



## Frequently Asked Questions

*The following frequently asked questions and answers will help students and parents/family members prepare for New Student Orientation*

### **Is orientation mandatory?**

Yes, all newly admitted students to UDC Flagship (Van Ness Campus) who are pursuing a Bachelor's degree, are required to attend orientation. At orientation, students will meet with academic advisors, register for classes, and learn about important UDC policies and more.

### **How much does it cost to attend orientation?**

The mandatory fee for enrollment/orientation is \$100 and will be automatically added to your student account. Please click [here](#) to get more information regarding tuition and fees.

### **Where is check-in for orientation located?**

Please check your RSVP form for the exact location of your orientation session. There will also be signs on campus directing you to the orientation location that day. The program will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m., so be sure to plan ahead for check-in time, time to park and possible traffic. Students who arrive too late in the day will be asked to reschedule orientation. **Orientation is NOT a walk-in program.** You **must** register to attend.

### **I am seeking an Associate's degree at UDC. Do I need to attend orientation?**

Only new First Time in College and Transfer students admitted to the Flagship (Van Ness Campus) who are pursuing a **Bachelor's degree** are required to attend. If you are admitted to UDC Community College please send an e-mail to [cc@udc.edu](mailto:cc@udc.edu) to schedule your orientation.

### **I'm transferring to UDC from another school. Am I still required to attend orientation?**

Yes. All schools do things just a bit differently, and we want to ensure student success by informing all students of the policies and procedures specific to UDC.

### **If I am a Readmit student or UDC-CC Transition student, am I required to attend orientation?**

No. You are not required to attend orientation however, you are welcome to participate. Please check the orientation webpage for more information.

<https://www.udc.edu/orientation/>

### **If I am a Non-degree seeking student, am I required to attend orientation?**

No. You are not required to attend orientation.

### **Is childcare provided during orientation?**

Bringing children to New Student Orientation is a personal, family decision. However, please note that the length of the orientation program may not be appropriate for young children. Parents are encouraged to make other arrangements for young children to help ensure that all new students have the opportunity to learn and be engaged in the orientation program.

### **What do I need to bring to orientation?**

Be sure to review the "Before Orientation Checklist" to ensure you have completed all of the necessary steps. Bring a photo ID to check-in for orientation.

**TRANSFER STUDENTS:** It will also be helpful to have your unofficial transcripts or your UDC Transcript Evaluation Report.

### **What do I need to wear during orientation?**

Dress is casual during orientation. Just be sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes to accommodate plenty of walking around!

### **Where do I park for orientation?**

There is a parking lot off of the Connecticut and Van Ness streets entrance that students/family members can use to park. We recommend arriving to orientation early to get a good parking spot. ([Campus Map](#))

### **Are there other ways to get to campus?**

Yes. UDC Flagship (Van Ness Campus) is accessible by Metro. We are on the Red Line-Van Ness-UDC stop. We are also accessible by Metro Bus. Please visit [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com) to obtain a bus schedule.

### **Can I bring my parents/family members with me to orientation?**

Parents/family members are welcome at orientation! We understand parents play an important role in choosing a college, and parents may have specific questions about a student's college experience. **There will be a Parent/Family session during orientation for First Time in College students ONLY!**

### **What if I cannot attend my designated orientation session?**

Please contact Sharleeta Dunlap, Student Orientation Coordinator, as soon as possible, at [sharleeta.dunlap@udc.edu](mailto:sharleeta.dunlap@udc.edu).