New Student Orientation Program

The transition from the directed work of the high school environment to the independent and more intensive work of the university environment is eased by introducing new students to the University and its services before classes formally begin. Two orientation periods—one during the summer and another in the days immediately preceding the start of the academic term—are set aside to assist new students in planning their academic programs and in learning about the curriculum, available student activities, and about the campus and its many resources. Orientation sessions provide opportunities for each new student to meet with his or her academic advisor, to discuss personal and professional goals, and to begin to plan an academic course of study.