

FOCUS ORIENTATION

Saturday, August 19

8 a.m. – 2 p.m. One-Stop 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 ready when you arrive at your pre-registered time.

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch on Your Own

Hatter Parents and families are invited to enjoy the Commons Dining Hall with their student for the discounted price of \$7 for any meal on Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20!

11 a.m. - 2 pm. Academic Advising Open

Hollis Family Student Success Center, duPont-Ball Library

Have questions or need to troubleshoot your academic schedule? Come visit our New Hatter Advisors who will help you review and concerns you have for your fall schedule.

2 p.m. Summer Orientation Make-up Session

Edmunds Center

This session mandatory for for any first year students and their guests that did not attend Summer Orientation. Learn more about the rich academic experience at Stetson and our history!

3:30 p.m. Welcome - Camp 1883

Edmunds Center

Welcome to Stetson, New Hatters! This opening session will show you and your guests why Stetson is a special place to be and what it truly means to be a Hatter.

4:30 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 information about auditions and placement exams that occur throughout 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 and 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.

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!

This schedule is for all FSEM Courses and Transfer Student FOCUS Groups EXCEPT:

FSEM 100-175 - Freedom's Turn

FSEM 100-188 - Left-Wing Authoritarianism: Stalin, Mao, and Castro

FSEM 100-189 - The Early American Navy

FSEM 100-210 - Water and Society

Please ensure that you carefully read your course number!

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

www.stetson.edu/focus-resources

7 p.m. Commuter Reception
Lee's Garage, Carlton Union Building

All first-year and transfer students who will be living off-campus will gather to enjoy tasty treats and learn more about life as a commuter student. Learn about the best places on campus to hang out, campus life and commuter parking.

7 p.m. - 8 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. Bingo Bonanza
Stetson Green

Come and enjoy an evening of bingo and nitro ice cream! . Bring you 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, sponsored by Fraternity and Sorority Life!

Sunday, August 20

8:15 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 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Parent and Family College
Lee Chapel, Elizabeth Hall

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: Personal Growth
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 Associate 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, the meaning of safety in our campus community 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 2027 Photo
Stetson Green

Immediately following the Class Meeting, the Class of 2027 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 Class Meeting, 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

2 p.m. - 4 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. Additionally, you and your FOCUS Group will stay in your breakout room to 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. FOCUS Group Meetings are mandatory and attendance will be taken.

4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. FSEM Study Time, Dinner, & Relax

7 p.m. Symphonic Band Meeting
McMahan Hall

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

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

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

8:30 p.m. - FOCUS Takes Over the Hollis Center
Hollis Center

Enjoy a night of fun at the Hollis Center! Take a dip in the pool, enjoy games and activities inside the fieldhouse, or enjoy a tasty treat, or just find a comfy spot and hang out with all your new Hatter friends. There's something for everyone at the Hollis Center!

Monday, August 21

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Class Meeting: Global Citizenship
Edmunds Center

Today's will Class Meeting 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.

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. FOCUS Group Meeting

Your FSEM/FOCUS Group Room

Check the FOCUS Resource Page for Location

Directly after your Class Meeting, head to your FOCUS Group room and meet with your peers! Learn more about how you can be an active member of our campus community and find your niche at Stetson!

12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch

Lynn Dining Commons

1:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Class Meeting: Intellectual Development

During today's second Class Meeting, you will learn more about academic life at Stetson. You will hear from our Provost, Dr. Elizabeth Skomp, and Executive Director of Career and Academic Success, Stacy Collins, as they discuss the benefits of engaging in diverse learning community that awaits you. Class Meetings and FOCUS Group Meetings are mandatory and attendance will be taken.

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.

2:30 p.m. Transfer Student Gathering

Lee's Garage, Carlton Union Building

Have a chance to connect with both new and returning transfer students, while enjoying snacks, games and more!

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

4:30 p.m. College of Arts and Sciences Welcome

Palm Court

Join the College of Arts and Sciences outside of Elizabeth Hall for treats and more to welcome you to Stetson!

5 p.m. - 8 p.m. School of Business Administration "Tailgate"

Lynn Business Center Parking Lot

By invitation only for School of Business Association students. E-invites has been sent to those asked to attend.

6 p.m. School of Music Banquet

Stetson Room, Carlton Union Building

By invitation only for New Music Majors and Music Minors.

8:30 p.m. Glow Games Stetson Green

Calling all new Hatters, come out to the Stetson green and glow with Hatter Productions, for a great night filled with games, snacks, and dancing. This is your time to make great new memories!

Tuesday, August 22

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

Lee's Garage, Carlton Union Building

This session is for students who are in the Discovery Program, undecided about their major, or would like to explore their areas of interest before committing to a major. Meet our team and learn more about what Discovery can offer you!

10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Class Meeting: Health and Wellness Edmunds Center

During today's Class Meeting, you will have the opportunity to learn about health and wellness and its importance in your daily life as a Hatter. You'll hear from Wellness and Recreation, Student Counseling Services, and Health Service and the valuable resources they offer to make the most of your collegiate experience. 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!

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

Your FSEM/FOCUS Group Room

Check the FOCUS Resource Page for Location

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

Your FSEM/FOCUS Group Room

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2:30 p.m. Transfer Student Panel

Lee's Garage, Carlton Union Building

Have questions for a former Stetson transfer student? Our transfer student panel is filled with former transfer students with a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences to help you navigate your time transition to Stetson!

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

8:30 p.m. – Pass Through the Gates

Lee Chapel, Elizabeth Hall

Join your FOCUS Leaders for the culminating event of your FOCUS experience. Spirit and traditions are important parts of your time at Stetson, so start it out right by participating in a welcoming tradition that is important to all Hatters.

Wednesday, August 23

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. FOCUS Group Meeting

Your FSEM/FOCUS Group Room

Check the FOCUS Resource Page for Location

It's your final FOCUS Group Meeting! Gather with your group one last time, celebrate the start of the semester and prepare to go to convocation!

11 a.m. Convocation

Edmunds Center

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

12 p.m. – 2 p.m. Community Lunch

Lynn Dining Commons

Following the Convocation ceremony, students, faculty and staff are invited to join us for a Community Lunch in the Carlton Union Building (CUB), Lynn Commons. Both the North and South sides of the CUB will be open for entry into the Commons.

1:30 p.m. Cross Cultural Center Ribbon Cutting & Open House

Cross Cultural Center (145 E. Michigan Ave)

Join the Cross Cultural Center for a celebratory ribbon cutting and tours of the new space.

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.

7p.m. Welcome (Back) to Campus Theatre Party

Second Stage Theatre (In DeLand's Museum of Art

Join Stetson University Theatre Arts for their 'Welcome Back' gathering! This event welcomes new and returning majors, minors and theatre interested students. We also welcome anyone who might want to get involved with theatre during their time at Stetson University, as there are many ways to contribute to our production offerings. Learn about our season offerings, production schedule and audition information while we mix and mingle. Arts faculty & staff will be in attendance and can answer any questions for you about our programming.

Thursday, August 24

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.

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Foam Party with FSI

Libby Lawn

Come join Fraternity and Sorority Life to celebrate the first day of classes with a foam party!

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.

Friday, August 25

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Hammock and Hang

Palm Court

Stop by Palm Court to relax in the sun with music, hammocking and time with fellow students. Hammocks will be available or bring your own! Enjoy your Friday afternoon and de-stress from the week. Weather permitting, this event will happen every Friday throughout the semester!

Saturday, August 26

7 p.m. Movie Night at Melching

Melching Field

Movie Night at Melching is an event hosted in partnership with Stetson Athletics where the campus community is invited to an outdoor movie experience to remember. Grab your blankets to relax in the outfield as you watch a newly released movie on the jumbo-tron at the Melching Baseball Complex. Games, prizes, and plenty of freebies will be available. You won't want to miss it!

WANT TO GET INVOLVED ON CAMPUS?



Join us for the Fall Involvement Fair!

Wednesday, August 30, 1-3 p.m.

Carlton Union Building

Meet student organizations, campus departments
and more to get connected to our
campus community!