Orientation FAQs

When does the Orientation Program begin?
For specific times and locations, please refer to the online Orientation schedule, which is posted in early June.

Is Orientation mandatory?
Yes. Orientation is an integral part of your success as a Regis College student. You will be able to select your courses for the semester, learn important information about the College, and meet other new students.

What if I am unable to make this Orientation Program?
Please call the Director of Student Activities and Events at 781-768-7455 so that you may register for the Make-Up Orientation session in August. Students that select this option should note that class selection will be limited, so every effort to attend the July options should be made.

Can my parents come with me?
Yes. We encourage your parents and guardians to attend. In fact, we have developed a family Orientation Program to address the most common questions and concerns. Parents and guardians attend this separate Orientation Program while you are learning everything at the first-year student Orientation Program. The parent orientation is not mandatory.

Should I stay overnight?
Yes- students are required to stay overnight during the summer orientation, regardless of residency status. You should stay overnight in the residence hall on the first night of orientation to continue building new relationships with your classmates, attend late night events, and be able to arrive on-time for the morning sessions the following day. You must receive special permission from the Director of Student Activities and Events to commute for the Orientation Program.

What if I plan to commute from home during the school year?
Even if you plan to commute, we encourage you to stay overnight in the residence hall on Sunday evening. There will be entertainment as well as informal sessions with your Orientation leaders—you won't want to miss either!

What should I bring?
An overnight bag with comfortable clothing and shoes:

- Orientation requires some walking
- Toiletries
- Towel and pillow: linens are provided for you
- A fan: the residence halls are not air-conditioned

What about transportation?
Your Orientation confirmation mailing will include directions to Regis. Also, a shuttle van will
pick up passengers at the Riverside T station (on the Green Line) in Newton, Mass. A schedule of the pickup times is included in your confirmation kit.

**Where do I park when I arrive on campus?**
Orientation leaders will be available to direct you to where you should park your car. We have a lower parking lot with plenty of parking availability.

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