Orientation FAQs

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at orientation@mercy.edu.

Am I required to attend orientation?
Attending orientation is highly encouraged for all incoming Mercy College Students. Orientation will give you the chance to meet other students, learn from campuses offices and departments, and immerse yourself in the Mercy culture.

What time should I arrive to orientation?
Your arrival time to orientation will depend on the campus at which you are attending your orientation:

**Dobbs Ferry (July 19, 26, or Aug 2)**: Please plan to arrive on campus at 555 Broadway Dobbs Ferry, NY between 9:30am and 10:30am at Hudson Hall. During this time, you will check in to Hudson Residence Hall and have the chance to chat with various offices at our Resource Fair. The formal orientation program begins at 11:00am.

**Manhattan (August 6)**: Please plan to arrive at the Manhattan campus at 66 W. 35th Street by 9:30am. Check-in will take place on the 7th floor.

**Bronx (August 6)**: Please plan to arrive at the Bronx campus at 1200 Waters Place, Bronx, NY by 9:30am. Check-in will take place in the main Atrium as you enter the building.

Is there a cost for attending orientation?
There is no registration fee for attending orientation.

Do I need to stay overnight during orientation?
If you are attending orientation at the Dobbs Ferry campus you should expect to stay on campus overnight. Regardless if you will be a residential student or commuting student in the fall, the overnight experience allows you participate in the afternoon/evening sessions that take place and better build a sense of community amongst peers.
Do I need to go to orientation at the campus I will be spending most of my time at?
While you could attend orientation at another campus if need be, it is highly encouraged and more beneficial that you attend orientation at the campus that will act as your home campus. This will better allow you to meet the offices and staff members who you will see regularly and learn about that campus’s resources.

What should I bring to orientation?
Students attending orientation at any campus should arrive with an open mind and an excited attitude! Additionally, we suggest you bring with you

- A valid ID
- Transcripts, medical forms, and any other forms you need to submit
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Water bottle
- Change for vending machines (optional)
- For the Dobbs Ferry Overnight Sessions
  - A small overnight bag
  - Alarm Clock
  - Sunscreen
  - Bedding (we will provide you with a bed and mattress, but you will be responsible for bedding. That can be a blanket, sheets, pillow, sleeping bag, or whatever you prefer. The beds are Twin XL mattresses.)
  - Pajamas
  - Towels and washcloths
  - Personal Toiletries (soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.)
  - Change of comfortable clothes for Day 2

Can my parents or family members come to orientation with me?
Your parents, guardians, and family members are welcome to come to orientation. We have a Family and Friends program at each campus orientation.
For those attending a Dobbs Ferry session, please note that the Family and Friends program is only on Day 1 of orientation. On Day 2, your family and friends will only be needed to pick up the student at the conclusion of the session.

Can I bring friends who will not be attending Mercy?
We do not advise bringing any outside friends as they will not be permitted to stay with you or attend your sessions.

Do you provide a place for my family members to stay?
Mercy College does not provide overnight housing for any parents, guardians, family members, nor friends accompanying their student to orientation. Local hotels in the area include:

- The Doubletree Tarrytown
- The Tarrytown Marriot

Are meals provided during orientation?
Yes, all meals will be provided for students and families at orientation.

Dobbs Ferry: Day 1 - light breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Day 2 - breakfast. Families will be provided the Day 1 light breakfast and lunch as well as a Family and Friends reception before they depart.
Manhattan & Bronx: Light breakfast and lunch will be provided for all.

I need to change my orientation date, what do I do?
If you need to change your orientation date. Please email us at orientation@mercy.edu and include your name, CWID, the date you had originally registered for, and the new date you would like to attend.