Smith College
ORIENTATION for New Students 2020
By Appt. Individual Advising Appointments via Zoom (AMC)
Liberal arts advisers will meet for one-half hour with each advisee. Students will be contacted by their advisers to schedule their appointments.

Monday, August 24
12:30–1:20 p.m. Class Deans Welcome (AMC)
Jane Stangl, dean of the first-year class, will welcome incoming first-year students via Zoom.

Ada Comstock Scholars and New Transfer Students
Andrea Rossi-Reder, dean of the junior class and Ada Comstock Scholars, will welcome all new Ada Comstock Scholars and transfer students via Zoom. (Link will be provided by email.)

1:30–2:20 p.m. How to be an Effective Advisee (AMC)
In this session, hosted by Dean Stangl, Professor Sarah Moore, director of faculty advising, will offer guidance on the role of students and advisers, highlighting the expectations of the adviser-advisee relationship. A Q&A session will follow.

2:30–4 p.m. Conversations (AMC)
Individual departments and programs will hold synchronous Zoom sessions for entering students; faculty members will discuss the particulars of their programs and departments.
Flex-time

Meet With Your Student Academic Adviser (AMC)

Each residence or house at Smith generally elects at least one student representative who is trained in the advising process to serve as a peer adviser. Between now and Wednesday (August 24-26), your student academic adviser (SAA) will hold an online meeting with you and other entering students assigned to your virtual house. Look for the Zoom link in your email. SAAs provide invaluable peer support for the advising process to help you prepare your schedule and understand the “how to” part of course registration through BannerWeb.

Tuesday, August 25

9– 9:50 a.m. ASSETS (AMC)

Meet Laura Rauscher, director of the Office of Disability Services, to discuss support opportunities for students with disabilities and specific learning challenges. Rauscher and other learning specialists will share the college’s approach to services that address specific student needs.

10– 10:50 a.m. Liberal Arts Advising Group Meetings (AMC)

Each liberal arts adviser (LAA) will host a Zoom meeting for all of their advisees. The group setting provides an open conversation for new students to ask questions of their adviser as well as meet their advisee peers.

11 a.m.– 4 p.m. Resource Fair (CLMC) (flex-time)

Browse the list of videos to become familiar with Smith resources, so you can make the most of your Smith experience. Also available to browse on August 26.

4:30– 5:45 p.m. Smith Reads (AMC)

Tara Westover, author of Educated: A Memoir, will be interviewed by Dean of the College Baishakhi Taylor. Taylor will engage in a conversation with Westover and pose questions submitted by new students. This event will be recorded for those who are not able to attend. On August 31 you can join an additional virtual house discussion with your peers and a faculty member to further reflect on Westover’s work. Be sure to tune in.

Wednesday, August 26

11 a.m.– Resource Fair (CLMC)

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2:30 p.m. Course Registration [Go to Bannerweb via the Smith Portal]

Banner will remain available to you for adjustments as necessary through the first 10 days of the semester, Smith’s add/drop period.

4:30– 5 p.m. President’s Welcome (CLMC)

All entering students and their families are invited to the president’s first community address of the academic year. The link will be provided by email. Speakers and guests include:

- Kathleen McCartney, President of the College
- Sarah Paquet, Lecturer, Department of Music
- Baishakhi Taylor, Vice President for Campus Life and Dean of the College
Thursday, August 27

Self-schedule

Living in a Diverse Community: Online modules (CLMC)
These modules encourage new students to think about what it means to live in a community with others from across the globe. Meet staff from the Office for Equity and Inclusion, learn strategies for cross-cultural communication, hear from a panel of current students and more. Featuring videos, readings, infographics and reflective activities, these modules will help new students achieve a greater understanding of themselves and each other. Estimated time: 2–3 hrs.

Self-schedule

Being Part of a Community (CLMC)
- Overview of the Student Services
- Honor Code and Code of Conduct Session
- Bystander and Title IX Training
- Meet your Student Government Association members
- Smith Votes

Friday, August 28

11 a.m.  Meet Your Virtual House Community (Office of Residence Life, Heads of New Students, House Presidents and Student Academic Advisers). You will receive your Zoom invitation for this event through your Smith email.

Saturday, August 29

1–3 p.m.  Get to know each other! (CLMC) (flex-time) Check out the link to this event. Your head of new students (HONS) will send you a Zoom invite with your specific time.

Monday, August 31

4–5 p.m.  Smith Reads: House Discussions (AMC)
A faculty member will join new students in your virtual house to discuss Tara Westover’s *Educated: A Memoir*. The faculty facilitator assigned to your virtual house will send you a Zoom invite to join.

7 p.m.  Convocation (CLMC)
Students and faculty gather online to signal the start of the academic year.

Tuesday, September 1

First Day of Classes

Welcome Week Starts
See your Campus Life Moodle course for details.

Family Orientation information is available on the Family Handbook website.

Links to Recordings
[media.smith.edu/courses/orientation/orientation-2020recordings.html](http://media.smith.edu/courses/orientation/orientation-2020recordings.html)
Recorded sessions can be found at this link within 24 hours of the scheduled session.