Departmental Placement Exams
To assist students in considering what level of courses they should enter, please visit the Registrar’s website for information about placement exams. Some exams have due dates prior to individual advising appointments. The links to placement exams, auditions and portfolio reviews can be found on the Registrar’s Office website.

Monday, August 23–Thursday, August 26

By Appt 8:00 a.m.–5 p.m.  Individual Advising Appointments via Zoom (Required for first-years)
Advisers will meet for one half hour with each advisee. Students will be contacted by their liberal arts adviser the week prior to schedule their appointment within this time frame.

During this half hour, you—the advisee—should be prepared to discuss course ideas and interests, and your adviser will help you link your developing academic preferences with choices for classes. They may also offer other avenues for you to explore your interests this fall and in the coming academic year.

Monday, August 23

6–9 p.m.  Calling In as a Smith Leadership Practice With Professor Loretta Ross Part I
This two-part virtual training is required for new students. Students must register ahead of time to attend via Zoom or watch the recording by the start of the semester. The link to register for the event will be available on Moodle.

Participants will learn about calling-in practices to counter the call-out culture. The presentation will address the following questions: What is the calling-in/calling-out continuum? What do you say to call someone in? When should it be used? When is calling someone out the right thing to do? Can we set logical boundaries for dissent without losing cohesion? If so many of us are aware of the problems of call-out culture, why haven’t we changed it? Can we stop the busy urgency of our lives to pay closer attention to our effects on other people? Can we create this culture shift?
Friday, August 27

8–11 a.m. 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. In addition to receiving your room keys, course registration materials and college ID card, you will have the opportunity to connect with various campus departments and services.

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Lunch for all new students and families
New students and families are invited to join us! Lunch will be served buffet style, so feel free to come at any point during this time.

Lunch for incoming Adas with Ada coordinator*
Chase House
Join Ada Coordinator Sam Wentworth for lunch.

1 p.m. President’s Welcome
John M. Greene Hall (JMG)
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
- Baishakhi Taylor, Vice President for Campus Life and Dean of the College
- Paige Graham, Lecturer, Music Department
- Jonathan Hirsh, Senior Lecturer, Music Department
- Grant Moss, Accompanist and Senior Lecturer, Music Department
- Emma Tierney ’22, Student Government Association President

1:30–2:30 p.m. Welcome Reception
Seelye Tent
New students and their families are invited to an informal mixer to meet members of the faculty, administration, staff, returning students and each other. Light refreshments will be served until 2:15 p.m. when you will want to start heading to your separate sessions.

Family Orientation

2:30–6 p.m. See family orientation schedule for details and locations. (No students.) The Family Orientation Schedule will be available on the For New Students website in mid-August.

2:30–4 p.m. Class Dean’s Welcome for transfers, Ada’s, visiting and exchange students*
Graham Hall, Hillyer Hall
Class Deans Andrea Rossi-Reder and Susanna Howe will share important academic information. The meeting will conclude with the official Ada Comstock Scholars class photo. Attendance is mandatory.

Class Dean’s Welcome for first-year students (students only)
Sweeney Auditorium, Sage Hall
Jane Stangl, dean of the first-year class, welcomes the Class of 2025 into the Smith College academic community. This meeting is critical to your academic success at Smith! Attendance is mandatory.

4–5 p.m. ASSETS (parents and students welcome)
Seelye Hall, Room 106
Jane Stangl, dean of the first-year class, and Laura Rauscher, director of disability services will help students understand the services available to them for physical and learning disabilities as well as ADHD, mental health and other conditions. Parents will discover ways to enhance their children’s success in the Smith learning environment. This session will cover academic requirements, social expectations, Smith’s academic support services and residential program, disability services and accommodations at Smith, requirements for disability documentation, and students’ rights and responsibilities. Optional for those interested.
Campus Tours by your Head of New Student (HONS)
Meet your HONS in front of your house if you want to walk around and talk about the campus.

5:30– 7 p.m. Dinner for residential board-paying students and families
Open dining rooms
Please refer to the end of this program for a list of open dining rooms.

7:30 p.m. Parents and Families Depart

8–9 p.m. Nuts and Bolts of Living on Campus
House living room
Gather with your fellow housemates for this multifaceted information session. House reps will cover:
• Campus life resources—Heads of New Students (HONS)
• Academic resources and policies—Student Academic Advisers (SAA)
• Residential policies and procedures—Head Resident (HR)
• House Life: House Community Adviser (HCA) and House President (HP)

Saturday, August 28

7:30– 8 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.

9:30– 10:15 a.m. Meet and Greet for transfers*
Seelye Hall, Room 201
Meet your fellow transfer students and walk to JMG for a tour of the valley.

10– 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Pastry in the Ada
Lounge*
Hopkins Lounge
Check out the Ada lounge and meet your coordinator, Sam Wentworth, for coffee and pastry. We will walk to JMG together for the party bus tour after.

10:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. Party Bus: Tour of the Valley*
John M. Greene Hall (JMG)
Join your fellow Ada and transfer students to see what the Pioneer Valley has to offer. Current Ada scholars will show you all the special spots on campus that will make you feel at home, from restaurants to swimming areas and all the necessities in between.

noon– 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.

12:30– 1:30 p.m. Picnic Lunch for Ada Comstock Scholars*
Capen Lawn
Get to know your entering Ada classmates and have lunch in the beautiful Capen gardens.

1:30– 2:30 p.m. Campus Tour for transfers*
Clark Hall porch
A chance for transfer students to become familiar with campus and with each other.

5:30– 7 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.

7–9 p.m. Drag Bingo
Davis Ballroom
Not your grandmother’s bingo! Drag Bingo is a louder, rowdier and spicier version of an old favorite. New students are invited to join in the chance to win prizes and meet new friends!

Trivia Night
Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall
All new students are invited to put their stores of meaningless information to the test for Trivia Night. Join in an evening of informal team competition, the chance to win prizes, meet new friends and have a great time!
Sunday, August 29

7:30–  8 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.–noon
Orientation Groups
Program locations will be made available to you before you arrive on campus. Check the time for your group as they may vary for beginning or end times.

10 a.m.– noon
Ada and Transfer Info Session
With Karen Sise and Student Panel*
Seelye Hall, Room 201
Required for all Ada and transfer students.
Join us for a transfer and Ada information session followed by a panel of current Ada students to answer any lingering questions.

noon– 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.

1:30–  3 p.m.
Playfair for all new students
Chapin Lawn (Rain Location: Seelye Tent)
It’s time to play! Come together on the lawn for some fun and festivities.

3:30–  5:30 p.m.
Living in a Diverse Community
John M. Greene Hall (JMG)
Smith is a global community. You are joining a community of people from a variety of backgrounds. This is a chance to hear from Floyd Cheung, vice president for equity and inclusion, Professor Loretta Ross from the Department for the Study of Women and Gender, and a panel of current students who will share their experiences and advice for joining this community of Smithies. There will also be an opportunity to reflect on your own experiences and make some new connections! Attendance is mandatory for all students.

5:30–  7 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.

7–9 p.m.
Smith To Do
Seelye Tent
Looking to get a little crafty? The Office of Student Engagement Programming Team will be on hand with supplies and snacks to help you get creative and personalize your new Smith space.

Monday, August 30

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.

9–  9:45 a.m.
Meet Your Student Academic Adviser (SAA)
House Living Rooms
Your student academic advisers will be invaluable in providing help for navigating your registration process as you chart your academic path. This is required for all first-year students.

10–  10:45 a.m.
How to Be an Effective Advisee
John M. Greene Hall (JMG)
The faculty director of liberal arts advising (Professor Sarah Moore) will help you to learn about our academic advising system, providing perspectives on how to best work with your faculty liberal arts adviser in exploring the many learning opportunities at Smith. Required for all new students.

10:45–  11 a.m.
Provost Michael Thurston will offer greetings to the Class of 2025
John M. Greene Hall (JMG)

11–noon
Smith Reads
John M. Greene Hall (JMG)
Mohsin Hamid, author of Exit West, will speak to our incoming students about his book, collections and work as an author. Students will have an opportunity to question Hamid before his presentation and Ambreen Hai, professor and chair, Department of English Language and Literature, will interview
noon–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.

1:30–2:30 p.m.  **Group Advising Meeting**

Various locations shared by advisers

Faculty liberal arts advisers will meet with their cohort of liberal arts advisers in groups. Location will be shared in your individual advising meetings.

2:45–4 p.m.  **Conversations With Faculty**

Zoom links for departments and programs will be on Moodle

Individual academic departments and programs will hold synchronous Zoom sessions for entering students. These sessions give students and faculty members a chance to discuss the particulars of their programs and departments.

4:15–5:30 p.m.  **Getting Help Helps**

John M. Greene

We all need help sometimes. Wellness Services and the Office of Disability Services staff will discuss campus resources and options for support. **Required for all new students.**

5:30–7 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.

**ASSETS Pizza Party**

Campus Center 103/104

Meet and greet opportunity for students with all types of disabilities such as mobility, chronic health, mental health or other conditions. Get to know other students and meet upper-class students and alums. We are a supportive community who invite you to share your ideas and interests and who want to offer support and suggestions, and do everything we can to help you feel welcome, share ideas, interests, offer support, suggestions and do everything we can to get you connected and make sure your time at Smith is the best.

8–10 p.m.  **Movie Night**

Seelye Tent

Join us for popcorn and a movie. **Optional.**

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**Tuesday, August 31**

7:30–9:30 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.

9:30–noon  **Online Registration Opens**

Students will register for courses through Workday. **Seelye 212 is reserved for students who need computer access.**

10–noon  **Adas Library Tour**

Welcome to your exclusive sneak peek of the libraries. Meet Cat Hannula, first-year’s experience and engagement librarian, at the Nielson Seelye lawn entrance for a tour of the libraries: Neilson Library, Josten Performing Arts Library and Hillyer Art Library.

noon–1:00 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.

1–2 p.m.  **Pathways—Facilitated Activity**

House living rooms

There are many possible pathways you can create in your learning at and beyond Smith. Students will meet in their houses with their student academic advisers for a session facilitated by the faculty director of liberal arts advising to start to design the many pathways you might want to start exploring.

**Ada Drop-In**

Hopkins Lounge

Bring your lunch and ask any questions.

2–3 p.m.  **Summer Reading Discussions**

House living rooms

**Adas: Hopkins lounge**

Join a faculty facilitator and your fellow students for a conversation about **Exit West**, our summer reading. **Required for all new students.**
### Returners’ Reboot for Sophomores and Adas

10–11:15 a.m. **Seelye tent**
Welcome back! The sophomore and Ada class deans, Susannah Howe and Andrea Rossi-Reder, and the faculty director of advising, Sarah Moore, will help you to connect and reconnect with your peers while you support each other in taking the next steps in your learning at Smith, inside and outside of the classroom.

### Lunch for Residential Board-Paying Students

11:30 a.m–1 p.m. **Open dining rooms**
Please refer to the end of this program for a list of open dining rooms.

### Resource Fair

1–2 p.m. **Seelye tent**
Need academic help or help with writing or public speaking? Have a question about dining that you’ve been too busy to ask? Join us for an informal look at offices, departments and programs that are here to support and enhance your Smith experience.

### Getting Help Helps

3–4 p.m. **Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall**
We all need help sometimes. Wellness Services and the Office of Disability Services staff will discuss campus resources and options for support. *Recommended for all returning students.*

### Convocation

5–Convocation Dinner
5:30–7:30 p.m. **Chapin Lawn**
Join together for Food Truck themed dinner on the lawn.

### Convocation Carnival

5:30–8:30 p.m. **Chapin Lawn**
Join the Office of Student Engagement, SGA, Dining Services, the Dean of the College and Division of Student Affairs as we kick-off the beginning of another wonderful academic year! The evening will be filled with games, music and of course lots of food as we celebrate our community together.

### Concentrations and Centers

3:30–4:30 p.m. **Seelye Tent**
The centers at Smith are unique resources to support your learning, offering both curricular and co-curricular programming. Concentrations present an opportunity to integrate coursework with practical experiences and independent work, often using the resources of Smith’s centers. Come learn how to explore these opportunities.

### Transfer and Ada Q&A with STEM Faculty*

5:30–7 p.m. **Sabin-Reed 220**
Come prepared to ask questions and to meet faculty from various departments. Topics to be discussed include: navigating STEM majors, shopping appropriate first courses, and finding positions in research labs. A light meal will be provided.

### Dinner for Residential Board-Paying Students

5:30–7 p.m. **Open dining rooms**
Please refer to the end of this program for a list of open dining rooms.

### Playfair for Returners (Returning Students to Include Sophomores and Adas)

7–8:30 p.m. **Chapin lawn (rain location—Seelye tent)**
It’s time to play! Come together on the lawn for some fun and festivities.

### Wednesday, September 1

#### Breakfast for Residential Board-Paying Students

7:30–9:30 a.m. **Open dining rooms**
Please refer to the end of this program for a list of open dining rooms.

#### Open House

9:30–10:30 a.m. **A list of open offices will be provided on the Smith social network.**
Offices will be waiting to welcome new students. Take some time to get acquainted with Smith’s friendly community and beautiful campus.

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*Denotes an event held indoors.*
### Friday, August 27
- **Chase/Duckett**: lunch, dinner*
- **Cushing/Emerson**: lunch, dinner
- **Cutter/Ziskind**: breakfast, lunch, dinner
- **Dawes**: lunch, dinner
- **King/Scales**: breakfast, lunch, dinner
- **Lamont**: lunch, dinner
- **Tyler**: lunch, dinner

### Saturday, August 28
- **Chase/Duckett**: grab and go site**
- **Cushing/Emerson**: brunch, dinner***
- **Cutter/Ziskind**: breakfast, lunch dinner
- **Dawes**: continental breakfast brunch, dinner
- **King/Scales**: continental breakfast brunch, dinner
- **Lamont**: lunch, dinner
- **Tyler**: continental breakfast brunch, dinner

### Sunday, August 29
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### Monday, August 30
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### Wednesday, September 1: Convocation
- **Chase/Duckett**: grab and go site**
- **Cutter/Ziskind**: breakfast, lunch dinner
- **Dawes**: breakfast, lunch
- **Emerson**: grab and go breakfast
- **King/Scales**: breakfast, lunch dinner
- **Lamont**: lunch
- **Tyler**: breakfast, lunch

### Thursday, September 2: First Day of Classes
- **Chapin**: grab and go breakfast, lunch
- **Chase/Duckett**: grab and go site**
- **Comstock**: dinner
- **Cushing/Emerson**: grab and go breakfast dinner***
- **Cutter/Ziskind**: breakfast, lunch dinner
- **Dawes**: breakfast, lunch dinner
- **King/Scales**: breakfast, lunch dinner
- **Lamont**: lunch, dinner
- **Tyler**: breakfast, lunch dinner

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