WELCOME NEW MAROONS AND FAMILIES
Orientation Programs

Roanoke’s Orientation program seeks to assist in the transition to Roanoke College. Whether students are traditional first year, transfer, or commuter, the orientation program is designed to give the resources needed to match the challenge of the transition with the support needed to be a successful member of the Roanoke community of learning.

“IT IS CLEAR THAT ROANOKE COLLEGE IS A SUPPORTIVE PLACE FOR MY DAUGHTER TO LEARN, GROW, EXPLORE, AND MAKE A FEW MISTAKES ALONG THE WAY AS SHE FIGURES OUT LIFE AWAY FROM HOME.”

—Parent of Class of 2022 Student

TO-DO LISTS
There are many steps involved to enroll in college. Parents and students are encouraged to review the included to-do lists. They can also be found on the orientation website below.

Install Ellucian GO
Ellucian’s mobile app helps you stay connected to Roanoke. Manage courses, check grades and keep up to date on events.

Configure Microsoft Outlook App
Manage your Roanoke email.

Remember to log in to your account and check both regularly.

roanoke.edu/Orientation
email orientation@roanoke.edu

“ORIENTATION SETS THE ATMOSPHERE FOR HOW COLLEGE LIFE WILL BE BEFORE ACTUALLY GOING INTO CLASSES.”

—Kayla Justice Class of 2022
SPRING INTO MAROON (S.I.M.)
The first step to your journey at Roanoke College

Choose from one of five dates in June to get a head start on many preliminary tasks and get familiar with your new home. S.I.M. days for 2019 will be June 17, 21, 24, 26 and 28. We have a lot of information to share and only one day to do it!

This event is designed for incoming freshmen who are starting college in the fall semester. It allows new students to connect with future classmates and the greater College community, as well as learn about the curriculum, register for fall courses with a faculty advisor, hear about student life, take an ID photo, and receive their Maroon Card!

Families, there is a separate full day of programming for you, as well. The day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. with optional campus tours afterwards. Information is shared about the ‘nuts and bolts’ of important offices, Roanoke’s core curriculum (INQ), and various support offices that are available to you and your student.

OPENING DAY: AUGUST 24, 2019
Check-in, move-in, and other activities

Official College Check-In
All students must officially check in with the College. Check-In is in the Wortmann Ballroom in the Colket Center. Residential students may arrive between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.; commuter students between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Many offices will be conveniently stationed in the Colket Center from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., including Key Pick Up.

Move-In
To alleviate long lines and allow us to better assist you, hall/floor assignments have been created to help organize the morning and ease congestion.

Ground-floor and first-floor rooms should arrive and move in at 9:00 a.m.; second-floor rooms at 9:30 a.m.; third-floor rooms at 10:00 a.m.; and fourth-floor rooms at 10:30 a.m.

Afternoon and Evening Activities
4:00 p.m. President’s Welcome
5:15 p.m. Picnic Dinner
6:00 p.m. Students meet in O-Groups
6:00 p.m. Family Reception (optional)

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
Orientation is for all new students: traditional first-year, transfer, and commuter.

Orientation Programming
Orientation activities begin after dinner on opening day and continue through Tuesday evening. Students will participate in a small group of 10–15 students, called an Orientation Group or O-Group. The goal of the O-Group is to educate incoming students about the Roanoke College community and to help students understand how they can find a place here and contribute meaningfully.

Each O-Group is led by an Orientation Mentor (O-Mentor), Peer Mentor, and an Orientation Leader (O-Leader). O-Mentors are faculty or staff. Peer Mentors are upper-class students that remain with the group through the entire semester. O-Leaders are upper-class students that busily guide students around and answer all questions over the first several days.

Transfer Commuter Students
To best assist students whose needs are different than traditional first-year students, a shortened orientation schedule is offered. Join any evening programs you would like with a Transfer Commuter O-Group!