



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

FALL 2025 SCHEDULE

*Check our New Student Orientation page **online** for schedule updates.

Symbol Guide: S) – Students P) – Parents

*All times are listed in the Eastern Standard Time Zone

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CAMPUS STORES AND MEDICAL SERVICES HOURS

Art + Supply Store

2836 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL

Monday-Friday: 8 am-4 pm

Saturday: 10 am-2 pm

Sunday: Closed

Madeby Gallery

Ethel and Stanley Glenn Fine Arts Building

Monday-Friday: 9:30 am-4:30 pm

Saturday: 10 am-2 pm

Sunday: Closed

Madeby Gallery is a retail gallery at Ringling College of Art and Design. It features artwork, fine crafts, and jewelry by students and alumni, and Ringling apparel. During New Student Orientation, students and their families receive 20% off purchases.

The Market

Cunniffe Commons

Monday-Friday: 11 am-9 pm

Saturday and Sunday: 5-10 pm

*Open Wednesday, August 13

Medical Services

Student Health Center

Monday-Friday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

*Full Medical Services start on August 11

PRE-ORIENTATION WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

7-8 pm

What You Need to Know: Living on Campus (S) (P)

<https://ringling-edu.zoom.us/j/4778284228>

This session provides helpful information for those students who are going to be living in a residence hall in the fall. In this session, staff will discuss move-in day processes, items that are needed, important information about living in campus housing, and provide time for questions and answers.

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

7-9 pm

What You Need to Know: Student Life and Connecting on Campus (S) (P)

<https://ringling-edu.zoom.us/j/4778284228>

Tune in as our Student Government Association (SGA) and various staff members answer your questions on a variety of topics that include: living in Florida, life on campus, finding community, and more.

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

7-8 pm

What You Need to Know: Accessing College, a Workshop for Students Requesting Disability Accommodations (S) (P)

<https://ringling-edu.zoom.us/j/4778284228>

This session is for students who would like more information on disability accommodations, the formal request process, and the difference in disability services in high school vs. college. Students and parents are welcome to attend to learn more about Student Access Services at Ringling College.

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

7-8 pm

What You Need to Know: AI at Ringling College (S) (P)

<https://ringling-edu.zoom.us/j/4778284228>

Have you ever used generative AI to brainstorm various solutions to a project brief? Are you wondering whether you can use AI tools such as ChatGPT to complete assignments? Do you want to learn more about ethical ways to utilize AI and maintain creative integrity? This session is for all new students curious to learn more about the new AI Undergraduate Certificate and how it might amplify their future career prospects. The workshop will also cover AI policies developed in each department.

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

7-8 pm

What You Need to Know: Tips for Academic Success (S) (P)

<https://ringling-edu.zoom.us/j/4778284228>

Are you excited to begin your classes at Ringling? Are you wondering what to bring on your first day of class? How should you communicate with your faculty if you need to miss class? This session is for all new students who are curious about transitioning to college-level coursework. This workshop will provide an overview of course-based policies and expectations that enable faculty to deliver high-quality curriculum to our students.

Thursday, August 7, 2025

7-8 pm

What You Need to Know: Being an Art Student Parent (P)

<https://ringling-edu.zoom.us/j/4778284228>

This session is specifically for parents! We will cover what you can expect as a parent of a student attending Ringling College of Art and Design. The session will provide specific details about family sessions at Orientation and beyond, as well as opportunities to partner with the College.

Monday, August 11, 2025

7-8 pm

What You Need to Know: Preparing for First Year Studio Coursework (S)

<https://ringling-edu.zoom.us/j/4778284228>

Join us for this live webinar to help you feel prepared and confident as you begin your studio courses. You'll get a clear overview of what to expect in your first year—from picking up and organizing your materials kit to understanding notebook requirements, what to bring to class, and how to manage homework and projects. We'll also cover studio etiquette, safety, and the importance of clear communication with faculty. The session wraps up with a live Q&A!

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PRE-ORIENTATION

Saturday, August 9, 2025

8:30 am-4:30 pm Move-in for International Students Only (S) (P)

Office of Residence Life, Goldstein Hall

You are required to complete the International New Student Arrival Form located on your eRezLife Account.

11 am-1 pm Brunch

Cunniffe Commons

2:30-5:30 pm Free Shopping Shuttle

Bookstore Parking Lot, 2836 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL

Shuttles are available at multiple locations so students can purchase items for their rooms.

Pick-up	Drop-off
2:30 pm - Ringling	3 pm - Target
3:30 pm - Ringling	4 pm - Target
4 pm - Target	4:30 pm - Ringling
5 pm - Target	5:30 pm - Ringling

5-7 pm Dinner for International Students & Parents (S) (P)

Cunniffe Commons

Sunday, August 10, 2025

10 am-1 pm Welcome Meeting and Brunch (S) (P)

Cunniffe Commons

Meet other students and parents, ESL Faculty, the Director of International Affairs, and other staff.

- 1-3 pm** **International Student Check-In & Notebook Pickup**
Goldstein Center
 During this time, international students will receive your t-shirt and bag, as well as pick up your notebook computer and accessories from Institutional Technology (IT).
- 2-3:30 pm** **Walk to Walmart Neighborhood Market, Dollar Tree, and CVS with OLs (S)**
Meet in Goldstein Hall Lobby
- 5-6:30 pm** **Dinner with OLs & RAs**
Cunniffe Commons
- 7-8:30 pm** **International Cultural Celebration (S)**
First Floor Terrace, Goldstein Library
 Bring an item that represents you or your country to showcase. This is a time to meet other international students, connect with one another, and learn about other cultures represented in your class.

Monday, August 11, 2025

- 9-10 am** **UWC/Davis Scholar Meeting (S)**
Goldstein Library, 2nd Floor
 Only for those who attended UWC High Schools!
- 10:30 am-4 pm** **Check-In with International Affairs (S)**
Goldstein Library 218 and 219
 Make an appointment in advance. Please bring your passport and I-20.
- 11 am-1 pm** **Brunch**
Cunniffe Commons
- 1-4 pm** **Free Shopping Shuttle**
Bookstore Parking Lot, 2836 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL
 Shuttles are available so students can purchase items for their rooms

Pick-up	Drop-off
1 pm - Ringling	1:30 pm - Target
2 pm - Ringling	2:30 pm - Target
2:30 pm - Target	3 pm - Ringling
3:30 pm - Target	4 pm - Ringling

- 1-3 pm** **Vaccine Clinic (S)**
Student Health Center
 Only for international students with outstanding requirements. Students will be contacted via email for this event.
- 4:30-6 pm** **Connection Session (S)**
Goldstein Library 113
 A time for international students to meet one another, as well as faculty and staff that will assist them during their time at Ringling College.
- 6-8 pm** **Longest Table (S)**
2nd Floor, Cunniffe Commons
 Pick up food from Cunniffe Commons and bring it to the Longest Table to meet other international students for meaningful conversations.

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

- 9-9:45 am** **Meet with International Affairs (S)**
Goldstein Library 113
 This is the time to learn about the federal obligations required for all International Students.
- 9:45-10:30 am** **On-Campus Employment Session (S)**
Goldstein Library 113
 Learn about the on-campus employment process and resources available through Career Services.
- 10:30-11 am** **Meet with Public Safety (S)**
Goldstein Library 113
 Meet with our Public Safety Officers and learn about important safety tips.
- 11 am-12 pm** **Campus Tour (S)**
Meet in the lobby of Goldstein Library
 Bring your class schedule! The OLs will lead small group tours throughout campus, helping you find your classrooms.
- 11 am-1 pm** **Brunch (S)**
Cunniffe Commons
 \$14.25 if not on a meal plan or brunch on your own.
- 2:30-4 pm** **International Student Transitions (S)**
Goldstein Library 113

Get to know the wonderful Counseling, Advising, Health, the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, Student Access Services, and Student Learning Center staff during this interactive experience!

5-6:30 pm **Dinner with OLs & RAs**
Cunniffe Commons

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

7:30-9:30 am **Breakfast (S)**
Cunniffe Commons
\$10.00 if not on a meal plan or breakfast on your own.

9:30-10:30 am **International Student Paperwork (S)**
Goldstein Library 113

11 am-12 pm **International Student Bank Account Setup (S)**
Goldstein Library 113

1-2 pm **International Student Health Insurance Information (S)**
Goldstein Library 113

2-4 pm **International Students Pick Up First Year Materials Kit**
Art + Supply Store
All new students will need to pick up their materials kits from the campus bookstore except students majoring in Creative Writing or Film; you will need your ID to verify your identity. (Incoming Visual Studies majors will need to choose kits based on their chosen minor pathways.)

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

7:30-9:30 am

Breakfast (S)

Cunniffe Commons

\$10.00 if not on a meal plan or breakfast on your own.

9 am-3 pm

Domestic Residential Student Move-in and Check-in Process (S) (P)

Diane Roskamp Exhibition Hall, Ulla Searing Student Center Goldstein Center

If you miss your time slot, please come between 1:30-3 pm. During this time, students will complete any paperwork, get their student ID, and ensure all health information is completed. Once completed and you have your Student ID, you will go to Goldstein Center to pick up your notebook computer and accessories from Institutional Technology (IT).

Time Slot	Floor	Building
9-10:30 am	5th Floor Residents	Goldstein Hall Greensboro Hall
10:30 am-12 pm	4th Floor Residents	Goldstein Hall Greensboro Hall
12-1:30 pm	3rd Floor Residents	Goldstein Hall Greensboro Hall
1:30-3 pm	1st & 2nd Floor Residents	Goldstein Hall Greensboro Hall Late Arrivals

Move-In Day Instructions:

Upon coming to campus, students will check-in at the Roskamp Exhibition Hall. Please ship as many items as possible, to help expedite the move-in process. All items received between Wednesday, August 1-Monday, August 11, 2025, will be placed in the student's residence hall room upon arrival. The shipping address is as follows:

*Your Student's Name
c/o NSO 2025
1130 Greensboro Lane
Sarasota, FL 34234

Staff will also check to see if all immunization paperwork has been successfully completed. If there are outstanding immunizations, students will complete the necessary immunizations at the time of check-in. Please note: Student accounts are put on hold until proof of immunization is received.

11 am-1 pm

Lunch

Cunniffe Commons

\$14.25 if not on a meal plan or lunch on your own.

2-3 pm

Accessing College: Workshop for Students Requiring Accommodations (S)(P)

Orkin Lecture Hall/Room 113, Goldstein Library

Meet the staff from Student Access Services and learn about their services for disabilities and other learning support.

2:30-7 pm

Free Shopping Shuttles (S) (P)

Bookstore Parking Lot, 2836 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL

Transportation provided to purchase items needed.

Pick-up	Drop-off
2:30 pm - Ringling	3 pm - Target
3:30 pm - Ringling	4 pm - Target
4 pm - Target	4:30 pm - Ringling
4:30 pm - Ringling	5 pm - Target
5 pm - Target	5:30 pm - Ringling
5:30 pm - Ringling	6 pm - Target
6:30 pm - Target	7 pm - Ringling

3-4 pm

Commuter Student CheckIn Process (S) (P)

Diane Roskamp Exhibition Hall, Ulla Searing Student Center

During this time, commuter students will complete paperwork, pick up their student ID, ensure all health information is completed, and obtain their notebook computer and accessories.

- 3-4:30 pm** **Student Learning Center Open House (S) (P)**
Goldstein Library 211
 Meet learning specialists and learn about the many services free to all students.
- 4-5:30 pm** **Commuter Student Meeting (S) (P)**
Soundstage A
 A meeting for all students not living on campus.
- 5-7 pm** **Dinner**
Cunniffe Commons
 \$14.25 if not on a meal plan or dinner on your own.
- 7-8 pm** **Activities with OLs & RAs (S)**
Scott Plaza
- 8-9:30 pm** **Residence Life All Hall Meeting (S)**
 Mandatory meeting with professional staff for all residents
Soundstage A

Thursday, August 14, 2025

- 7:30-9:30 am** **Breakfast (S)**
Cunniffe Commons
 \$10.00 if not on a meal plan or breakfast on your own.
- 8 am-4 pm** **All Domestic Students EXCEPT Media Kits Pick Up First Year Materials Kit**
Art + Supply Store
 All new students will need to pick up their materials kits from the campus bookstore except students majoring in Creative Writing or Film; you will need your ID to verify your identity. (Incoming Visual Studies majors will need to choose kits based on their chosen minor pathways.)
- 9-9:30 am** **Students with Undeclared Majors Session (S) (P)**
Thompson Academic Center, Room 207
 This session is only for those who have not declared a major.
- 9:30-11 am** **Academic Department Conversations (S) (P)**
Various Locations
 Discover more about your major and get a chance to meet your department head, faculty mentors, instructors, and other classmates in these up-close and personal discussions.

Major	Location
Business of Art and Design	Thompson Academic Center, Room 214
Computer Animation	Morganroth Auditorium
Creative Writing	Goldstein Studio Village, Room 105
Entertainment Design	Thompson Academic Center, Room 218
Film	Soundstage B
Fine Arts	Studios North
Game Art	Thompson Academic Center, Room 209
Graphic Design	Thompson Academic Center, Room 418
Illustration	Soundstage A
Motion Design	Goldstein Library, Room 113
Photography and Imaging	Cooley Center, 1st Floor
Virtual Reality Development	Thompson Academic Center, Room 209
Visual Studies	Basch Visual Arts Center, Room 319

11 am-1 pm

Lunch

Cunniffe Commons

\$14.25 if not on a meal plan or lunch on your own.

11 am-1 pm

Shuttles Depart for Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall (S) (P)

Van Wezel Address: 777 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL

Shuttles Depart from Bookstore Parking Lot, 2836 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL

You may also drive yourself, as there is plenty of parking!

Pick-up	Drop-off
12:40 pm - Ringling	12:50 pm - Van Wezel
12:55 pm - Ringling	1:05 pm - Van Wezel
1:10 pm - Ringling	1:20 pm - Van Wezel
1:25 pm - Ringling	1:35 pm - Van Wezel

1:45-2:45 pm

Official Welcome and Academic Overview (S) (P)

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, Main Theater

Dr. Tammy S. Walsh, Senior Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students

Dr. John A. Chopka, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing

Alyssa Copeland, Student Government Association President

Dr. Larry R. Thompson, President

Dr. Tiffany Holmes, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Principles that Define Our Community

Dr. Tammy S. Walsh, Senior Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students

2:45-3 pm

Break

3-4 pm

Dr. T and the Team! (S) (P)

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, Main Theater

A Ringling College take on talk shows! Learn important information while having fun.

4-4:45 pm

Shuttles Depart for Ringling College (S)

Pick-up	Drop-off
4 pm - Van Wezel	4:10 pm - Ringling
4:15 pm - Van Wezel	4:25 pm - Van Wezel
4:35 pm - Van Wezel	4:45 pm - Ringling

4:30-6:30 pm

President's Reception for Parents (P)

Van Wezel Performing Arts Ballroom

Meet Dr. Larry R. Thompson and mingle with other key Ringling College administrators, faculty, and parents. Enjoy great hors d'oeuvres and beverages!

5-7 pm

Family Shuttles Depart for Ringling College (P)

Pick-up	Drop-off
5 pm - Van Wezel	5:10 pm - Ringling
5:30 pm - Van Wezel	5:40 pm - Van Wezel
6 pm - Van Wezel	6:10 pm - Ringling
6:30 pm - Van Wezel	6:40 pm - Ringling
6:45 pm - Van Wezel	7 pm - Ringling

- 5-7 pm** **Dinner**
Cunniffe Commons
 \$14.25 if not on a meal plan or dinner on your own.
- 7-8:30 pm** **Community Building with CDI (S)**
Soundstage A
 Students will participate in engaging and dynamic activities that foster inclusive communities with the goal of empowering themselves and others to continue to stay connected and engaged in conversations about our diverse campus community.

Friday, August 15, 2025

- 7:30-9:30 am** **Breakfast (S)**
Cunniffe Commons
 \$10.00 if not on a meal plan or breakfast on your own.
- 8 am-4 pm** **All Domestic Students with Media Kits Pick Up First Year Materials Kit**
Art + Supply Store
 All new students will need to pick up their materials kits from the campus bookstore except students majoring in Creative Writing or Film; you will need your ID to verify your identity. (Incoming Visual Studies majors will need to choose kits based on their chosen minor pathways.)
- 9-9:45 am** **Making Campus Safer: Sexual Misconduct and How to Report It (S)**
Presented by: Lauren Frasser, Title IX Coordinator
<https://ringling-edu.zoom.us/j/99270090468>
 Sexual Harassment and Misconduct, as well as dating violence, have become major topics of concern on college campuses throughout the U.S. This session examines Title IX Law and teaches how everyone can play a part in preventing any type of violence on our campus, as well as how to report it.
- 9:50-10:35 am** **Ringling 101: Adjusting to the First Semester (S)**
Presented by: Lauren Dennis, MA, LMHC and Cynthia Casanova, MS, LMHC, Peterson Counseling Center
<https://zoom.us/my/laurendennis>
 Starting college is a major life event, and first-year students are going through it together. Join this session for tips on what to expect when adjusting to college. We will discuss ways to connect with others and manage your mental health. This session serves as a complement to the parent transition session.

- 10-11:45am** **Parent Transition Session (P)**
Soundstage A
 This session will help prepare for what to expect during the College transition period, feelings you or your student may encounter, how to best support your student to be successful, and more! You will meet staff from some student support service areas and be welcomed by the Parent Ambassadors.
- 10:40-11:25 am** **Are You Managing Time or Is Time Managing You? (S)**
Presented by: Student Learning Center Staff
<https://ringling-edu.zoom.us/j/96663009551>
 Do you start each morning dreaming about how much you'll accomplish, only to get distracted by 9 am and totally off-track by noon, so you just give up and decide to be organized tomorrow? Do you procrastinate and have to rush to finish assignments on time? Do you get sucked into a time warp by social media or video games? At the end of the day, can you identify how much time you have wasted? Come find out some basic strategies for time management and organization that can help you get started in a positive direction here at Ringling College.
- 11:30 am-1:30 pm** **Lunch**
Cunniffe Commons
 \$14.25 if not on a meal plan or lunch on your own.
- 11:50 am-2 pm** **Newtown Alive Tour (S) (P)**
Guided Bus Tour Departs from Bookstore Parking Lot, 2836 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL
 Join community leaders for a guided tour celebrating and understanding over a century of African-American history in Sarasota.
- 12-5 pm** **Sarasota Art Museum Family Day (S) (P)**
Ringling College Museum Campus 1001 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL
Shuttles Depart from Bookstore Parking Lot, 2836 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL
 Enjoy free admission to the Sarasota Art Museum (SAM). You are invited to explore the exhibitions, learn about opportunities available, participate in activities, and more. You will also receive a 10% discount at both the Bistro and Museum Store. You may take one of the shuttles below or drive yourself.

Pick-up	Drop-off
11:45 am - Ringling	12:15 pm - SAM
12:30 pm - Ringling	1 pm - SAM
1 pm - SAM	1:30 pm - Ringling
1:30 pm - Ringling	2 pm - SAM
2 pm - SAM	2:30 pm - Ringling
2:30 pm - Ringling	3 pm - SAM
3 pm - SAM	3:30 pm - Ringling
3:30 pm - Ringling	4 pm - SAM
4 pm - SAM	4:30 pm - Ringling
4:50 pm - SAM	5:15 pm - Ringling
5:30 pm - SAM	5:45 pm - Ringling

12-5 pm

Esports Arena Open House (S) (P)

Esports Arena, Goldstein Hall, First Floor

Tour our Esports Arena and home of the Ringling Rollers!

12-2 pm

Vaccine Clinic (S)

Student Health Center

Only for international students with outstanding requirements. Students will be contacted via email for this event.

5-7 pm

Dinner

Cunniffe Commons

\$14.25 if not on a meal plan or dinner on your own.

6:30-7:30 pm

Free Time/Family Farewells (S) (P)

8-10 pm

Trivia Night (S)

Soundstage A

Saturday, August 16, 2025

7:30-8:30 am

Breakfast (S)

Cunniffe Commons

\$10.00 if not on a meal plan or breakfast on your own.

8:45 am-12 pm	Community Service Projects (S) <i>Community Service Project Sites (Various Locations)</i> A list of community service sites will be available on the website in August.
10 am-2 pm	All Domestic Students with Media Kits Pick Up First Year Materials Kit <i>Art + Supply Store</i> All new students will need to pick up their materials kits from the campus bookstore except students majoring in Creative Writing or Film; you will need your ID to verify your identity. (Incoming Visual Studies majors will need to choose kits based on their chosen minor pathways.)
12-1:30 pm	Lunch <i>Cunniffe Commons</i> \$14.25 if not on a meal plan or lunch on your own.
1-7 pm	Fitness Center Open Day <i>Susan Palmer Fitness Center, 1st Floor Ulla Searing Student Center</i> The Fitness Center will be open for you and your family to come, ask questions, learn about what we have to offer with Recreation and Wellness, and get a workout in!
1-4 pm	Esports Open Play <i>Esports Arena, 1st Floor Ann & Alfred Goldstein Hall</i> The Arena will be open for anyone to come game, learn about the teams, and have some fun before the semester begins.
2-3 pm	Meet Your Academic Advisor (S) https://ringling-edu.zoom.us/j/92762632316?from=addon Your Academic Advisor plays a key role in helping you to succeed as a student. They will help you register for classes and ensure that you are meeting all requirements to graduate on time.
5-7 pm	Dinner <i>Cunniffe Commons</i> \$14.25 if not on a meal plan or dinner on your own.
7-9 pm	Open Mic Night & Coffee House (S) <i>Cunniffe Commons</i> Bring your talent!

Sunday, August 17, 2025

11 am-1 pm

Brunch

Cunniffe Commons

\$14.25 if not on a meal plan or lunch on your own.

1-4 pm

Esports Open Play

Esports Arena, 1st Floor Ann & Alfred Goldstein Hall

The Arena will be open for anyone to come game, learn about the teams, and have some fun before the semester begins.

1:30-3:30 pm

Tie Dye on the Plaza (S)

Scott Plaza

Bring your NSO Shirt and customize with your style. Tie dye will be provided.

5-7 pm

Dinner

Cunniffe Commons

\$14.25 if not on a meal plan or dinner on your own.

8-9:30 pm

Mandatory Floor Meetings for All Residential Students (S)

Goldstein and Greensboro Halls

Meet with your RA and other residents of your hall to meet each other and discuss living on campus.

WELCOME WEEK ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

11:30 am-12:30 pm Wonderful Wednesday Cunniffe Commons

Join RVO (Ringling Volunteerism Opportunities team) along with the CDI, Goldstein Library, and Ringling Votes for Wonderful Wednesday! Participate in a small service project with RVO and learn more about the various service opportunities and resources available both on campus and in our community.

Thursday, August 21, 2025

11:30 am–12:30 pm Campus Ministry Meet & Greet Lunch

Goldstein Hall Meeting Room

Come meet the Campus Chaplain and learn about services and support the Campus Ministry Department offers.

Friday, August 22, 2025

6 pm–8 pm

Volunteer & Club Fair

Goldstein Library

Visit with several local Sarasota organizations to find out how you can get actively involved volunteering in your own backyard, while also learning about all the ways you can be actively engaged in campus life and activities.