

DAY 1 THURSDAY
AUGUST 27TH

9:00AM - 1:00PM

Resident Student Move-in
Move-in begins at 9:00 AM. Upon arrival, head to your residence hall where the Residence Life Team will be ready to greet and assist you.

11:30AM
Upper Lobby, Mason Activity Center

Commuter Student Check-in
Commuter students, stop by to check in and connect! You'll be welcomed by staff, and then you can head straight into lunch to continue making connections.

11:30AM-1:00PM
Furman Dining Commons, Mason Activity Center

Lunch
All students and their families are invited to enjoy lunch together—on us! This is a great time to relax, connect, and meet other members of the Cairn community before the afternoon's activities begin.

2:00PM

Chatlos Chapel

Community Gathering
Students, families, and University staff come together for a meaningful time of worship and prayer. This cherished tradition marks the beginning of the academic year as we gather to lift up the incoming class and dedicate the journey ahead to the Lord.

2:45PM

Chatlos Chapel

Student Welcome
Begin your Cairn journey by connecting with fellow students and meeting some of the student leaders who will be walking alongside you this year. This is a fun and welcoming time to get to know one another and step into life as part of the Cairn community.

2:45PM

Furman Dining Commons

Parent Reception
Receive a warm welcome from University President and CEO, Dr. Todd Williams, before getting the chance to meet with other parents and members of the University faculty and staff.

3:30PM

Local Stores

Afternoon Break
During this time, you can go shopping for those last minute items you remembered you still needed or just relax until dinner.

5:30PM

Campus Walkway/
Furman Dining Commons
(rain location)

Dinner
A great time for families to share one last meal together before students head into Welcome Week. It's also a great chance to connect with other students and families in a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

6:30PM

Parent Departure
After dinner, we respectfully request that parents say goodbye and begin their journey home.

7:00PM

BLC 210 - Holmes Hall

Hype Hour
Kick off your college journey with a fun night of trivia, prizes, snacks, and new friends. Compete, connect, and start the year strong!

8:00PM

Stillman Athletic Complex

Augustivus
Enjoy this high-energy event that is a highlight of every Welcome Week shared by all new students and student leaders.

9:30PM

The Plaza:
Stillman Athletic Complex

Late Night Bite
Wind down after a day of orientation where you can enjoy a tasty snack, meet new friends, and relax!

11:00PM

Residence Halls

Quiet Hours

1:00AM

Curfew

DAY 2 FRIDAY
AUGUST 28TH

8:15AM

Furman Dining Commons

Breakfast

9:00AM

Chatlos Chapel

Worship & Devotional

9:30 AM

Incoming Student Assessment
Students participate in a brief assessment to assist university personnel in knowing your collective academic, personal, and spiritual strengths. Please bring your laptops to this session.

10:45 AM

The Highlands

Iced Coffee & Donut Social
Join us for a mid-morning treat *after* your Incoming Student Assessment and pick up your class shirt!

11:15 AM

Chatlos Chapel

INT 010: First Year Experience Kickoff
Your first college course starts here! Meet your facilitator, connect with classmates, and get a preview of what to expect in your First Year Experience course.

12:15PM

Furman Dining Commons

Lunch

1:15PM - 2:15PM

Various Locations

Academic Program Orientation
Meet with the faculty who oversee your academic program to become familiar with the requirements of your course of study.
School of Bible & Theology - ED 322
School of Liberal Arts & Sciences - BL 131 (breakout groups below)
Humanities (Art, Digital Media, English, History, Interdisciplinary, Liberal Arts, Politics)
Natural & Social Sciences (Biology, Mathematics, Psychology)
School of Professional Studies - BL 210 (breakout groups below)
Business & Technology (Accounting, Finance, Business, Marketing, Computer Science, Cybersecurity)
Criminal Justice
Music
Teacher Education

2:15PM

Afternoon Break
Take a half hour to refresh and recharge!

2:45PM

Chatlos Chapel

Safe Campus
Cairn is committed to the provision of a safe campus for all members of the educational community. In this session, students will be introduced to key resources and practices that promote healthy relationships, prevent harmful behavior, and support one another.

4PM

Chatlos Chapel

Class of 2030 Photo
Gather with your fellow classmates to capture the moment and mark the official start of your journey together.

4:30PM

Chatlos Chapel

Break-out Groups
Meet with your assigned small group for a discussion on living in community with each other.

5:30PM

Furman Dining Commons

Dinner

7:00PM

Campus Walkway & Highlands

Golden Hour
Join us outside for a chill evening with new friends, where you'll find a variety of activities, snacks, and of course, good vibes.

8:00PM

Chatlos Chapel

Worship Night
Gather together for an uplifting time of student-led worship.

11:00PM

Residence Halls

Quiet Hours

1:00AM

Curfew

DAY 3 SATURDAY
AUGUST 29TH

8:15AM

Furman Dining Commons

Breakfast

9:00AM

Furman Dining Commons
to various Locations

Morning Excursions Depart
Explore campus and beyond as you sign up for (limited) spots on these unique adventures designed to help you discover your new "home away from home".

12:00PM

Furman Dining Commons

Lunch

1:00PM

Furman Dining Commons
to various Locations

Afternoon Excursions Depart
Explore campus and beyond as you sign up for (limited) spots on these unique adventures designed to help you discover your new "home away from home".

5:00PM

Furman Dining Commons

Dinner

11:00PM

Residence Halls

Quiet Hours

1:00AM

Curfew

DAY 4 SUNDAY
AUGUST 30TH

9:00AM

Furman Dining Commons

Breakfast

10:00AM

Chatlos Chapel

Sunday Service
Haven't connected with a local church yet? No worries—this time of worship is designed for students who are still settling in. Join us for a morning of worship, fellowship, and hearing from God's Word as we start the week together.

12:00PM

Furman Dining Commons

Lunch

5:00PM

Furman Dining Commons

Dinner

8:00PM

Residence Halls

All Hall Meetings
Required for ALL resident Students.
Heritage Hall: Great Room
Manor Residence Halls: Lounges

11:00PM

Residence Halls

Quiet Hours

1:00AM

Curfew

DAY 5 MONDAY
AUGUST 31ST

Classes begin on Monday Morning

10:40AM

MAC 1st Floor Lobby

First-Year Student Convocation Meeting Point

10:50AM

Gym,
Mason Activity Center

Convocation Chapel
Serving as the conclusion to orientation and the beginning of our semester together, University students, faculty, and staff gather for the time-honored tradition of worship and commissioning to mark the beginning of another year together.

