Dear New Eagle,

The entire staff of the Office of New Student Programs would like to congratulate you on your admission to Florida Gulf Coast University! Our office is responsible for Eagle View Orientation (EVO), First Year Advising, and Parent and Family Programs. Attending orientation is the first step toward Completing the University Experience and it is designed to help make your transition to college as smooth as possible.

Now that you have registered for your on-campus EVO session, be sure to carefully review the information that follows and complete the tasks in our EVO checklist before attending your program. By doing so, your orientation experience will be much more enjoyable for you and your family. This checklist is designed to introduce you to some important information and to answer some basic questions before you arrive on campus. We hope this will take some of the mystery out of your transition to FGCU and give you an idea of what to anticipate when you come to campus for your EVO program.

We look forwarding to seeing you soon!

The Staff of the Office of New Student Programs

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**Eagle View ORIENTATION**

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8am – 5pm

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Please visit our website!
Your Orientation Checklist

Please use this checklist to prior to attending orientation.

- **Make sure you can attend both days of the orientation program.**
  Eagle View Orientation for First Time In College (FTIC) students lasts two (2) full days! In order to complete course registration, you **MUST** attend the entire orientation program (including the overnight campus stay on Day One) regardless of where you live. If you are not present for the entire program, you will not be allowed to register for classes. **The 2nd day of the program ends for students no later than 5:30 p.m.**

  If you are unable to attend both days in their entirety, please reschedule your orientation session via your Gulfline account. Instructions can be found at: [http://studentservices.fgcu.edu/NewStudentPrograms/orientationregistration.html](http://studentservices.fgcu.edu/NewStudentPrograms/orientationregistration.html).

  **Students are not allowed to leave campus or invite guests to campus during the evening of Day One. If they do so, their registration may be prohibited and they may be asked to attend another program in its entirety prior to course registration.**

- **Be sure to submit your immunization form as soon as possible.**
  You will be unable to register for classes if your immunization records have not been received by Student Health Services. Questions regarding this requirement can be directed to Student Health Services: (239) 590-1254.

  To see if your records have been processed, you may go online and follow the directions below:

  **View Holds via Gulfline**
  1. Go to [http://gulfline.fgcu.edu](http://gulfline.fgcu.edu)
  2. Click “login to Gulfline”
  3. Login using your UIN and PIN
  4. Click on “Student and Financial Aid”
  5. Click on “Student Records”
  6. Click “View Holds” – if you have an immunization hold (IM) then you have not yet submitted your immunization records (or they have not been processed).

  You can fax your immunization records to Student Health Services at (239) 590-7968.

  **If you must bring your immunization records to orientation, staff from Student Health Services will be present during program check-in to receive these documents, but they can take up to 72 hours to process.**

- **If needed, family members should arrange for overnight accommodations.**
  New Student Programs does not provide overnight accommodations for family members. A list of local hotels can be found on our website: [http://studentservices.fgcu.edu/NewStudentPrograms/lodging.html](http://studentservices.fgcu.edu/NewStudentPrograms/lodging.html)
If you or a member of your family has a disability, please make arrangements in advance for any necessary accommodations to attend EVO.

FGCU maintains accessibility to university and program events per the Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act of 2008 (and other state statutes). By making arrangements prior to your EVO session, you will assist us in providing you with a more enjoyable experience.

**Students and Parents or Family Members:**
If you require an accommodation to participate in EVO, contact the **Office of Adaptive Services** at (239) 590-7956 or (800) 590-3428. Accommodation requests should be received at least one week prior to your orientation session. If you need hearing or speech assistance to place a telephone call to this office, do so via Florida Relay at 711 (TTY, VCO, HCO, ASCII or Speech-to-Speech).

Let us know if you are expecting to transfer college credit.
If you took college courses while in high school or are currently enrolled in summer classes totaling over 18 credit hours, please email **advising@fgcu.edu** with your full name, UIN, major, and how many credits you are expecting to transfer to FGCU, so we can connect you with the appropriate Academic Counselor during orientation!

Prepare for the academic components of your orientation program.
Most incoming students will need to take a Mathematics Placement Test during EVO, so we can ensure that you enroll in a math course that is appropriate for your ability level and your major. For more information about this placement test, including some sample questions to help you know what to expect, [click here](#).

To fully prepare for the process of selecting and registering for your courses, be sure to take a close look at some important information for [building a great freshman schedule](#).

Print your EVO Parking Pass before heading to campus:
You can find the pass on your EVO registration confirmation located on your Gulfline account. For instructions on how to access this information, please see our website: [http://studentservices.fgcu.edu/NewStudentPrograms/orientationregistration.html](http://studentservices.fgcu.edu/NewStudentPrograms/orientationregistration.html).

** Print out the parking pass and put it on the dashboard of your vehicle when you park in Garage Three, so you do not get a ticket while attending the program.

Plan to arrive on campus with enough time to check in before the program begins.
Orientation check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. on Day One of your program in the Cohen Center Student Union. Please plan your travel time so you do not miss the start of the program!

Make sure you know how to get to the FGCU campus.
Please click [here](#) for directions.

After you park, follow the signs on campus which will direct you to EVO check-in. Both parents and students will check-in at the same location. Leave your overnight belongings in your vehicle or in another secure location. Housing check-in will take place on the evening of Day One.
Plan for your departure from campus on Day Two.
You will be done with orientation no later than 5:30 p.m. on Day Two. You will not be able to leave campus until your Orientation Leader dismisses you at the conclusion of the program.

Be sure to bring the following items with you:
- Comfortable clothing and shoes (you will be walking around campus)
- An alarm clock
- Workout clothes for evening activities
- A swimsuit and towel for evening activities
- Money for lunches and snacks for both days of the program (breakfast on Day Two and dinner on Day One are provided)
- An umbrella
- A sweater/sweatshirt – meeting rooms can be cold!
- Your UIN (a nine digit number starting with 81) and PIN (a six digit number). These can be found on your Admission Acceptance Letter.
- Any forms that need to be submitted (e.g. immunization, official transcript, FAFSA);
- Your parking permit registration form
- A hard copy of placement test scores you are hoping to use for college credit.
- A Photo ID (driver’s license, passport, or other official picture ID), to obtain your Eagle ID card.

** Bed and bath linens, including a pillow and blanket, will be provided for your overnight stay.

** It is recommended that you leave valuable items (laptop, PDA, iPod) at home, so thefts do not occur during the program.

Family members should bring the following items with them:
- Money for food and snacks on both days (dinner on Day One is provided)
- Comfortable clothing and shoes
- An umbrella
- A sweater/sweatshirt – meeting rooms can be cold!

Dining on Campus

Dining is an important part of the college experience. Students and parents will be able to dine on campus for meals and snacks during orientation. Families can choose to have dinner on campus at SoVi Dining in South Village with their students before departing for the evening on Day One. The price of dinner is included in both the student and parent registration fee. Dinner tickets will be provided to parents and guests during program check-in. Students will need to make sure they are wearing their name tags when they enter the dining hall for dinner.

Staff from Eagle Dinning will be available during Orientation to answer questions about meal plan options with additional incentives to purchase during the program.

To learn more about dining and meal plans, please http://www.campusdish.com/en-US/CSS/FloridaGulfCoast/MealPlans/
Obtaining a Permanent Parking Pass

Decals and Permits can be obtained during orientation after registering for a permit on Gulfline. You must bring your university identification card AND permit registration form with you to obtain the permit/decal.

Log into your Gulfline account at: [http://gulfline.fgcu.edu/](http://gulfline.fgcu.edu/)

- Click Student and Financial Aid
- Click Parking Services
- Click Request a Permit
- Select Permit Type and click Continue
- Print Permit Registration form and bring to Parking Services to obtain your permit/decal

As your EVO date approaches, you will receive an e-mail from the Office of New Student Programs with more information about check-in and some additional tips for how to be successful at orientation.

In the meantime, please take a look at the tentative program agenda. Your official program agenda will be distributed during the check-in process at orientation.

We look forward to meeting you and your family during your time on campus! If you have any questions about any of the above information, please visit our website or contact the Office of New Student Programs.

Obtaining your Eagle ID Card

You will have an opportunity, as part of your orientation program, to sit for a photo and receive your FGCU Eagle ID Card. Your Eagle ID is your primary form of identification used on campus, allows you access to buildings, events, activities, and your meal plan. It can even be used to make purchases through Eagle Dollars and Dining Dollars. Please remember to bring a valid government issued photo ID to receive your FGCU Eagle ID.

FGCU and Wells Fargo have teamed up to offer you added banking convenience by linking your Eagle ID Card with a Wells Fargo College Checking account.

To make an informed decision and learn more about linking your Eagle ID Card, visit the Enhanced Eagle ID Card website.

Join FGCU in the fight against hunger

You can bring a can food donation (canned protein, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta sauce, and condiments) to benefit the FGCU Food Pantry, a service intended to aid students in need of food assistance. We will collect the can goods during the check-in process on Day One of your orientation program.