

## TNT Orientation Copy

Congratulations on your acceptance to Southern Polytechnic State University! As an introduction to the university, you are invited to attend the SPSU JOURNEY Orientation Program.

As a new SPSU student, you are strongly encouraged to attend JOURNEY before the beginning of classes. During Orientation, you will speak with your academic advisor, register for classes, and learn about the university.

### Why Is Orientation So Important?

As a new student accepted into Southern Polytechnic State University, you have already proven your potential to succeed here. The JOURNEY Orientation staff would like to congratulate you on your past successes and also urge you to look ahead to the future. The first step toward continued success at SPSU is through Orientation. ONLY during Orientation will you be able to:

- Receive academic advising by major.
- Receive priority on your Transfer Credit Evaluation (if applicable).
- Select your classes early.
- Become familiar with the campus.
- Meet other new students prior to starting classes in the fall.
- Become familiar with a variety of services that will enhance your experience at Southern Polytechnic State University.

*\*Students who choose to not attend orientation will not be allowed to register until the day before classes start (August 18, 2008). It is to your advantage to attend orientation.*

### When Is Orientation?

Session T-1	June 26	Check-in begins at 9:30 AM
Session T-2	June 26	Check-in begins at 1:30 PM
Session T-3	July 23	Check-in begins at 9:30 AM
Session T-4	July 23	Check-in begins at 1:30 PM
Session T-5	August 14	Check-in begins at 9:30 AM
Session T-6	August 14	Check-in begins at 1:30 PM

### General Information

- Because many transfer and non-traditional students have full or part-time jobs, there are morning and evening Orientation sessions on several days. All of these sessions are the same. Please choose the session that is most convenient for you.
- Please note that casual dress is appropriate.
- If you have received your transfer credit evaluation, please be sure to bring it with you to JOURNEY. If you have not received it, one will be available to you at check-in. Once completed, you may also view your transfer credit evaluation online at: [https://banweb.spsu.edu/pls/PROD/twbkwbis.P\\_WWWLogin](https://banweb.spsu.edu/pls/PROD/twbkwbis.P_WWWLogin) After entering your log in and password, click on “Student Services & Financial Aid”, then click “Student Records.” There will be a link for your academic transcript. This is where your transfer credit is listed.

- For general questions about orientation, please call Kasey Helton at 678-915-4101. Questions about reservations should be directed to Amanda Brown-Conway at 678-915-5549.

## Special Interest Sessions

**Architecture Majors:** For students who plan on majoring in Architecture, there is a mandatory workshop for all incoming Architecture freshmen. The Architecture Workshop will begin on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and conclude on August 1; you are advised to attend session F-2 Orientation. You should have received or will be receiving information directly from the Architecture department regarding the workshop. Please contact the Architecture department at 678-915-7253 for further information.

## Do You Need to Take the Math Assessment Test?

Have you been awarded transfer credit for Math 1111 (College Algebra)?

Have you been awarded transfer credit for Math 1113 (Pre-Calculus)?

Only if you answered yes to both of the above questions are you exempt from taking the MAT.

Prior to registering for Southern Polytechnic's mathematics courses, all students (freshmen or transfer) who have not been awarded credit for both Southern Polytechnic courses Math 1111 (College Algebra), and Math 1113 (Pre-Calculus) are required to take the Math Assessment Test (MAT). If you do not have credit for Math 1111 and 1113 and have not taken the MAT, you will not be able to enroll in a mathematics course. The MAT scores are used to place you in an appropriate starting point in SPSU's mathematics sequence. The 90-minute test covers Algebra and Trigonometry. When you report for testing, please bring a photo ID (such as your driver's license) and two sharpened No. 2 pencils. You are not permitted to use a calculator while taking the MAT. The test may only be taken once.

If you are not sure about the mathematics credit you have been awarded, you should take the test. A low score on the test will not remove credit that you have already been awarded. You may also call the Records Office at 678-915-7298 regarding to your transfer credit.

## MAT Schedule

Students are encouraged to take the MAT prior to their selected orientation session. Please see the below chart for days and times that have been set aside for your particular session. The MAT will be also be offered at 8 AM on the same day as all JOURNEY Orientation sessions to accommodate students coming from outside the metro Atlanta area. You will not be allowed to register for a Math class until you take the MAT (if necessary) so it is in your best interest to take the MAT before or on the day of your Orientation. The MAT will be given on the following dates and times:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 26	8 AM	H-203
June 26	12 PM	H-203
July 23	8 AM	H-203
July 23	12 PM	H-203
August 14	8 AM	H-203
August 14	12 PM	H-203

**\*If you are unable to attend one of the above MAT sessions, please contact the ATTIC at 678-915-7361 to schedule a time.**

## Students with Disabilities

Students are invited to contact the Coordinator of Disability Services in the ATTIC prior to Orientation to determine what accommodations may be useful and available to them. Accommodations are determined on a case-by-case basis and specific documentation of a disability is required. For further information, please call 678-915-7244. If a student needs accommodations during one of the JOURNEY sessions, please make note of that on the reservation form.

## Parents and Guests

While parents or guests are welcome, please remember that the programming is focused on new students and covers areas including transitioning to SPSU, meeting fellow students, and registering for classes. Parents, spouses, and/or family members are welcome to register for and attend JOURNEY as guests.

## Costs

The student and family member fees for JOURNEY cover a meal and administrative costs. Breakfast will be provided for those students attending the morning sessions, and lunch will be provided for those attending the afternoon sessions.

Student	\$25
Each guest:	\$10 per person

## Make a Reservation

To make a reservation, complete the attached form and return it, along with your check or money order, at least one week prior to the session you have selected.

No reservation will be accepted without the accompanying payment. Make your check or money order payable to SPSU JOURNEY. **Cash will not be accepted through the mail.** The fee is nonrefundable unless the reservation is cancelled at least one week in advance. The fee will be refunded minus a \$10 processing charge.

Dates fill quickly so send your reservation request now! If you would like to change your date, please contact our office as soon as possible. Although it is not guaranteed that your request will be accommodated, the JOURNEY staff will be happy to assist you. Once you have been assigned to a session, you will receive a confirmation packet. **If you have questions about the reservation process, please contact Amanda Brown-Conway at 678-915-5549.**

## Important Phone Numbers

Housing	678-915-7335
Financial Aid	678-915-7290
Cashier's Office	678-915-7216
Student Activities	678-915-7374
Counseling Services	678-915-7391
Multicultural Affairs	678-915-4108

Career Services	678-915-7391
Admissions	678-915-7281
Bookstore	678-915-7355
Dean of Students	678-915-4102
ATTIC	678-915-7361