

**STUDENT ORIENTATION
& COURSE REGISTRATION 2016**





#NPOrientation

CONGRATULATIONS

on your acceptance to the State University of
New York at New Paltz!

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY! The entire Orientation Staff is planning for your arrival on campus this summer, and we look forward to meeting you. This brochure outlines the Orientation program, which provides a meaningful and successful beginning to your college career.

This program is your **first step** in becoming a student, offering a variety of resources to support your transition into New Paltz and introduces you to the academic and social life it has to offer. During the program and throughout your first year, Orientation Leaders will serve as your **mentors and guides**. They are excellent sources of information, will assist the faculty advisor who helps you select your courses, and will be happy to answer your questions throughout Orientation.

It always takes awhile to find your way around a new place. Student Orientation and Course Registration will help you **make the most of two and a half days on campus**. Living in a residence hall, learning about your academic requirements and responsibilities, and registering for your classes are just the obvious reasons that Orientation is essential for first-year students. Research has shown that Orientation is a critical factor for future success at college. The reason we have developed **our award-winning program** is

based on national data that shows students are more likely to stay in college, be satisfied with their experiences, get better grades, and be more likely to graduate as a result of Orientation.

Your arrival at New Paltz for Orientation and again when you officially 'move in' on August 25 will mark **the beginning of a significant journey**. We are here to make sure your experience is a positive one and to help you soar!

Once again, I look forward to meeting you and warmly welcome you to our New Paltz Community.

Sincerely,



Michelle C. Combs
Director of Student Development



Orientation Sessions & Dates

Sessions I, III, IV & V run from check-in on Tuesday from 9:00–10:30 a.m. until approximately 2:00 p.m. on Thursday.

- I June 28–30
- II July 6–8 (this session runs Wednesday - Friday)
- III July 12–14
- IV July 19–21
- V July 26–28

ORIENTATION HIGHLIGHTS

for Students

AT ORIENTATION YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

Meet with Academic Advising Staff and a Faculty advisor

Advising Staff and an academic advisor will help answer your questions about your major and help you plan your fall course schedule.

Register for classes

You will leave Orientation with your class schedule for the fall in hand!

Experience residence hall life

By staying in a residence hall, you'll get a feel for the campus in a relaxed way and get to know your future "home away from home."

Find out about student services

Discover the resources, services and programs that are available to you as a new hawk!

Learn about important social issues

You will experience theatrical programs and workshops that cover many important aspects of your life outside the classroom.

Spend time with other future students

Meet your peers! You will be in the company of your future classmates and friends.

Meet your Orientation Leader/Peer Mentor

Your Orientation Leader (OL) will help guide you through Orientation and will be an invaluable resource by serving as your peer mentor for your first year at New Paltz.

Attend special social events

To help you enjoy your visit with us, we have special social evening programs planned for you including a mindreading show, the lip-synch competition and late night activities!

Select your room assignment

You will leave Orientation knowing where you will live in the fall.





Communities at New Paltz

First-year students can participate in *Communities at New Paltz*, a newly designed Living-Learning Community that offers four distinct living experiences featuring specific inter-disciplinary themes: **Leadership, Health & Wellness, Service Learning and Career Exploration**. First-Year students who choose to participate in one of these interest-based communities will connect with other students who share similar interests, while gaining an introduction to the larger SUNY New Paltz campus and the surrounding New Paltz community. Students will gain a unique opportunity to learn, explore, and connect with others in the context of an engaging academic and residential community. Materials about these programs will be sent to you via e-mail this spring, and applications are considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to sign up in early May when you receive the application instructions.

Freshman Summer Reading

When you attend Orientation you will receive information about your summer reading, including a study guide. This reading assignment will be discussed during your first week of class.

Student Program Summary AT A GLANCE

Attendance is required for the entire duration of the program. *Schedule details may be subject to change.*

Day One

- Meet your Orientation Group Leader
- Academic Requirements
- Campus Services Presentations
- Advising Prep
- Programs & Social Activities

Day Two

- “Realities” Theatrical Presentation
- Advising & Course Registration
- Dinner with Family Members
- Social Activities

Day Three

- Final Course Registration
- Housing Sign-Ups/Commuter Social
- ID Card Pick-Up
- Bookstore Visit
- Program concludes between 12:00 and 2:00 p.m.
(Open Houses—Disability Resource Center, Veteran’s Services and Honors Program)

“Now that I’ve stayed on campus, *I feel I will be living and learning in a safe environment. I liked staying in the residence hall, eating in the dining hall and making new friends.*”

ORIENTATION HIGHLIGHTS

for Parents and Family Members

SUMMER ORIENTATION IS FOR PARENTS & FAMILY MEMBERS TOO!

PARENTS, SIBLINGS AND EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN A STUDENT'S TRANSITION INTO THE NEW PALTZ COMMUNITY. Because this time can be both exciting and challenging for the entire family, we offer an Orientation for parents and family members running parallel to the Student Orientation. Even if this is not your first child going off to college, a parent getting to know the campus environment, people and services at New Paltz is a worthwhile experience.



Note: Those who pay for Orientation receive a nametag to enter each session of the program. Those who do not pay in advance are welcome to stay through the Official Welcome which ends at noon.

***Special Note:** This year, the Parent & Family program's residence hall is approximately a 5–10 minute walk from the various program locations. As parking near some buildings may be limited, participants who choose to stay on campus are advised that **A FAIR AMOUNT OF WALKING IS INVOLVED.**

“An excellent experience—I was so pleasantly surprised with the program. I’m sending my fourth child to college and was unsure about coming, but so glad that I did! What a wonderful, well-planned program.”

– Parent Participant

Meet with Representatives from Academic and Student Affairs

Get your questions answered by staff from Student Accounts, Financial Aid, Counseling, Health Services, Safety, Career Resource Center, Meal Plan/ID card office and many others!

Get to know New Paltz!

Enjoy off-campus excursions to Huguenot Street (the oldest street of stone houses in America) or a local winery and Mohonk Mountain House (a national historic landmark).

Talk to other parents about what you have in common

We typically have between 100 and 150 parents participate in Orientation each week. Spend some time chatting with other New Paltz parents about your experiences or concerns.

Participate in the fun-filled lip-sync competition

Want to have some fun? Before you watch your student get on stage, entertain them with a little lip-syncing yourself at our fun-filled lip sync event!

Have the option to experience residence hall life

Many family members stay on-campus, experiencing a bit of campus life in a basic, air-conditioned residence hall room.* These accommodations are quite popular with parents, but for those who prefer off-campus lodging, please see the page on “Making Reservations for Your Session.” A description of available options for the parent programs is on page 12.

Please note: Students stay in a separate building from the Parent & Family Program.

Parent & Family Program AT A GLANCE

Day One

9:00–10:30 a.m.	Check-In
11:00 a.m.	Official Welcome
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Program begins for paid participants
1:00 p.m.	Residence Life session
2:30 p.m.	Realities performance
4:15 p.m.	Huguenot St. Tour, Winery, fitness options or free time
6:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m.	Academic requirements overview
9:00 p.m.	Optional evening activities

Day Two

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00–11:30 a.m.	Info Session & Campus Services Fair
11:45 a.m.	Lunch
1:15–5:00 p.m.	Mohonk Mountain House or limited fitness options
5:00–6:30 p.m.	Dinner with student
6:30–7:30 p.m.	Evening workshop
7:30–8:30 p.m.	Event practice
8:30–10:00 p.m.	Lip-Sync event

Day Three

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00–10:30 a.m.	Wrap-Up with staff
10:30–12:00 p.m.	Take care of business/ Check-out
11:00–2:00 p.m.	Open houses: Disability Resource Center, Veteran’s Services & Honors Program

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS



“Orientation is laid back, friendly and fun. It made my college adjustment a much smoother process, *teaching me the ins and outs* of classes, programs, registration...not to mention the campus.”

“A fantastic program from head to toe! The energy, enthusiasm, and caring attitude of all the staff was reassuring and engaging. Go New Paltz!”

— Parent Participant, Summer 2014

Why do I need to attend an Orientation?

Orientation is an essential part of entering college and registering for classes. It is necessary for all incoming New Paltz freshmen to attend a session. New Paltz has a 99% attendance rate for Orientation.

How long does the program run?

The program includes 2 ½ days of jam-packed required activities, so it is essential that students select a session for which they can make the 2 ½ day commitment. Check-in at the residence halls is between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Day One. Extra-night housing is available for those who wish to arrive on the evening prior to the session between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at a cost of \$25 per person, which includes breakfast. Please indicate “extra-night housing” in the box on your reservation form. (Extra-night housing check-in procedures will be in your confirmation brochure.) If you are traveling by bus, information on Adirondack Trailways will be included in your Confirmation Packet.

Do students attend the Orientation program with family members?

We encourage family members to attend Orientation. It is a great opportunity for family members to meet important campus contacts, have all of their questions and concerns about college addressed, and partake in leisure activities. About 50% of students are accompanied by family members. However, students participate and immerse themselves in their program which is separate from the Parent & Family Program. **Dinner on Day Two is the only part of the program where the student and parent program formally overlap.** Siblings who participate must be over the age of 18 or accompanied by an adult. *Please be advised that there is not a special program for siblings.*

Students and family members will be participating in two SEPARATE programs.

How is the Parent & Family Program structured?

The program runs parallel to the Student Orientation and provides a separate forum for family members to experience the same content as the students while being parent-family specific. Student Orientation groups are designed to encourage social bonding between incoming students; therefore, all guests follow the Parent & Family program and overlap with their students for one meal and one activity. Parents and family members, including siblings and other guests, reside in a separate residence hall from the students. Please remember that the student residence hall is **NOT** air-conditioned, however, the **Parent & Family Residence Hall is air-conditioned.** *Please see special note on page 4.*

Is the housing for family members separated by gender?

If members of the same family attend together, they will be housed together (If two members of a family need separate accommodations, please be sure to indicate.) Every effort will be made to give family members attending alone their own room, as space allows.

What if a parent cannot attend the entire program?

In extenuating circumstances, a parent can choose to attend either Day One or Day Two of the program. The Day 1 plan only includes lunch. **NO MEALS** are included in Day 2. Meals can be purchased on a cash basis. If parents choose to “split” a session, an administrative fee of \$15 will be added.

I live in the Hudson Valley. Is it necessary for my student to stay on campus overnight?

Many mandatory meetings, activities and informal advising sessions take place late into the evening. For the student’s social adjustment, we strongly urge every student participating to stay on campus, even if he or she resides in New Paltz.

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COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do you award credit for AP courses?

Students who receive a score of 3 or better on an AP subject examination will receive either a course-to-course credit or elective credit, depending on the individual department policy. You must request that College Board send your AP scores directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admission *by the mid-point of your first semester at New Paltz in order to receive this credit.*

Do you award credit for IB courses?

Students who receive a grade of 5 or better in an IB Standard or Higher level course will receive either a course-to-course credit or elective credit depending on the individual department policy. You must request an official IB transcript from the IB Group be sent directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admission *by the mid-point of your first semester at New Paltz in order to receive credit.* Students who earn a 24 or better on the IB diploma are eligible to receive up to 30 college credits.

What if I've taken college courses during high school?

New Paltz will accept college courses from accredited colleges for which you have received a "C" or better. Official transcripts from the participating college(s) must be sent directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admission *by the mid-point of your first semester at New Paltz in order to receive credit.*

Will I receive any further information regarding Orientation?

Once you have returned your reservation form with payment, you will first receive an e-mail confirming the dates of the session to which you have been assigned. A few weeks prior to the session, you will receive a confirmation packet with a checklist of what to pack, directions to the campus, and further information on the program.

When is the Health Report and Proof of Immunization Form (signed by a physician) due?

The Student Health Service strongly recommends that once you have chosen to attend SUNY New Paltz, you make an appointment with your family doctor. The Health Report demographics, health history and meningitis response form must be completed by the student or their parents prior to visiting the doctor. After your doctor completes the Health Report and proof of immunizations, it must be submitted to the Student Health Service. The report must be received 30 days prior to arriving on campus. Please mail the report by the deadline date of July 15, 2016.

New York State law requires all students to submit proof of immunizations against certain diseases. Returning the completed Health Report and Proof of Immunization form should fulfill this requirement and allow you to register for classes.

The Health Report is located on the SUNY New Paltz website by navigating to the Student Health Service website, clicking on the Forms link and printing the Health Report (HR).

“After attending Orientations at three other colleges, I can honestly say that the one at New Paltz is the best. Students and parents are supplied with everything they need to make freshman year and beyond a big success. An invaluable experience I don't see how any parent could miss.” – B. Robinson, parent of Christopher Chaplin

“The campus is less foreign to me now. In August, *I saw familiar faces,* was ready to balance academics and friends, know the resources available to me and things there are to do.”



When will I receive official Financial Aid award information?

Accepted students who have filed a FAFSA by March 15 should receive an estimate of aid eligibility on or shortly after April 1. Families are encouraged to visit the Financial Aid Office website online presentation (*under Costs & Planning*) “Managing The Price of College” for detailed cost and financing options.

When is final payment due for tuition, housing, meal plan, and associated fees?

Once a student registers for classes, a bill will be generated online within two working days. Payment must be received in the Office of Student Accounts by the stated due date that appears on the bill. You can access your bill, accept your charges, and make payment or payment arrangements online at my.newpaltz.edu. Billing is only done online through your my.newpaltz.edu account. Paper bills are not mailed.

When will I find out information about fall housing?

During Orientation, information about housing options will be reviewed with you and you will have the opportunity to select a room. *Please note: If you plan to live off-campus, you must receive pre-approval from the Department of Residence Life before you can sign up for Orientation. For further information on housing, please contact their staff at 845.257.4444.*

Will Orientation fees be refunded if we have to cancel?

Refunds can only be issued if we are contacted at least 72 hours before your session begins. Please call 845.257.3088.

MAKING RESERVATIONS FOR YOUR SESSION

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- ✔ Please make sure you have paid your Pre-Enrollment Deposit (PED) of \$150 and if applicable, your Advance Room Deposit (ARD) of \$100. This can be done through your **my.newpaltz.edu** account or by calling the Office of Student Accounts at 845.257.3150.

FILLING OUT THE FORM

- ❑ To Reserve online: Go to www.newpaltz.edu/orientation and follow the links for first-year students. Payment for Orientation can be made with Visa, Mastercard, AmEx or with an Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) from your checking account. Once you have finished your reservation form, please print out the confirmation that the registration process has been completed. **Please note: This does not guarantee session choice.**

OR

- ❑ Fill out the attached Orientation Reservation Form and return to our office. Payment for Orientation through the mail can be done with check, money order, Visa, Mastercard or AmEx.
 - *Reservations are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.*
 - *We regret that reservations cannot be taken over the phone.*

CONFIRMATION OF SESSION

- ❑ Within two weeks of filling out the reservation form you will receive an e-mail confirmation to the student's e-mail address on the reservation form (and parent e-mail if provided) informing you of the session you have been placed in. Please print this confirmation and bring it with you to your Orientation session.
 - *We will make every effort to accommodate your first preference. However, if your first choice is not available we will schedule you for an alternate session.*

TWO WEEKS BEFORE YOUR SESSION

- ❑ You will receive a confirmation packet in the mail with directions, a map and important information on what to bring to Orientation. *We look forward to seeing you soon!*

Off-Campus Lodging

The following websites and phone numbers list a variety of accommodations:
www.newpaltzchamber.org
845.255.0243
www.ulsterchamber.org
845.338.5100

Accommodations for Special Needs

All visitors should be aware that walking to various buildings is necessary. Students or guests with special needs (accessible housing, sign language, mobility issues or materials in alternate formats) should contact the Center for Student Development. An Open House will also be held in the Disability Resource Center on the last day of each Orientation session.



Questions? Call The Center for Student Development at 845.257.3088, or e-mail us at studev@newpaltz.edu

ORIENTATION RESERVATION FORM

Student's Name
 Address
 City/State/Zip Code.....
 Cell Phone..... Home Phone.....
 Daytime Contact Person
 Daytime Phone.....
 Student's Current E-mail Address.....
 Parent/Family Member's E-mail Address.....
 Banner # **NO** _ _ _ _ _
 Gender Birth date
 Intended Major.....
 Student's T-shirt Size S M L XL 2XL
 Indicate if you are one of the following:
 ___ U.S. Veteran (A Veteran is a person who has served in the U.S. Armed Forces)
 ___ Military Service Member (Active Duty, Reserve or National Guard)
 ___ Dependent of a Military Service Member or U.S. Veteran (Dependent is defined as either spouse or child)

You can also register online at
www.newpaltz.edu/orientation

Orientation Session Choice
 Please indicate your first, second and third choice of session by writing 1, 2, 3 in the appropriate box. Each session is limited to 200 participants.

All sessions run from check-in on Day One (9:00–10:30 a.m.) until approximately 2:00 p.m. on Day Two.

Orientation Session	Dates	Choice
I	June 28–30	<input type="checkbox"/>
II	July 6–8	<input type="checkbox"/>
III	July 12–14	<input type="checkbox"/>
IV	July 19–21	<input type="checkbox"/>
V	July 26–28	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Attending (Including Student) _____

Additional Participants PLEASE INDICATE: FULL NAME | RELATIONSHIP | AGE IF UNDER 18 | GENDER
 M F
 M F
 M F

Orientation Fees

All Orientation fees are due with this reservation form. Please add all totals and make one payment below—checks payable to “CAS 8420” or pay by Visa, Mastercard or AmEx (credit card or EFT required for online registration).

Student

6 meals, housing, Orientation fee..... \$ **235.00**
 Extra-night housing add \$25.; includes breakfast..... \$ _____
STUDENT TOTAL \$ _____

Family Members (Please see reverse for program options)

A 6 Meals, housing and Orientation fee _____ # of family members x \$160./each \$ _____
B 6 Meals, making own housing arrangements, Orientation fee _____ # of family members x \$140./each \$ _____
C Day One lunch, making own housing arrangements, Orientation fee _____ # of family members x \$100./each \$ _____
D1 Day One program: Orientation fee, lunch included _____ # of family members x \$55./each \$ _____
D2 Day Two program: Orientation fee, no meals _____ # of family members x \$55./each \$ _____
E Extra-night housing (includes breakfast the next morning) _____ # of family members x \$25./each \$ _____
 [This option is only available in conjunction with Plan A]

FAMILY TOTAL \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL (Payable to CAS 8420) \$ _____

Credit Card Payment Option (circle type of card)	VISA	MASTERCARD	AmEx
Name on Credit Card	_____		
Credit Card #	_____	Exp. date	_____
Your signature	_____	Today's date	_____



PARENT & FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM OPTIONS

All plans include the Orientation fee, materials, and as indicated by day, access to on-campus programs, refreshments and specified off-campus events.

PLAN A All-Inclusive: Meals, Housing & Activities



\$160
per person

MEALS: 6 meals at Hasbrouck Dining Hall.
Day One: Lunch (L) & Dinner (D); *Day Two:* Breakfast (B), L, D; *Day Three:* B
HOUSING: Air-conditioned Residence Hall Room

PLAN B All Meals & Activities (No On-Campus Housing)

\$140
per person

MEALS: 6 meals as listed above
HOUSING: Make own arrangements for lodging Off-Campus

PLAN C Off-Campus Option: Includes All Activities and Day One Lunch

\$100
per person

MEALS: Only *Day One* Lunch at Hasbrouck is included. Other meals on campus can be purchased on a **cash** basis. A listing of Off-Campus dining options will be available.
HOUSING: Make own arrangements for lodging Off-Campus

PLAN D1 Day One Program: Lunch & Choice of Activity

\$55
per person

MEALS: Only *Day One* Lunch at Hasbrouck is included. Other meals on campus can be purchased on a **cash** basis at Hasbrouck Dining Hall. This fee includes the afternoon tour of a local winery or Historic Huguenot Street.*

HOUSING: Overnight accommodations are *not* required with the daily option. Make own arrangements for lodging Off-Campus as needed.

PLAN D2 Day Two Program to Mohonk Mountain House

\$55
per person

(Check in to Student Union 301 between 8:30–9:00 a.m.)

MEALS: NO meals are included. Meals on campus can be purchased on a **cash** basis at Hasbrouck Dining Hall. This fee includes transportation and the afternoon trip to Mohonk Mountain House.*

HOUSING: Overnight accommodations are *not* required with the daily option. Make own arrangements for lodging Off-Campus as needed.

E Extra Night Housing

\$25
per person

MEALS: Snacks and breakfast provided for those who cannot travel to campus on the morning of *Day One*. (Please note that this option is available only in conjunction with the purchase of an Orientation plan).

**Unfortunately fees cannot be adjusted even without trip participation.*

Please indicate any specific needs or request any accommodations for you or your family members that will help us prepare for your visit:

OTHER DATES TO KEEP IN MIND



August 25

New Student Move-In Day & Kick-Off Program for Orientation Part II

Residence halls open for first-year students at 10:00 a.m. and the college community greets and directs everyone to their new “home away from home.” Students meet their groups for their first dinner on campus and attend the kick-off program together.

August 26

Orientation Part II & Fall Convocation

Students continue the Orientation process through attendance at academic programs and at introductory receptions where they will have the opportunity to meet faculty in their discipline. All new students attend Fall Convocation, an annual ceremony marking the student’s new academic journey.

August 26-28

Welcome Weekend

These 2 1/2 days of activities for new and returning students not only include introductory receptions with academic departments, but fun-filled events including movies, a psychic fair, a local business fair with free giveaways and food, a shopping trip and the annual lip-sync finals!

September 24-25

Parent & Family Weekend

Plan to visit your student and see the college in the beautiful fall season. On-campus activities and exhibitions, as well as a variety of regional events, will be taking place. Information will be mailed home in late August. To reserve space in advance see our website at www.newpaltz.edu/parentsweekend for more information.

Important Phone Numbers

Ctr. for Student Development.....	845.257.3088
University Police.....	845.257.2222
Residence Life.....	845.257.4444
Academic Advising.....	845.257.3015
Financial Aid.....	845.257.3250
Student Accounts.....	845.257.3150
Undergraduate Admission.....	845.257.3200
Telecommunications.....	845.257.3001
Disability Resource Ctr.....	845.257.3020
Student Health Services.....	845.257.3400
Psychological Counseling Ctr.....	845.257.2920
ID/Meal Plans.....	845.257.3034
Student Affairs.....	845.257.3260
Veteran & Military Service.....	845.257.3120



For a complete listing of the academic calendar, please visit www3.newpaltz.edu/calendars



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