

**University of South Carolina
Board of Trustees
Executive Committee
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Off-Cycle Fee Adjustment - USC Columbia – New Student Orientation Fees

Freshman Student (2-Day)	\$195	Transfer Student (1-Day)	\$105
Freshman Parent (2-Day)	\$115	Transfer Parent (1-Day)	\$ 50

This off-cycle fee is requested to be implemented effective April 1, 2014

According to the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education, modern orientation programs have transitioned to a comprehensive process rather than a minimal program. In alignment with these best practices, the University of South Carolina is in need of transition into a more intentional, comprehensive two-day orientation program for freshman and an extended one-day schedule for transfers.

By extending the orientation program the University of South Carolina will be able to holistically represent the opportunities, resources and expectations that await new students and their families, thereby improving the students' transition experience and ultimately, retention and graduation. Students and family members who attend this extended orientation program will experience an increase in their knowledge of the first-year experience, improve their ability to recognize resources that are essential to a successful first year, and experience a greater level of satisfaction and confidence in their decision to attend the University of South Carolina. The additional funding provided will enable the Office of New Student Orientation to provide new students and families with a collaborative orientation program that will appropriately prepare them for their integration into the intellectual, cultural, and social environment at the University of South Carolina.

The cost of the program is driven by meals, facilities, parking/transportation, staffing and technology that are essential to the success of this institutional transition initiative. Students unable to pay the above orientation costs at the time of registration for orientation will be provided the opportunity to defer the charges to their fall tuition billing so that financial aid may be available to cover the cost.

University	Freshman Student Orientation Fee	Transfer Student Orientation Fee	Parent/Guest Orientation Fee
University of Alabama	\$120	\$80	\$75 for first guest; \$60 per additional
University of Arkansas	\$140	\$140	\$50 per guest
Auburn University	\$150	\$100	\$75 per guest/Freshman; \$50 per guest/Transfer
UConn	\$225	\$110	\$35/\$40 online vs. onsite
University of Florida	\$170	\$80	\$100 for first guest - \$30 for second for Freshmen; \$12 per Transfer guest
University of Georgia	\$100	\$40	No Fee
University of Kentucky	\$75	\$25	\$25 per guest
LSU	\$116	\$40	\$45 per family member
University of Maryland	\$160	\$160	\$60 per guest
University of Mississippi	\$115	\$85	\$75 per Guest/Freshman; \$50 per Guest/Transfer
University of Missouri	\$120	\$120	\$18 per guest
UNC Chapel Hill	\$210	\$105	\$118 first guest - \$88 second and additional for Freshmen; \$68/\$15 for Transfer guests
University of Virginia	\$210	\$130	\$60 per guest