

# ROAR Orientation

Welcome to Columbus State University! Your Cougar Tracks Journey starts now!

ROAR Orientation kicks off your Columbus State adventure with the energy, information, and support you need to thrive. Integrated into your Cougar Tracks journey, it is designed to help you explore campus, meet your community, and get set for success.



## Important Information for ROAR Orientation

*Register for ROAR Orientation in your MyCSU.*

Spring - Traditional Freshman Students

All Spring Orientation sessions are virtual through Microsoft Teams.

Virtual Orientation: \$25/student

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### Spring 2026 Virtual Orientation Dates

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Summer - Traditional Freshman Students  
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### Summer 2026 Virtual Orientation Dates

- Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 5pm
- Friday, May 15, 2026, at 12pm
- Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 12 pm

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Fall - Traditional Freshman Students

At ROAR Orientation you will have the opportunity to:

- Learn directly from Orientation Leaders who share tips and campus insights.
- Meet fellow new students and start building your CSU community.
- Connect with campus resources like advising, financial aid, housing, and student support services.
- Explore ways to get involved through clubs, organizations, and leadership programs.
- Gain a clear understanding of academic expectations, degree pathways, and course registration by meeting with your Academic Success Coach.
- Receive essential items such as your Student ID, parking information, and of course, CSU swag!

We know you will feel confident and supported after ROAR Orientation as you begin your transition into life as a Cougar!

### Fall 2026 In-Person Orientation Dates

- Saturday, May 30 - Main Campus
- Tuesday, June 9 - Main Campus
- Saturday, June 27 - Main Campus

- Saturday, July 11 - Riverpark Campus
- Friday, July 17 - Riverpark Campus
- Friday, July 31 - Main Campus

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**In-Person Summer Orientations**

\$85/student

\$35/guest (*Only allowed 2 guests per student*)

\*Please note that Orientation is cashless. All students are required to pay at the time of registration. No cash will be handled on Orientation days. **Additionally, all Orientation fees are nonrefundable.**

Fall - Transfer Students UNDER 30 Credit Hours

To determine whether you are to attend an in-person or virtual orientation, please see the following information:

- If you are coming in with under 30 credit hours of dual enrollment transfer credits, you must still attend an in-person orientation.
- If you are transferring from another institution with under 30 credit hours, you can attend the in-person or virtual orientation.

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**Fall 2026 Virtual Orientation Dates**

- Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 5pm
- Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 5pm
- Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 5pm
- Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at 5pm

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#### Fall - Transfer Students OVER 30 Credit Hours

Transfer students with OVER 30 credit hours are NOT required to attend the virtual Orientation session but will be required to pay the \$25.00 for the session at the end of the registration page.

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#### Fully Online Degree Seeking Students

All online degree seeking students ARE required to register for Orientation. However, the Virtual Orientation Session is not required, but highly encouraged. If you would like to attend the Virtual Orientation Session, a link will be provided to you through your CSU email one week out and the day of the orientation.

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*\*Effective for 2026 admits, orientation registration is mandatory for all online degree-seeking students.*

#### Graduate Students

Graduate Student Orientation will help you become familiar with essential university resources, understand academic expectations, and feel confident as you begin your program. It will be available in "My To-Do List" in MyCSU when you are admitted.

For further information, please contact your Academic Advisor for questions and additional support.

#### Active-Duty Military and Veterans

Active-Duty Military and Veterans are assigned a separate orientation. Please reach out to the Office of Military-Connected Student Services for more information.

[Orientation instructions for Active Duty and Veterans](#)

## Contact Information

**Location:** Schuster Success Center 117

**Email:** [veterans\\_affairs@columbusstate.edu](mailto:veterans_affairs@columbusstate.edu)

**Phone:** (706)507-8866

**Hours of Operation:** Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

### International Students

Students who are coming from abroad to study here at CSU will work with the Center for Global Engagement to complete an in-person Orientation.

Please see the Center for Global Engagement [Orientation and Immigration and Requirements](#) page for more information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

- Christine Shaw,
- Coordinator of Global Engagement
- [international@columbusstate.edu](mailto:international@columbusstate.edu)

### Dual Enrollment Students

At the beginning of each semester, an Orientation specifically designed for Dual Enrollment students will provide the opportunity for you to get your student ID, parking decal, books, and go on a campus tour. Orientation is highly recommended for all new Dual Enrollment students.

If you are currently a high school student who has been accepted to take both high school and college classes, please contact [johnson\\_yolanda@columbusstate.edu](mailto:johnson_yolanda@columbusstate.edu).

If you have graduated from high school and you are entering CSU as a first-year full time student, please select one of the Freshman dropdown options above.

## Frequently Ask Questions

Got questions? We've got answers! Check out our FAQs for the quick scoop on schedules, what to bring, where to go, and everything you need to roll into ROAR Orientation like a pro.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)



## Parent and Family Connection

Your student isn't starting this journey alone—you're a part of the Cougar family, too! Our Parent & Family Connection is here to keep you informed, supported, and connected throughout your student's time at Columbus State. Learn how you can stay engaged, access helpful resources, and partner with us to cheer your Cougar toward success.



Get involved today!

Your one-stop for:

- Access to important campus news and deadlines
- Personalized newsletters
- Customized website
- Links and resources for academics, housing, financial aid, and more

Stay involved with your student throughout their entire college journey. To create an account and setup your profile, visit:

[CSU Family Connection](#)

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**ROAR Orientation is where your Columbus State track officially kicks off, and we're excited to welcome every Cougar (yes, you!) to be part of the experience.**

For any questions or concerns, contact us at [706-507-8593](tel:706-507-8593), or [orientation@columbusstate.edu](mailto:orientation@columbusstate.edu).