Orientation for New Students 2019
Central Check-In and Move-In for New Students
Indoor Track and Tennis Facility (ITT)
All students must visit central check-in before arriving at their houses to move in. Here you will receive your room keys, course registration materials and college ID card; meet representatives from various campus departments; and learn about services.

Lunch for New Students and Families
Chase/Duckett, Cushing/Emerson, Cutter/Ziskind, King/Scales, Lamont, Wilson, Northrop/Gillett and Tyler house dining rooms
New students and families are invited for a buffet-style lunch. Come at any point during this time.

President’s Welcome
John M. Greene Hall
All entering students and their families are invited to the president’s first community address of the academic year. Speakers and guests include:
- Kathleen McCartney, President of the College
- Susan Etheredge, Vice President for Campus Life and Dean of the College
- Jonathan Hirsh, Senior Lecturer, Music Department
- Sarah Paquet, Lecturer, Music Department
- Lemuel Gurtkowsky, Accompanist
- Rosalie Toupin ’20, President, Student Government Association

Program

Family Orientation
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2:30– 6 p.m.
Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall
See family orientation schedule for details and locations.

1:30– Welcome Reception
Chapin lawn (Rain location: Davis Ballroom)
New students and their families are invited to an informal mixer to meet members of the faculty, staff and administration; returning students; and each other. Light refreshments will be served until 2:15 when you will want to start heading to your separate sessions.

Class Dean’s Welcome—Required for First-Year Students
Sweeney Auditorium, Sage Hall
Jane Stangl, dean of the first-year class, welcomes the class of 2023 into the Smith College academic community. This meeting is critical to your academic success at Smith! For students only.

Class Deans’ Welcome—Required for All Transfer, Visiting and Exchange Students and Ada Comstock Scholars
Graham Hall, Hillyer Hall
Class Deans Andrea Rossi-Reder and Tina Wildhagen will share important academic information, joined by Sid Dalby, associate director of admission/Ada Comstock adviser, and by student leaders. The meeting will conclude with the official Ada Comstock Scholars’ class photo. For students only.

Team Time—All First-Year Students Should Attend
Sweeney Auditorium, Sage Hall
Meet and hang with your new team members.
Saturday, August 31

7:30–9 a.m.  Breakfast for Residential Board-Paying Students
Open dining rooms
Please refer to the end of this program for a list of open dining rooms.

8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
Orientation Group Programs
Check the orientation folder you received at central check-in for program times and locations.

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.  Lunch for Residential Board-Paying Students
Open dining rooms
Please refer to the end of this program for a list of open dining rooms.

4–5:30 p.m.  Learn About Club Sports/Free Time (your choice)
Chapin lawn (Rain Location CC Lower Level)
Want to stay active and have fun, but don’t want to play a varsity sport? Find out what club sports at Smith have to offer. From ultimate disc to synchronized swimming, rugby to equestrian, ice hockey to squash—Smith offers many ways to find friends and play competitive club sports. Optional.

5:30–7 p.m.  Dinner for Residential Board-Paying Students
Open dining rooms
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7–9 p.m.  Smith 2 Do—Crafts and Cake
Campus Center 208 (Carroll Room)
Looking to get a little crafty? The Office of Student Engagement Programming Team and your orientation leaders will have supplies and snacks to stimulate your creativity and help personalize your new Smith space.
Sunday, September 1

7:30–9 a.m. Breakfast for Residential Board-Paying Students
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8:30 a.m.—noon
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1:30–3:30 p.m. Team Activities
Chapin lawn
Meet with your team for crafts, trips, walks, speed friending and ice cream and discover the hidden spaces at Smith. Activities will vary each time.

3:30–5:30 p.m. Living in a Diverse Community performance—Required for All Students
John M. Greene Hall
At Smith, you are joining a global community of people who are diverse in every sense of the word. This live performance will introduce you to the responsibilities, respect and understanding that entails. Learn how you can participate in and enjoy the benefits of the Smith experience.

5:30–7 p.m. Dinner for Residential Board-Paying Students
Open dining rooms
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7–9 p.m. Dialogue With the Actors
Various spaces in the Campus Center
Want to talk with the actors about the Living in a Diverse Community performance? Join a conversation with actors and other Smithies to reflect, ask questions and discuss what it is like living in a diverse community. Optional.

Monday, September 2

7:30–9 a.m. Breakfast for Residential Board-Paying Students
Open dining rooms
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9–11 a.m. Departmental Placement Exams
The schedule of placement exams, auditions and portfolio reviews can be found on the Registrar’s Office website at www.smith.edu/about-smith/registrar/exams.

9–11 a.m. Class of 2023 Photo—All First-Year and Transfer Students Should Attend
Indoor Track and Tennis Facility (ITT)
Gather with your classmates for your class picture.

11 a.m.—noon Choice Sessions
Introduction to Health Professions Advising at Smith
Stoddard Auditorium, Stoddard Hall
Interested in pursuing a career in the healthcare profession? This session includes a brief overview of the resources and advisers available to help you achieve your goals, and a stimulating brainstorming activity to put your ideas into action.
Study Skills Workshop and Introduction to the Jacobson Center
McConnell, room 103
Reinforce your learning habits and strengthen your study skills! As you transition to this new environment, learn about important practices to help manage your time, maintain focus and handle a heavy reading load. Offered by the learning specialist from the Jacobson Center for Writing, Teaching and Learning, this discussion will help you find ways to stay organized and maintain a healthy life-work balance.

Ada and Transfer Student Information Session—Required for All Transfer and Ada Students
Seelye 201

noon— Lunch for Residential Board-Paying Students
1:30 p.m. Teams Activities
        Chapel lawn
Crafts, trips, walks, speed friending, ice cream and finding hidden spaces at Smith—your activity will differ each time!

4:30— Meet your SAAs
5:30 p.m. Dinner for Residential Board-Paying Students
          Open dining rooms
Please refer to the end of this program for a list of open dining rooms.

5:30–7 p.m. ASSETS Pizza Party
Dewey common room
Meet and greet opportunity for students with all types of disabilities, such as mobility, chronic health, mental health and other conditions. Get to know other students and meet upper-level students and alumnae. We welcome you to our community and want to share ideas and interests, offer support and suggestions, and do everything we can to make sure your time here is the best.

7:30— 9 p.m. Bingo and Snacks
Campus Center Carrol Room
Swing by the Campus Center for some Bingo! Loads of great prizes too!

Tuesday, September 3

7:30— Breakfast for Residential Board-Paying Students
8:30 a.m. Liberal Arts Advising: How to Be an Effective Advisee —All Students Should Attend, Regardless of Intended Major
Sweeney Auditorium, Sage Hall
A Smith education has many components that require important decisions—from choosing major course work to developing cultural competency. Lauren Duncan, director of faculty advising, and Jane Stangl, dean of the first-year class, will lead this informational meeting to help students learn to make the most of academic advising and the open curriculum to determine what path is best for them.

9:45— Group Meetings With Academic Advisers
11 a.m.—All Students are Required to Attend Various locations
All first-year, transfer, visiting and exchange students and Ada Comstock Scholars will meet with their academic advisers at the designated locations listed in the course registration materials you received at central check-in. This meeting is for students only.

11 a.m.— noon Conversations With Faculty
—Recommended for All Students, Regardless of Intended Major
Indoor Track and Tennis facility (ITT)
Join faculty members from each department and program for informal discussions regarding course content and selection. Bring your questions!
noon— Lunch for Residential Board-Paying Students
Open dining rooms
Please refer to the end of this program for a list of open dining rooms.

noon—1 p.m. AEMES (Achieving Excellence in Mathematics, Engineering and Sciences)
Lunch (by invitation only)
Chase/Duckett Special Dining Room C

1–3 p.m. Information Fair
Chapin lawn (Rain site: Campus Center)
Can’t wait to find out more about the Jacobson Center? Have a question for Dining Services? Join us for an informal look at offices, departments and programs that are here to enhance your Smith experience.

1–4:30 p.m. Individual Advising Appointments
Various locations
You will meet with your academic adviser for a half hour during this time frame to discuss your interests and prepare for course selection.

4:30– 5:30 p.m. Smith Reads: How Culture Shapes the Climate Change Debate
John M. Greene Hall
Author Andrew J. Hoffman will join all students for a conversation about the first-year reading.

5:30– 7 p.m. Dinner for Residential Board-Paying Students
Open dining rooms
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7– 8 p.m. Smith Reads Discussions
House Living Rooms
Join the faculty and fellow students for a conversation about the first-year reading.

Wednesday, September 4

7:30–9 a.m. Breakfast for Residential Board-Paying Students
Open dining rooms
Please refer to the end of this program for a list of open dining rooms.

8:30 a.m.— Individual advising appointments
Various locations
You will meet with your academic adviser for one-half hour during this time frame to discuss your interests and prepare for course selection.

noon— Lunch for Residential Board-Paying Students
Open dining rooms
Please refer to the end of this program for a list of open dining rooms.

1:30 p.m. Online Registration
Seelye 212 is reserved for students who need computer access.

3–5 p.m. Team Activities
Chapin lawn and various locations
Will it be crafts, walks, speed friending, ice cream—or finding secret spaces at Smith?

5:30–7 p.m. Celebration Dinner Picnics
Two Locations: Davis lawn and Quad lawn
Picnic on the lawn. Students living in the Quad should plan to eat on the Quad lawn. All others should dine on Davis lawn.

7:45 p.m. Convocation
John M. Greene Hall
Students and faculty gather together to signal the start of the academic year.

Weinstein Auditorium
Convocation will be livestreamed in Weinstein Auditorium for students looking for a quieter space to celebrate the start of the academic year.

7:45– Smith College Convocation Kick-Off Carnival
Chapin lawn (Campus Center in the event of rain)
Join the Office of Student Engagement, Student Government Association, Dining Services, the Dean of the College and the Division of Student Affairs as we kick-off another wonderful academic year! The evening will feature games, music and, of course, lots of food, as we celebrate our community. Families should use discretion when deciding whether to bring children; we expect more than 2,000 very excited, sometimes rowdy, Smith undergraduates to be in attendance.

9.45 p.m.
Students may dine in any open dining room by using their OneCards. Check for meal times and menus at www.smith.edu/diningservices. Unless noted otherwise, meal times are: breakfast, 7:30–9:30 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.; dinner, 5:30–7 p.m.

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