapacitation, and bystander intervention.

4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Say "See You Later" to Family and Friends, FSEM Study Time, Dinner, & Relax

7 p.m. Symphonic Band/Concert Band Meeting **McMahan Hall, Feasel Rehearsal Hall**

Any student interested in participating in Symphonic Band or Concern Band is invited to attend this informational meeting.

7 p.m. Stetson Choir/Singers Meeting **Presser Hall, Tinsley Rehearsal Hall**

Any student interested in participating in Stetson Choir is invited to attend this informational meeting.

8:30 p.m. - Glow Games **Stetson Green**

Hatter Productions would like to invite you a night of crazy lawn games. Get ready to glow as you compete and hang out with fellow Hatters under the stars on the Stetson Green.

Monday, August 15

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Class Meeting/FOCUS Group Meeting **Your FSEM/FOCUS Group Room** **Check the FOCUS Resource Page for Location**

Today, your Class Meetings and FOCUS Group Meetings will meet at the same time in your FOCUS Group Room! Today's will focus on Global Citizenship and the diverse community Stetson strives to create for every Hatter. This value is an important part of Stetson's mission to prepare students to be informed, active, and engaged citizens of local communities and the world. This interactive session will build on the strength of our diversity and celebrate what it means to be an inclusive community. Class Meetings and FOCUS Group Meetings are mandatory and attendance will be taken.

12 p.m. - 2 p.m. - Lunch **Lynn Dining Commons**

12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Org Showcase - COMMUNITY Edition **Outside the Carlton Union Building**

Are you passionate about getting involved in the local community? Do you want to learn more about our multicultural and spiritual organizations? Stop by any of the tables to learn more!

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. First-Year Seminar Class **Your FSEM/FOCUS Group Room** **Check the FOCUS Resource Page for Location**

Mandatory for all first-year students and transfer students with fewer than 24 credits.

5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Dinner and FSEM Study Time

7 p.m. Interfaith Gathering

Lee's Garage, Carlton Union Building

Get connected and learn more about spiritual and secular campus involvement on campus. If you don't see an organization that represents your religious or non-religious identity, learn how to create one!

8:30 p.m. Bingo Bonanza

Libby Lawn

Come and enjoy an evening of bingo sponsored by Fraternity & Sorority Involvement. Bring your good luck charms and noise makers to try to win prizes valued up to \$100! Door prizes will also be given away. Stop by for fun entertainment, and a snack!

Tuesday, August 16

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Discovery Program Launch Meeting

Lee's Garage, Carlton Union Building

This session is for any student who is in the Discovery Program, undecided about their major, or would like to explore their areas of interest before committing to a major. At Stetson, students who want to engage in that exploration can join the Discovery Program. Meet our team and learn more about what Discovery can offer you! Donuts and OJ provided!

10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Class Meeting 3

Edmunds Center

During today's FOCUS Group meeting, you will learn more about academic life at Stetson. The Class Meeting, an interactive recording, will introduce you to our Provost, Dr. Noel Painter, and Executive Director of Career and Academic Success, Stacy Collins, as they discuss the benefits of engaging and describe the diverse learning community that awaits you. Class Meetings and FOCUS Group Meetings are mandatory and attendance will be taken.

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch

Lynn Dining Commons

Bring your FSEM materials to your FOCUS Group Meeting!

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Org Showcase - Vibrancy Edition

Outside the Carlton Union Building

Are you looking for a way to feel connected to our community? The organizations featured truly embody Stetson's spirit and add to the vibrancy of our campus.

1 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. FOCUS Group Meeting

Your FSEM/FOCUS Group Room

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Meet with your FOCUS Group! FOCUS Group Meetings are mandatory and attendance will be taken.

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. First-Year Seminar Class

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5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Dinner and FSEM Study Time

8:30 p.m. – Night of Lights

Libby Lawn

Join Hatterthon as they host Night of Lights! Party at a silent disco with tie-dyed t-shirts, sweet treats, and more as you get to meet more new Hatters under the starry Stetson sky.

Wednesday, August 17

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Class Meeting/FOCUS Group Meeting 4

Your FSEM/FOCUS Group Room

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Your safety on campus is a top priority here at Stetson! During today's Class Meeting you'll meet our Director of Public Safety, Francisco Ortiz, and other members of our campus community to learn about procedures for various situations that could happen in a University setting. FOCUS Group Meetings are mandatory and attendance will be taken.

12 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Lunch

Lynn Dining Commons

12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Org Showcase - Campus Life Edition

Outside the Carlton Union Building

Want to learn about other ways to connect with our campus community? Today is a way to do it. Learn from our many campus partners and get involved!

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. First-Year Seminar Class

Your FSEM/FOCUS Group Room

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Mandatory for all first-year students and transfer students with fewer than 24 credits. Refer to your faculty member regarding how your FSEM will meet each day.

5 p.m. Convocation

Edmunds Center

Walk to Convocation with your FSEM faculty member and classmates. During this special tradition, you will officially be welcomed into our campus community! Cultural Credit will be provided to those who attend.

Thursday, August 18

First Day of Classes

Congratulations - You are officially starting your first full day of classes as a Hatter! Start your academic journey strong and create connections with your faculty, staff and peers.

9:30 p.m. Uncouth Hour

Lee's Garage, Carlton Union Building

End your evening by enjoying the first Uncouth Hour of the semester! Uncouth Hour is a weekly open-mic event in which Stetson University's community of artists are afforded the opportunity to share their work with others in an environment conducive to literature and the arts.