



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

FALL 2026 SCHEDULE

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

Symbol Guide: S) – Students F) – Families

*All times are listed in the Eastern Standard Time Zone

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CAMPUS STORES AND HEALTH SERVICES HOURS

Art + Supply Store

2836 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL

Monday-Friday: 8 am-4 pm

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

The Market

Cunniffe Commons

Monday-Friday: 11 am-11 pm

Saturday and Sunday: 5-10 pm

*Open Wednesday, August 12

Health Services

Student Health Center

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am-4:30 pm

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

**Full Medical Services start on August 10*

PRE-ORIENTATION WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

7-8 pm

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

<https://ringling-edu.zoom.us/j/99110954146>

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 7, 2026

7-8 pm

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

<https://ringling-edu.zoom.us/j/3569906677>

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 15, 2026

7-7:30 pm

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

<https://ringling-edu.zoom.us/my/clairharris>

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.

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

7-8 pm

Meeting for Incoming Military Affiliated Students and Families (S) (F)

<https://ringling-edu.zoom.us/j/92361709153?from=addon>

This is for Veterans and Dependents of Veterans receiving educational benefits. Information about available benefits and resources will be provided, as well as a Q&A session. This meeting will take place via Zoom.

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

7-8 pm

What You Need to Know: Preparing for Your First Year at Ringling (S) (F)

<https://ringling-edu.zoom.us/j/94307820332>

Are you ready to hit the ground running? This session is designed to help all new students feel confident and prepared as they begin college-level coursework at Ringling. We'll cover key academic policies and faculty expectations, what to bring on your first day, how to communicate with your professors, and everything you need to know about your first-year studio courses — from organizing your materials kit to understanding notebook requirements, homework, and studio etiquette. We'll also introduce you to one of the most important art school traditions: critique. The session wraps up with a live Q&A!

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PRE-ORIENTATION

Saturday, August 8, 2026

8:30 am-4:30 pm **Move-in for International Students Only (S) (F)**
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) (F)**
Cunniffe Commons

Sunday, August 9, 2026

10 am-1 pm **Welcome Meeting and Brunch (S) (F)**
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 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 10, 2026

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.
- 6-7 pm** **Letters without Borders (S)**
2nd Floor, Cunniffe Commons
 Pick up food from Cunniffe Commons and bring it to the second floor. International students will write letters to future international students while receiving messages from those who came before them.

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

- 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
- 2:30-4 pm** **International Student Transitions (S)**
Goldstein Library 113

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

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

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

7:30-9:30 am **Breakfast (S)**
Cunniffe Commons
\$11.00 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 during their designated time. 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 12, 2026

7:30-9:30 am

Breakfast (S)

Cunniffe Commons

\$11.00 if not on a meal plan or breakfast on your own.

10am-2 pm

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

Diane Roskamp Exhibition Hall, Ulla Searing Student Center, Goldstein Center

If you miss your time slot, please come between 1-2 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
10-11am	5th Floor Residents	Goldstein Hall Greensboro Hall
11am-12noon	4th Floor Residents	Goldstein Hall Greensboro Hall
12noon-1pm	3rd Floor Residents	Goldstein Hall Greensboro Hall
1-2pm	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 Saturday, August 1- Monday, August 10, 2026, 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 2026
1130 Greensboro Lane
Sarasota, FL 34234

Medical services 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

\$15.00 if not on a meal plan or lunch on your own.

2-3 pm

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

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) (F)

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

2-3 pm

Commuter Student CheckIn Process (S) (F)

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 pm

Student Learning Center Open House (S) (F)

Goldstein Library 211

Meet learning specialists and learn about the many services free to all students.

4-5:00 pm **Commuter Student Meeting (S) (F)**
Academic Center Auditorium
A meeting for all students not living on campus.

5-7 pm **Dinner**
Cunniffe Commons
\$15.00 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 **Mandatory Floor Meetings for All Residential Students (S)**
Goldstein and Greensboro Halls on your floor
Meet with your RA and other residents of your hall to meet each other and discuss living on campus.

Thursday, August 13, 2026

7:30-9:30 am **Breakfast (S)**
Cunniffe Commons
\$11.00 if not on a meal plan or breakfast on your own.

8 am-4 pm **All Domestic Students Majoring in Business of Art and Design, Graphic Design, Motion Design, and Virtual Reality, Pick Up First Year Materials Kit**
Art + Supply Store
All new students will need to pick up their materials kits from the campus bookstore during their designated time. 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) (F)**
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) (F)**
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	Hammond Studios, Room 106
Game Art	Thompson Academic Center, Room 209
Graphic Design	Thompson Academic Center, Room 418
Illustration	Soundstage A
Motion Design	Goldstein Library, Room 113
Creative Technologies	Roskamp Center I
Virtual Reality Development	Thompson Academic Center, Room 209
Visual Studies	Hammond Studios, Room 106

11 am-1 pm

Lunch

Cunniffe Commons

\$15.00 if not on a meal plan or lunch on your own.

2-2:55 pm

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

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
2:00 pm - Ringling	2:10 pm - Van Wezel
2:15 pm - Ringling	2:25 pm - Van Wezel

2:30 pm - Ringling	2:40 pm - Van Wezel
2:45 pm - Ringling	2:55 pm - Van Wezel

3:00-4:00 pm

Official Welcome and Academic Overview (S) (F)

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

Dr. Davis Schneiderman, President

Dr. Tiffany Holmes, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Eileen Zhang, Student Government Association President

Principles that Define Our Community

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

4:00-4:30 pm

Break

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 (F)

Van Wezel Performing Arts Ballroom

Meet Dr. Davis Schneiderman 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 (F)

Pick-up	Drop-off
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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

\$15.00 if not on a meal plan or dinner on your own.

7-8:30 pm

Community & Connections with Center for Student Success (S)

Soundstage A

A time for students to participate in an engaging activity designed to help students spark connections and build a sense of community across our diverse campus.

Friday, August 14, 2026

7:30-9:30 am

Breakfast (S)

Cunniffe Commons

\$11.00 if not on a meal plan or breakfast on your own.

8 am-4 pm

All Domestic Students Majoring in Computer Animation, Game Art, and Illustration, Pick Up First Year Materials Kit

Art + Supply Store

All new students will need to pick up their materials kits from the campus bookstore during their designated time. 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
and**

**Making Campus Safer: Sexual Harassment, Hazing, Other Misconduct
How To Report it**

Presented by: Lauren Frasser, Title IX Coordinator

<https://ringling-edu.zoom.us/j/93705146249>

Sexual Harassment, Hazing and other misconduct have become major topics of concern on college campuses throughout the U.S. This session examines Title IX, Hazing and other misconduct 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

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 (F)

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/95085363470?jst=2#success>

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

\$15.00 if not on a meal plan or lunch on your own.

12-5 pm

Sarasota Art Museum Family Day (S) (F)

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

**2-5 pm
 Arena Open House**

First

Arena and home of the Ringling Rollers!

**Esports
 (S) (F)**
*Esports Arena,
 Goldstein Hall,
 Floor*
 Tour our Esports

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

\$15.00 if not on a meal plan or dinner on your own.

6:30-7:30 pm

Free Time/Family Farewells (S) (F)

8-10 pm

Trivia Night (S)

Soundstage A

Saturday, August 15, 2026

- 7:30-8:30 am** **Breakfast (S)**
Cunniffe Commons
\$11.00 if not on a meal plan or breakfast on your own.
- 8:45 am-12 pm** **Community Service Projects (S)**
Community Service Project Sites (Various Locations)
A list of community service sites will be available on the website in August.
- 10 am-2 pm** **All 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 during their designated time. You will need your ID to verify your identity. (Incoming Visual Studies majors will need to choose kits based on their chosen minor pathways.)
- 12:30- 2 pm** **Lunch**
Cunniffe Commons
\$15.00 if not on a meal plan or lunch on your own.
- 3-7 pm** **Fitness Center Open Day**
Susan Palmer Fitness Center, 1st Floor Ulla Searing Student Center
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**
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.
- 2-3 pm** **Meet Your Academic Advisor (S)**
<https://ringling-edu.zoom.us/j/92982505270?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**
Cunniffe Commons
\$15.00 if not on a meal plan or dinner on your own.

7-9 pm **Open Mic Night (S)**
Cunniffe Commons
Bring your talent!

Sunday, August 16, 2026

11 am-1 pm **Brunch**
Cunniffe Commons
\$15.00 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
\$15.00 if not on a meal plan or dinner on your own.

WELCOME WEEK ACTIVITIES

Monday, August 17, 2026

11:30 am-12:30 pm **First Day Photos**
Outside of Cunniffe Commons
No better way to kick off the semester than with First Day Photos! Stop by and capture the excitement of your first day of classes.

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

11:30 am-12:30 pm **Wonderful Wednesday**
Outside of Cunniffe Commons
Join RVO (Ringling Volunteerism Opportunities team) along with the Center for Student Success (CSS), 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 20, 2026

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 21, 2026

6-8 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.

Saturday, August 22, 2026

6:30-8 pm Welcome Back Bash

Exhibition Hall

Reconnect with your Orientation Leaders and make some new friends at this lighthearted and fun event hosted by Student Activities. First Year students and upperclassmen alike are all invited to celebrate a successful first week back on campus with treats, crafts, and more!

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

7-8 pm CSS Welcome Back Mixer

Exhibition Hall

Celebrate the new semester by meeting other students, catching up with friends, and trying mocktails and food from around the world!