



LORAS COLLEGE

summer orientation

2008 Orientation Days General Information

Orientation Purpose:

The Loras College Orientation program aims to help incoming students and parents feel comfortable about becoming a part of the Loras College community. Throughout the day, you will be introduced to the intellectual, cultural, and social climate of the Loras Community. You will also be exposed to the mission and educational opportunities of the college to prepare you for your transition to college life at Loras.

The following includes general information to help you prepare for your day on campus. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Student Life Office at (563)588-7206. We look forward to seeing you!

General Information

Once the Admissions office has received your deposit you become eligible to sign-up for an Orientation Session. The 2008 Orientation Sessions are on the following days:

- April 26
- June 6
- June 13
- June 27

During Orientation Sessions students will not only register for Fall and January Term courses and receive their laptop; they will also meet other new students and receive all of the information necessary to prepare them for Launch into Loras and the start of fall classes.

Parents will have a similar but completely separate sessions from their incoming first year students. Throughout the day, parents will receive information about everything from Financial Aid and Campus Safety to what to expect from Loras College.

Feel free to explore the following topics and quick links which will be discussed during orientation:

Course Registration and Schedules

Academic Calendar <http://depts.loras.edu/academics/current-calendar.html>

January Term <http://www.loras.edu/academics/jterm.asp>

Modes of Inquiry Descriptions <http://depts.loras.edu/moi/>

Search for Classes [class search url via portal](#)

Placement Exams

Biology

Spanish

Advance Placement/Community or other College Transcripts

Parent Program

One Stop Shop <http://depts.loras.edu/StudentDevelopment/PLI/OneStopShop.pdf>

Parking

Orientation Schedules

Parent Schedule <http://depts.loras.edu/StudentDevelopment/PLI/ParentOrientationSchedule2008.pdf>

Student Schedule <http://depts.loras.edu/StudentDevelopment/PLI/StudentOrientationSchedule2008.pdf>

Course Registration

During each Orientation Session, students will register for Fall and January Term Courses. Below you will find links to the Academic Calendar as well as course descriptions for Fall, January Terms and Modes of Inquiry courses.

Academic calendar

<http://depts.loras.edu/academics/current-calendar.html>

January Term Information

Course Descriptions - <http://depts.loras.edu/academics/jterm/jtermdesc.html>

January Term Policies - <http://depts.loras.edu/academics/jterm/jtermpolicies.html>

MOI Descriptions

Course Descriptions - <http://depts.loras.edu/moi/sections.html>

Search for classes

Course Bulletin - <http://depts.loras.edu/academics/catalog/main.html>

Fall Schedule - <http://www2.loras.edu/admin/fallsched.html>

Placement exams

Biology Placement Exam

Any student planning or considering a major in Biology, Biochemistry or Chemistry and/or any student who intends to take an introductory biology course during the fall semester (for any other major) should take the Biology placement exam. ALL students with good high school biology preparation, confidence in biology and good ACT scores should take the Biology Placement Exam to see if their score qualifies them for BIO 115. No one will be able to register for BIO 115 without taking the Biology Placement Exam first. If a student simply wants to take BIO 110, and may have limited confidence in biology, less high school background, maybe lower ACT scores, DO NOT need to take the Biology Placement Exam. Students can register for BIO 110 WITHOUT taking the Biology Placement Exam. Students who take BIO 110 and get an A or B can use it in place of BIO 115 as initial requirement for a Biology or Biology Research major. In other words, ONE DOES NOT “FALL BEHIND” because they need to take BIO 110 first. NOT doing well on the Exam is not punitive. A poor score will not affect future courses. The Exam is simply a way of helping the student fit into the best introductory biology class for THEM.

Spanish Placement Exam

Students who have previously studied Spanish are required to take the placement exam in order to enroll in a Spanish course. Students who have never studied Spanish should register for SPA150. The computerized Spanish placement exam is administered during the summer registration sessions. The results are forwarded to the summer registration counselors and a record is also kept by the Spanish program faculty. If you have any questions regarding the Spanish placement exam, please contact the Division Chair or any of the Spanish faculty.

Advanced Placement Credit: Those students who, having taken no prior college level courses in Spanish at Loras College, take the placement exam are eligible to receive up to 6 Advanced Placement credits upon the satisfactory completion of the course into which they were placed. These Advanced Placement credits may be applied to the Spanish major or minor and to (elective) graduation credits as per the following: Students who place into (and complete with a final course grade of C or better) SPA 210 receive 3 Advanced Placement credits; students who place into SPA 270 (and complete with a final course grade of C or better) receive 6 Advanced Placement credits.

Advanced Placement Scores/Community College Course Transcripts

In an effort to make your registration meeting as smooth as possible, it is important that students bring any and all Advanced Placement scores, community college and/or other college or university transcripts with to their Orientation Session. These documents will assist in creating a schedule that best suits each student at the time of Orientation.

Parent Program

Parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend Orientation Sessions with their son or daughter. As indicated by the schedule, students and parents attend different programs geared specifically to their varied needs. Because of the decisions that students will make about their academic schedules for both the fall and January terms, it is recommended that both students and parents review the materials related to those terms and have a conversation about options prior to their Orientation Session.

One Stop Shop <http://depts.loras.edu/StudentDevelopment/PLI/OneStopShop.pdf>

During Orientation sessions the One Stop Shop, an information fair including offices from Residence Life to Financial Aid and the Counseling Center, will be open from **8-9 AM**. This is an opportunity for both Parents and Students to receive information about the various opportunities and services that are available to Loras College Students. A flyer is also included in each student and parent folder that you will receive at check-in that includes a list as well as a description of the offices/areas that are represented.

Parking

In your confirmation packet you will find a parking pass for your Orientation Session as well as a map with possible parking opportunities.