

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

What is Orientation?

At Orientation you will be introduced to various aspects of college life which will include campus tours, class registration, financial aid, the campus bookstore, and campus safety and security. Our goal is to make your transition to the Shaw community an enjoyable one.

What is a typical day like during Orientation?

Plan to be very busy and wear comfortable clothing and shoes. You will have limited free time and you will have to complete the necessary paperwork to finish your enrollment into college.

What items should I bring to college?

Please see “What to Bring to College” for a comprehensive list of items to bring with you.

When do I register for classes?

You will meet your academic advisor during Orientation. You and your advisor will discuss your major and career goal. Together you will register for classes.

Am I expected to pay a fee for orientation?

Yes, a non-refundable fee for Orientation is \$75.00. This fee covers the cost of the orientation materials, and meals. This fee is to be paid prior to your arrival and must be mailed to: Shaw University, 118 E. South Street, Raleigh, NC 27601—Attention First Year Programs/Dr. Cynthia Duarte. Make all checks/money orders payable to Shaw University.

When you arrive, you will receive a name badge indicating that you are a new student. Meals will be available in the Willie E. Gary Student Union Dining Hall at a special cost for parents and guests, and for students if the \$75.00 orientation fee has not been received prior to arrival.

What are placement tests and do I need to take the test?

All entering freshmen are required to take placement tests. The placement tests may include written and computerized testing. The placement tests will help students and faculty advisors identify skills that need to be strengthened and to assist in placing students in the proper classes.

When are the placement tests given?

Students are scheduled to take placement tests during Orientation. You should get plenty of rest and arrive at the assigned location 10 minutes prior to testing. You will be given further instructions on arrival at the testing site.