



As a first-time college student at the College of Central Florida, we want to ensure you have the best opportunity for success. Take the simple steps listed below to stay on track and get the most out of your college experience.



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First Semester Tasks

- ☑ Complete Orientation, Student Success Survey, and Career Assessment.
- ☑ Meet with FYS Specialist to set up personal Academic Pathway and semester schedule.
- ☑ Join a club and/or participate regularly in campus events.
- ☑ Keep up with your Advising Syllabus and Personalized Academic Pathway.
- ☑ Connect with resources for success (tutoring, study groups, disability services, mental health counseling, etc.).
- ☑ Take advantage of faculty office hours.
- ☑ Check in with FYS Specialist mid semester to ensure you are on track to meet goals.
- ☑ Complete registration of next semester classes (after discussion with your FYS Specialist).

What to expect during your first semester of college:

After completing orientation, your Start Smart First Year Success Specialist (FYS) will reach out to schedule your first meeting. That session will provide more information about navigating college, but the most exciting part will be setting up your academic pathway and getting registered for classes! Your pathway will be customized based on your goals, abilities and commitment to your program of study.

Before this meeting, talk with your family, friends, and employer to seek their support and understand how much time you can commit. College requires considerable independent work, and for each credit hour of class, you need to be prepared to devote at least 1.5 hours per week of your time. That is, if you are taking SLS1122, a 3-credit class, it will likely take at least 5 hours a week of your time spent in the classroom, studying and working on class projects.

Once you have started classes, you will want to stay connected with your FYS Specialist to let them know of any challenges you might have. You'll also want to begin planning which classes to take next semester. Also, be sure to take advantage of faculty member's "office hours." These are blocks of time your faculty set aside to meet with students individually.

There is free tutoring available on campus as well as many other resources for support. Stay engaged through these resources as well as college activities like clubs and events.

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