

# Sprog Orientation

## FOR OUR PIRATES-IN-TRAINING

What's with the funny name? Well, a Sprog is a new pirate who has not yet been trained on a ship. Attending a Sprog Orientation is your first "training" opportunity and your initial step toward becoming a Southwestern Pirate. Sprog Orientation is exclusively for students who have determined they will be attending Southwestern in the fall.

## ONBOARDING: ALL HANDS ON DECK

Attending Sprog Orientation is required for all incoming students. During your two day overnight stay, you will have the opportunity to cross off some very important to-do items as you get ready for the *Southwestern Experience*. Plan on being on campus from 9 a.m. on Day 1 to 5 p.m. on Day 2. You will meet your first-year academic advisor who will help you select and register for your fall courses. You will also be assigned to an Orientation Leader who will guide and support you during Sprog and throughout the entire summer. After the first day of sessions, you will spend the evening in our residence halls, meet other Pirates, and enjoy the best of Pirate life! Your meals and accommodations are all covered in your orientation fee, collected when you deposited.

## WHAT ABOUT MY PARENTS OR FAMILY?

Family members will concurrently attend important orientation sessions that will provide them with answers from academic, student life, and financial experts. Your family will register for Sprog Orientation when you register (see details below). Family members will have the opportunity to stay locally. Learn of hotel options and discounts at [southwestern.edu/visit](https://southwestern.edu/visit).

## HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Select one of the three dates: **June 17-18 (Tuesday-Wednesday), June 20-21 (Friday-Saturday), June 23-24 (Monday-Tuesday)**. Register early, as space in these programs is limited. For more information and to register, go online to [southwestern.edu/visit](https://southwestern.edu/visit). ***We are not able to accommodate walk-up students at Sprog Orientation. You must attend your scheduled session. Any updates or changes to a reservation must be done two weeks prior to your scheduled Orientation and only if space permits. All first-year students intending to enroll at Southwestern must register for a Sprog Orientation by June 1. Transfers who have deposited by June 1 must register for a Sprog Orientation by June 1. Transfers depositing after June 1 will receive alternative instructions for advising and registration.***

## WHAT DO WE DO?

- Learn about the SU curriculum and programs of study
- Meet to explore course options
- Register on-site for your first-semester classes
- Engage with Southwestern faculty, staff, and current students
- Meet your future friends and classmates!
- Tour available residence halls
- Learn about your financial aid next steps and important Business Office policies
- Receive your official Southwestern Student I.D. card
- Experience what life is like living on campus
- Participate in Maiden Voyage
- Explore social life at SU and scope out the best hang out spots
- Officially become a Southwestern Pirate!

## WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I ATTEND?

Visit [southwestern.edu/sprog-orientation/for-students](https://southwestern.edu/sprog-orientation/for-students) for steps to be prepared for Sprog Orientation. Also, refer to the checklist for items that can be completed prior to Sprog Orientation.

## WHAT DO I BRING?

Visit [southwestern.edu/sprog-orientation/for-students](https://southwestern.edu/sprog-orientation/for-students) for details on what to bring.

## WHAT IF I CAN'T ATTEND?

If you are unable to attend Sprog Orientation, please complete the request for alternative advising and registration at [admission.southwestern.edu/register/esprog](https://admission.southwestern.edu/register/esprog). We will contact you to set up an appointment.