



Calendar for Incoming Students for Fall 2024

This calendar has specific date deadlines as well as a to do list for the spring and summer months. Please review all of it and check the webpage for updated items each month.

March

- March 1 Priority deadline for FAFSA (need-based financial aid). View instructions at <https://charleston.edu/cost-aid/fafsa.php>
- March 6 Orientation registration available for students who have paid their enrollment confirmation fee in MyPortal.
- March 11 Cougar Excursion Application opens. <https://higdoncenter.cofc.edu/student-leadership-programs/cougar-excursion.php>
- Beginning of the month Orientation Registration information mailed to all students who have paid their enrollment deposit
- All Month Register for Admitted Cougar Events (various dates February-March. Check the [Next Steps](#) page for Admitted Students for more information and to register)
- All Month Submit picture online for your Cougar Card (CofC ID). The deadline is five business days before your scheduled orientation. View picture requirements and deadlines at <http://cougarcard.cofc.edu/online-photo-submission-for-new-students/index.php>
- All Month Immunization Record Form must be submitted to Student Health Services via online system and be in compliance with immunization requirements or student will not be able to register for classes at orientation. Online forms can be found at <https://charleston.edu/student-health/immunizations.php> **Deadline is May 15, 2024.**

April

- April 1 Application for Panhellenic (sorority) recruitments opens online. Deadline is July 22 at 11:30 pm For more information regarding recruitment, go to <https://higdoncenter.cofc.edu/fraternity--sorority-life/interested-in-joining/panhellenic-sorority-recruitment/index.php>. The registration link can be found at <https://enroll.icsrecruiter.com/pan/colchr>
- April 1 Application for Interfraternity Council (IFC) recruitment opens online. Deadline is September 17 at 11:59 pm <https://higdoncenter.cofc.edu/fraternity--sorority-life/interested-in-joining/interfraternity-council-recruitment.php>

April, continued

April 1 Students who have already completed their housing application can start forming (optional) roommate groups.

May

May 1 Deadline to submit CofC enrollment deposit

Deadline for incoming, first-year students to complete CofC housing application (by 11:59 pm EST) for guaranteed housing for Fall 2024. Note: The housing application can only be completed 12 hours after making your enrollment deposit – you must first have your CofC email access in order to apply for housing. Plan ahead if you wish to apply for housing.

May 1 On-campus housing is no longer guaranteed after May 1. Students may add their name to a housing-application wait list through the MyHousing/Dining portal.

May 10 Orientation registration deadline for freshmen

May 15 Immunization Record Form must be submitted to Student Health Services via online system and be in compliance with immunization requirements or student will not be able to register for classes at orientation. Online forms can be found at <https://charleston.edu/student-health/immunizations.php> **Deadline is May 15, 2024.**

May 15 Deadline to form a roommate group (optional) for students who completed their housing application by May 1

Mid Month Request to have official SAT/ACT scores sent to Office of Admissions if you haven't already done so (freshmen only) Scores will be used for placement purposes

June

June 1 U.S. citizens who haven't submitted the FAFSA must verify lawful presence before being permitted to register for classes during orientation.
<https://charleston.edu/admission/admitted-students/next-steps/lawful-presence.php>

Early to Mid-June Students who completed the housing application begin room selection based on the date they completed their housing application.

All Month Submit your official AP/IB/CLEP score information to the Office of Admissions

All Month On-campus housing is no longer guaranteed after May 1. Students may add their name to a housing-application wait list through the MyHousing/Dining portal.

All Month All students must review/accept the financial aid awarded to them for Fall 2024

July

- July 5 Billing begins for the Fall 2024 semester for students who have attended orientation
- July 26 Cougar Excursion Application Deadline
- Mid-month Submit official final high school transcript verifying high school graduation.
- Mid-month Students living on campus are emailed their CofC Complex mailing address along with detailed mailing/shipping instructions.

August

- August 1 Deadline for all new students missing official final high school/college transcripts to be submitted to the Office of Admissions
- August 10 Financial aid for the fall semester credits to students' accounts. Automatic bank account deposits are available only AFTER the Treasurer's and Controller's Offices have produced them and students are notified via email.
- August 14 Deadline to make qualified meal plan changes within the MyHousing/Dining portal. Between August 15 and 26, changes can be made through Campus Services HQ.
- August 15 Deadline to submit picture online for your Cougar Card (CofC ID). View picture requirements and deadlines at <http://cougarcard.cofc.edu/online-photo-submission-for-new-students/index.php>
- August 15 Deadline for the tuition and fees bill for students who attended the June and July orientation sessions. <https://treasurer.cofc.edu/billing-schedule/index.php>
- August 15-17 Cougar Excursion (students who are registered to attend will move in on August 14)
- August 15-25 All eight panhellenic chapters will participate in the Primary Recruitment process. Early Move-In for participants is Wednesday, August 14th, 2024.
- August 16-18 Move-in period for students living in campus housing. More information regarding sign-up for move-in will be provided later in the summer.
- August 19 New Student Convocation
- August 19 NPHC/ Culturally Based Organizations Meet the Greeks Night - 6 pm – Rita Hollings Science Center, room 101

August, continued

August 20	Fall 2024 semester classes begin
August 26	Deadline for the tuition and fees bill for students who attended the August orientation sessions. https://treasurer.cofc.edu/billing-schedule/index.php
August 26	Deadline to make qualified meal plan changes at Campus Services HQ (by 5 p.m.)
August 26	Deadline to verify course materials or opt out of Cougar Complete
All Month	Check online for Transfer Credit Awards (includes AP, IB, and college transfer credits) in Degree Works in MyPortal.

September

September 17 Application for IFC (fraternity) recruitment due at 11:59 pm

To Do Monthly in March, April and May

- Check your College of Charleston email account weekly for important news for incoming students.
- Explore majors at <https://charleston.edu/academics/index.php>
- Check off items on pre orientation checklist at <https://charleston.edu/orientation/checklist/index.php>
- Review the laptop requirement for students at <https://charleston.edu/it/empowering-students.php>. Check out the computer and technology information at <https://cofc.sharepoint.com/sites/hub-it/SitePages/Student-Technology.aspx?ga=1>
- Review/Accept Financial Aid packages via MyPortal (under the Financial Aid Dashboard)

To Do in June, July and August

- Review advising website PRIOR to orientation. Check out the link at <https://charleston.edu/advising/first-year-student-advising.php>
- Check off items on pre orientation checklist at <https://charleston.edu/orientation/checklist/index.php>
- Check your CofC email account **daily** for important news for incoming students
- Set up authorized payer on Ebill. Tutorials at <http://treasurer.cofc.edu/ebill-tutorials/Adding%20an%20Authorized%20User1.pdf>.
- Submit picture online for your Cougar Card – CofC ID card. View picture requirements and deadlines at <http://cougarcard.cofc.edu/online-photo-submission-for-new-students/index.php> (deadline is five days before your orientation or August 15, 2024, whichever is sooner)
- Review the laptop requirement for students at <https://charleston.edu/it/empowering-students.php>. Check out the computer and technology information at <https://cofc.sharepoint.com/sites/hub-it/SitePages/Student-Technology.aspx?ga=1>
- Contact your roommates and suitemates to start to plan for your room
- Attend new student orientation

***All due dates are subject to change for health and safety reasons. Please refer to department or program websites for updates.

For more information about orientation, new students can visit <https://charleston.edu/orientation/index.php>.
Students with questions can email orientat@cofc.edu.

For more information, family members can visit <https://cofc.edu/families/>
Families with questions can email parents@cofc.edu