

SHAW UNIVERSITY First Year Programs

2009 FALL ORIENTATION FOR NEW INCOMING AND TRANSFER STUDENTS

Note: All students are responsible for reading the entire letter.

Please submit confirmation via: orientation@shawu.edu.

Orientation Dates---August 14-18, 2009

You will be notified individually, by mail, of your initial start date for orientation. Upon arrival you are required to attend all portions of Orientation without exception.

We are asking that you plan your arrival according to the scheduled time and date below.

Arrival/check-in—7:00 a. m.–8:00 a. m.

1. Directions to the campus are provided below. Use the Person Street entrance to the campus and follow the directions of Security personnel for parking and unloading.
 2. A detailed Orientation Schedule will be provided upon your arrival.
 3. In order to facilitate your entrance please bring a photo ID, your Orientation letter and/or acceptance letter to Shaw University.
 4. Please do not forget to include these basic items: bed linens (twin), pillow, blanket, towels, flashlight, a phone to plug into the wall, and hygiene items. Please see attached detailed list.
- Our First Year Programs are designed to provide a path to success. The Cultural, Academic, and Spiritual Enrichment Seminars (CASES) are held weekly as a part of First Year Programs with attendance required by all first-time Shaw University students. Males are required to wear a white dress shirt, gray slacks, and black dress shoes; females are required to wear a white, dress blouse, gray dress slacks or skirt, black dress shoes, and hosiery. Please bring these items with you to our first seminar which will be held in August. In order to receive the blazer and tie/scarf, students must pay only \$30 of the total \$60.00 actual cost. The cost for the blazer is not included in the financial aid award, and must be paid at the time of enrollment.
 - Based on each student's financial package, some students are awarded enough financial aid to cover the cost of books. Compare the total amount in the Award Letter to the total amount required for Tuition and fees, to determine if there are funds remaining for books. This option may be used once the costs of tuition and fees have been deducted. Please call 919-546-8240 for additional concerns or questions about your financial aid.

Books will cost approximately **\$500** per semester (for full-time students). Students are responsible for purchasing their textbooks. This payment must be made in cash, certified checks, credit card, or money order at the time of purchase in the Shaw University Bookstore, 919-546-8225.
 - Meals: Provided for enrolling students if the non-refundable orientation fee of \$75.00 has been received. Guest: (Approximate cost) M-F Breakfast—\$3.82; Lunch—\$4.77; Dinner—\$5.10 (Saturday & Sunday Brunch \$5.10); applicable tax will be added for each meal. Students who have not paid their orientation fee will be charged the same rate as guests.

Please contact me at 919-546-8384 or email at alcarter@shawu.edu with any questions or concerns about the 2009 Fall Orientation.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

Alfonza Carter

Interim Dean of Enrollment Management

Directions to SHAW UNIVERSITY'S Raleigh Campus Office of First Year Programs

From I 95 North

1. Take the Raleigh/Hwy. 64 Exit (138); travel 64 West to New Bern Avenue.
2. Stay on New Bern Avenue to the corner of New Bern Avenue and Blount Street.
3. Turn left onto Blount Street. Go to Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd; turn left and go to the first light. Turn right onto Person Street. The campus entrance will be on left.

From I 95 South

1. Take the Raleigh/I 40 Exit (81)
2. Take 40 West to the Hammond Road/Person Street, Exit 299.
3. Near the bottom of the exit, merge right onto Person Street. After the second light you will see the campus entrance on the left.

From I 85 South

1. Take US 1/401 South Exit. US #1/401 South will become Capital Boulevard.
2. Continue on Capital Boulevard to South Street. Turn left on South Street. Go pass McDonalds, turn right at the first light onto Blount Street. Go to first light, turn left onto Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Go to first light and turn left onto Person Street. The campus entrance will be on the left.

From I 85 North

1. Take the 40 East Exit, go past Cary. After South Saunders Street (Exit 298) there is a sign that reads "Shaw University Next Exit." Take the next exit, Person Street, Exit 299.
2. Turn left onto Person Street. After the third light you will see the campus entrance on the left.

From 64 West

1. Take 64 West to New Bern Avenue.
2. Stay on New Bern Avenue to the corner of New Bern Avenue and Blount Street.
3. Turn left onto Blount Street. Go to Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd; turn left and go to the first light. Turn right onto Person Street. The campus entrance is on the left.

From 64 East

1. Take 64 East to US 1 North.
2. Stay on US 1 North to the exit for 40 East, on the right. Take 40 East.
3. After South Saunders Street (Exit 298) there is a sign that reads "Shaw University Next Exit." Take the next exit, Person Street, Exit 299.
4. At the bottom of the exit, turn left onto Person Street. After the third light you will see the campus entrance on the left.

From 70 East

1. Take 70 East. As it approaches Raleigh, it becomes Glenwood Avenue.
2. Continue on Glenwood Avenue to Morgan Street.
3. Turn left onto Morgan Street. At the corner of Morgan Street and Blount Street, turn right onto Blount Street. Go to first light, turn left onto Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Go to the first light and turn left onto Person Street. The campus entrance is on the left.

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 orientation fee is not a part of your Financial Aid package.** The \$75.00 orientation 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. More detailed information will be given upon your arrival. 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.

How long are parents required to stay for orientation?

We ask parents to stay through fiscal clearance; however, they are welcome to stay the entire orientation.

Can a freshman student have a car on campus?

Freshmen are not allowed to have vehicles on campus except for the most compelling reasons. All exceptions to this policy must have written approval from the Student Services Office.

Can my child remain at Shaw University without being fiscally cleared?

No, all students must have made acceptable financial arrangements through the fiscal affairs office in order to remain on campus.

Is housing provided for parents?

No, please visit our homepage to get a listing of local hotels in the area.

What are the dimensions of the room?

Generally, all double rooms are approximately 12 feet by 16 feet. Triple rooms are approximately 15 feet by 16 feet and located only in the freshman halls (Dimple Newsome and Fleming-Kee residence halls).

How is the room furnished?

Each double and triple room is furnished with:

- Single beds (standard twin size)
- Dressers
- Desks
- Desk chairs
- Closets or wardrobes

What is CASES? Cultural & Spiritual Enrichment Seminar

CASES at Shaw is a program designed to expose participants to messages by outstanding community leaders. Attendance is mandatory for all freshmen and strongly encouraged for the entire University Community.

The Shaw men wear navy blazers with Shaw Crest, gray dress slacks, white shirts, and Shaw tie. The Shaw women wear a navy blazer with Shaw Crest, gray skirt or gray dress slacks, and Shaw scarf. Jeans, tee shirts, shorts, spaghetti straps or overly casual attire may not be worn to CASES by any students.

All students at Shaw University must participate in CASES and community worship. All new transfer students must attend one semester of CASES. The University views these occasions as paramount to character development and spiritual maturity. It should be noted that CASES is not designed to invite membership or commitment to any church or faith based organization. Rather, it extends the knowledge of participants and helps establish dialogue focused on spiritual issues.

Any exceptions to this requirement are carefully screened and must be staffed through the Dean of the Chapel and approved by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Can freshmen live off campus?

All freshman and sophomore students are required to live on campus. If a student meets the following criteria he/she may seek permission to live off campus:

Live with a parent or legal guardian within fifty miles of campus

- Are 21 years of age
- Married
- Have dependent children
- Are veterans with 180 or more consecutive days of military service.

Please visit our homepage and look under 'Housing' for additional information on campus life.

Parent Seminar

Welcome to Shaw University's Parent Seminar

The goal of our parents' seminar is to provide parents the information they need to help their child be successful in college. In addition to the Orientation Program, parents will receive information on financing college.

This time is also dedicated to answering any questions parents might have and how they can become part of the university family.

We have scheduled our parent seminars during the time when students are taking placement tests, thus parents do not need to be concerned about missing sessions with the students.

Topics covered:

Welcome and Opening Address

Academic Support Services

Student Health Services

University Counseling Services

Money Matters

Residential Life

Campus Safety and Security

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WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU TO COLLEGE

1. Dust buster or Dust pan & Broom
2. Laundry basket
3. Laundry detergent
4. Quarters \$10 or more
5. Basket for shower stuff
6. Soap dish
7. Flip-flops for shower
8. Lysol
9. Calendar
10. Masking Tape
11. Stamps
12. Waste basket
13. Telephone
14. Surge protectors
15. Room decorations
16. Iron and Iron board
17. Flashlight
18. Umbrella
19. Standard twin sheets and pillows
20. Refrigerator (less than 4 cubic feet)
21. Fan
22. Rug
23. Low maintenance plants
24. Alarm clock
25. One 7ft CAT 5 Ethernet cable (for connecting your computer to the network)

NOTE: Please limit the items you bring to necessities, as space is limited.