

## Welcome, New Geneseo Students & Families!

We look forward to meeting you at **First-Year Orientation** in just a few weeks—or, for some, a few short days! During Orientation, you'll be sharing meals and activities with other students, having discussions with the Orientation Advisors, meeting faculty, registering for courses, getting your ID card, and learning about campus organizations and services. It will be a great introduction to college life at Geneseo!

Not sure what to expect? Go [behind the scenes](#) with our Director of New Student Programs, Kim Harvey, and some of our Orientation Advisors.

The following information may be helpful as you plan for your Orientation session.

### **Check-In**

Students will be staying overnight in [Onondaga Hall](#). You should check in between 10am and noon on the first day of your session. Family members staying on campus will have rooms in [Niagara Hall](#).

Plan to arrive early enough to check into your room and have lunch before our program begins at 12:30pm in Wadsworth Auditorium. Please note the following earlier events:

- If you need to take a Foreign Language Placement Exam, you have the opportunity to take this exam at three different times during orientation in **Milne Library 104: Day 1** from 10:00am – 12:00pm, or on **Day 2** from either 10:00am – 12:00pm, or from 1:30pm – 3:30pm. To determine whether you should take the exam, go to <http://forlang.geneseo.edu> and click on “Placement Exams”. Questions about the tests should be addressed to the Foreign Language Office at 585-245-5247. Orientation Advisors will leave Onondaga to head to the library at 10:45am.
- If you would like to take a campus tour, you should arrive by 10:30am. Tours will leave Onondaga Hall at 11:00am.

Lunch on the first day will be on your own. Fusion Market, located in the MacVittie College Union will be open. There is also a variety of options on Main Street, within walking distance of the residence halls and Wadsworth Auditorium, or on Route 20A that you may choose to dine.

### **Parking**

Parking for Orientation will be in Lot J, near Onondaga Hall on the south side of campus. (Although the sign for Lot J indicates that you need a student parking permit, you will not need one to park there during Orientation). A [campus map](#) can be found at <http://orientation.geneseo.edu>. Look for our blue signs when you arrive.

## **Airport shuttle**

The Office of Orientation & First-Year Programs provides a \$20 round trip shuttle service between the Rochester airport and the college, but you must reserve the shuttle with your flight itinerary at least one week prior to your Orientation session. You can sign up for the shuttle online [here](#). Flights must arrive in Rochester between 5:00-10:00pm the evening before Orientation (and students must sign up for an Early Arrival room) or between 6:00-11:00am on the morning of Day 1. The first shuttle back to the airport will leave Geneseo at about 5pm on Day 2, unless other arrangements have been noted, so flights out of Rochester should be planned for after 7:00pm.

## **Early Arrivals**

Some of you have registered for “Early Arrival”, meaning that you will be coming to Geneseo the evening before orientation. Please plan to arrive at Onondaga Hall between 5:00-10:00pm. The Early Arrival fee covers the room only; meals are on your own.

## **What to do Before Orientation**

Stay in the loop by reading our Class of 2017 E-Newsletter series, which can be found [here](#). Please remember to affirm the *Code of Conduct* as you will not be able to register for classes until you have done so. For more information about how to do this, please see the [What To Do Before You Arrive](#) section of our website.

## **What to Bring to Orientation**

- Sheets, bedding, a pillow, towels, toiletries, and a fan (the rooms are not air-conditioned)
- Comfortable shoes (you’ll be doing a lot of walking)
- An umbrella or raincoat (just in case)
- Cash for snacks and spur-of-the-moment purchases
- Paper and pens for taking notes
- A list of courses you have taken recently or will be taking this summer
- A list of courses you are interested in for the fall semester
- If you have qualified for federal work-study, you should bring:
  - Your passport, or
  - A picture ID (driver’s license or SUNY card) and an original birth certificate or Social Security card (copies of these documents are not sufficient).
- An open mind and enthusiasm for all things Geneseo!

## **Check-Out**

You can check out of the residence halls any time between 7:30am and 4:00pm on the second day of Orientation. Students must check out in the Onondaga Hall lobby. Family members may return their keys in the lobby of Niagara Hall.

### **Further Information**

More information about Orientation can be found at <http://orientation.geneseo.edu>. This information can all be found online in a [printable PDF file](#) for your convenience. If you have questions, please contact us at [orientation@geneseo.edu](mailto:orientation@geneseo.edu) or 585-245-5852.

Congratulations on selecting Geneseo to begin your college career. We look forward to meeting you this summer!

Sincerely,

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