



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Fall 2025

Wednesday, August 20th

Time	Event	Details
9 AM - 10 AM	Move In A-L William H. Jones Center	New students with last name beginning with A-L will check in at the Jones Center to complete their checklist and receive their room key.
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Move In M-Z William H. Jones Center	New students with last name beginning with M-Z will check in at the Jones Center to complete their checklist and receive their room key.
11:30 AM - 1 PM	Lunch - Dining Hall	Lunch will be provided for ALL students and guests.
12 PM - 2 PM	F-1 Visa International Student Lunch & Orientation Session* Rikard Room, Dining Hall	F-1 visa students will join the international student community and learn about maintaining their status. Hosted by Ann Pierce, International Student Advisor, and ISA club.
1 PM - 3 PM	Downtime	Hang out with your new roommate and RA, put the finishing touches on your room, and grab a snack at Memorial/Founders lobbies.
1 PM - 2 PM	Commuter Check In* William H. Jones Center	All new students who are not living in the Res Halls will check in at the Jones Center to complete their checklist.
2 PM - 3 PM	Commuter Session* Fisher 101	Commuters will hear from current commuters & Student Life on special amenities for commuters.
2 PM - 3 PM	Parent Mingle* Ridderhof Lobby	Parents of new students can meet with faculty, alumni, and other parents while enjoying some refreshing drinks.
3 PM - 4 PM	University Welcome Shortess Chapel	The official welcome from CIU's administration, worship with chapel band, hear from CIU faculty speaker, and meet your orientation leader.
4 PM - 5 PM	Students with Orientation Leaders / Parent Panel - Shortess Chapel	Students-Meet your orientation leader and group members. Parents-Remain in Shortess Chapel for a Q&A parent panel.
5 PM - 6 PM	Dinner - Dining Hall	Dinner will be provided for all students and guests.
6 PM - 6:30 PM	See You Soon, Parents! Shortess Chapel	Time to pray & hug your loved ones! We ask that all parents depart after this time.
6:45 PM - 7:30 PM	House Collective Introduction Hoke Auditorium, Ridderhof	Join your house and learn about the year-long competition for the House Cup! Commuters are encouraged to attend.
8 PM - 10 PM	Luau Century Court	Enjoy sand volleyball, handcrafted drinks, leis, and lawn games!

Thursday, August 21st

Time	Event	Details
7:30 AM - 9 AM	Breakfast - Dining Hall	Breakfast will be provided for all new students.
8 AM - 9 AM	Quiet Time All Campus	Grab your Bible and start your first full day on campus with the Lord! All facilities are open except Shortess Chapel and Student Center.
9 AM - 10:30 AM	Chapel Experience Shortess Chapel	Come to your first chapel at CIU! Bibles or Bible app and notebooks are encouraged.
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Church Fair Rossi Student Center	Find your new local church by visiting with over 20 churches! Churches will also share if they provide transportation on Sundays.
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Lunch with Faculty Advisors Dining Hall	Learn about your program and its faculty over lunch! Lunch will be provided for all new students. Lunch times will be assigned by orientation group.
11:30 AM - 4:15 PM	Workshops Various Locations	Learn key strategies and resources to be successful at CIU. Hosted by Academic Success Center and upper classmen.
5 PM - 6 PM	Dinner - Dining Hall	Dinner will be provided for all new students.
6 PM - 8 PM	Downtime	Fitness Center, C23 Game Room, and outdoor facilities will be open.
8 PM - 9:30 PM	Grocery Bingo Hoke Auditorium, Ridderhof	Over 70 prizes available to stock your kitchen!

Friday, August 22nd

7:30 AM - 9 AM	Breakfast - Dining Hall	Full breakfast options in the Dining Hall. Free to all new students.
9 AM - 9:40 AM	Devos on the Lawn Men's/Women's Res Halls Lawns Peer Mentor Mixer* Dining Hall	Devos: Bring a towel and your Bible for a devotion with your RA. Commuters are welcome! Peer Mentor Mixer: Invitation only. Hosted by ASC.
10 AM - 12 PM	First Year Experience Hoke Auditorium	Learn from Student Life and upperclassmen about your rights, resources, and expectations to support your success at CIU.
12 PM - 1 PM	Lunch - Dining Hall	Join your orientation group for lunch. Free to all new students.
1 PM - 2 PM	Campus Life Hoke Auditorium, Ridderhof	Go beyond the classroom with campus life! Our campus hosts almost 100 events, activities, and clubs that will build lifelong connections.
2 PM - 5 PM	RamFest The Quad	It's time for fun in the sun! Join in for sand volleyball, corn hole, pickleball, spike ball, and so much more!
2 PM - 3 PM	Honors Program Introduction* Fisher 101	This is a required session for incoming Honors students led by the Honors program director, Dr. Naylor.
4 PM - 5 PM	Hope for Hope Scholars* 2 nd Floor of Library	This is a required session for Hope Scholars led by ASC.

Friday, August 22nd cont'd

Time	Event	Details
5 PM - 6:30 PM	Brother/Sister House Dinner Dining Hall	Enjoy a steak dinner with your house. Dinner is provided for all new students.
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Activities Fair Rossi Student Center	Meet the Student Government Association, clubs, organizations, and intramurals to learn about events and how to participate.
8 PM - 9:30 PM	Neon Dodgeball Moore Fitness Center	Try dodgeball in a new light! Snacks and drinks will be available.

Saturday, August 23rd

8 AM - 10 AM	Breakfast - Rossi Student Center	Light breakfast options will be available for new residential students.
10 AM - 1 PM	Soda City Sites: Morning Excursion Cost: \$10	Visit Riverbanks Zoo and enjoy lunch from local food trucks at Soda City Market downtown.
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Lunch - Dining Hall	Use your meal plan or pay on your own.
1:30 PM - 4 PM	Soda City Sites: Afternoon Excursion (Pick an option) Cost: \$10	Flight Adventure Park: Epic wall-to-wall action at this trampoline park. Tubing: Tube down the Saluda River at the Saluda Shoals Park.
5 PM - 6:30 PM	Dinner & Women's Soccer Game Sessions Soccer Field	Enjoy food trucks and cheer for our lady Rams!
7:30 PM - 9 PM	Social & S'mores Pavilion behind athletic fields	Party at the Pavilion with s'mores, yard games, and music.

Sunday, August 24th

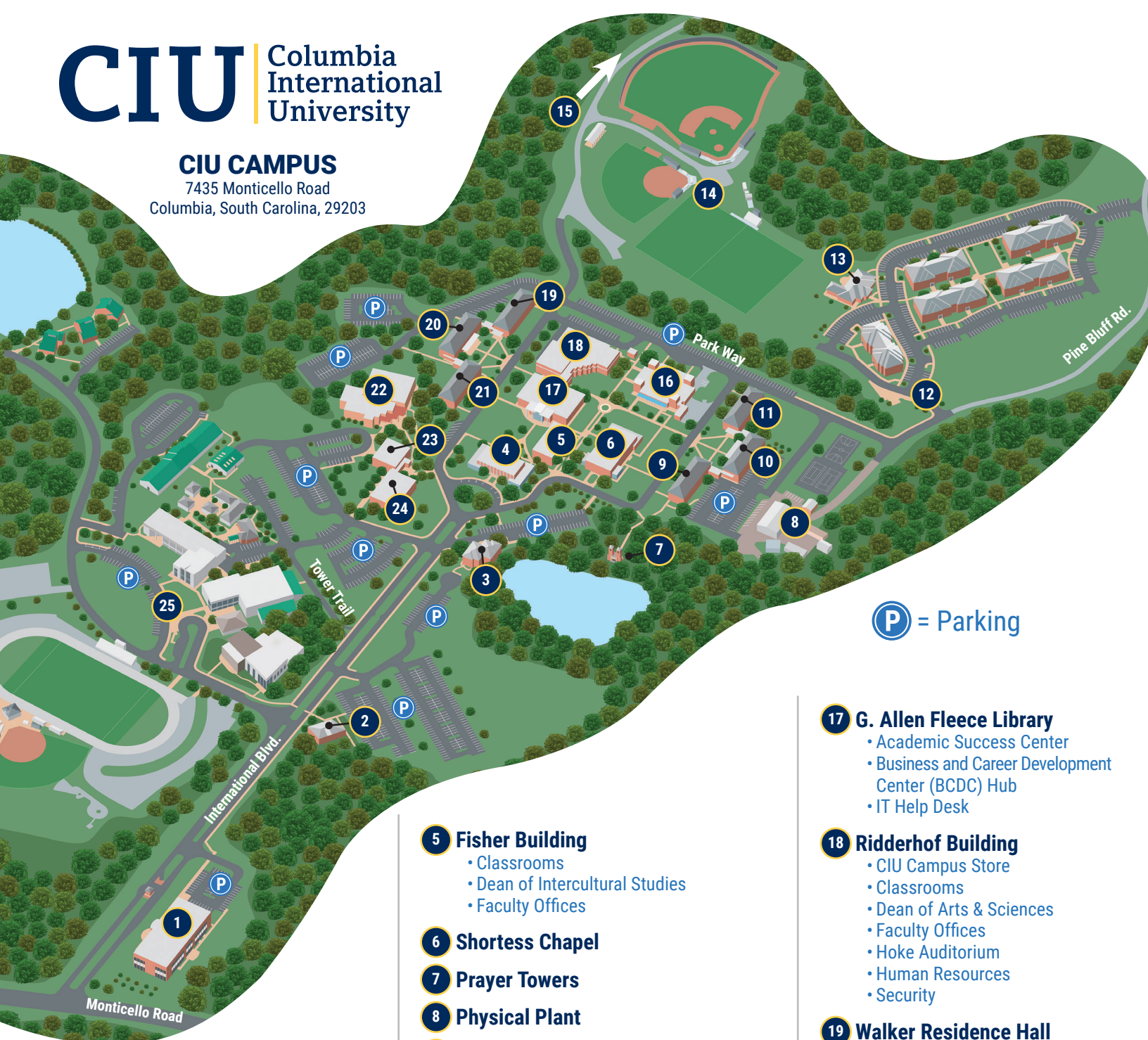
8 AM - 10 AM	Breakfast - Rossi Student Center	Light breakfast options will be available for new residential students.
10 AM - 12 PM	Church Service Off Campus	Attend a local church. Students are encouraged to carpool with other students in their residence hall or orientation group.
11:30 AM - 1 PM	Lunch - Dining Hall	Use your meal plan or pay on your own.
5 PM - 7:30 PM	Dinner - Dining Hall	Use your meal plan or pay on your own.
8 PM - 9 PM	All Residents' Meeting Hoke Auditorium, Ridderhof	This is a required meeting for all residential students, including Pine View apartments.



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1 William H. Jones Center

- Business and Career Development Center (BCDC) Main Office
- Classrooms
- Dean of Online Studies
- Dean of Nursing
- Dean of School of Business & Professional Studies

2 Health Sciences Lab

3 Alumni Center

- Advancement • Alumni

4 Administration Building

- Accounting • Financial Aid
- Advising • President's Office
- Admissions • Registrar

5 Fisher Building

- Classrooms
- Dean of Intercultural Studies
- Faculty Offices

6 Shortess Chapel

7 Prayer Towers

8 Physical Plant

9 East Residence Hall

10 Memorial Residence Hall

- Health Services

11 Cassels Residence Hall

12 Pine View Apartments

13 Pine View Community Center

14 CIU Athletic Fields

15 Disc Golf Course, Hiking Trails, Lake

16 Rossi Student Center

- Dining Hall • Post Office
- 34 North • Residence Life
- C23 Game Room • Student Life
- Esports Arena • Spiritual Formation

17 G. Allen Fleece Library

- Academic Success Center
- Business and Career Development Center (BCDC) Hub
- IT Help Desk

18 Ridderhof Building

- CIU Campus Store
- Classrooms
- Dean of Arts & Sciences
- Faculty Offices
- Hoke Auditorium
- Human Resources
- Security

19 Walker Residence Hall

20 Founders Residence Hall

21 Petty Residence Hall

22 Moore Fitness Center

23 McQuilkin Building

- Classrooms
- Pamplin Auditorium

24 Schuster Building

- Classrooms
- Dean of Counseling, Seminary
- Dean of Education
- Faculty Offices
- University Communications

25 Ben Lippen School