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ORIENTATION & COMMUTER
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**Spring Cane Kickoff 2026
New Student Schedule**

Tuesday, January 6

All Day
Beginning at 8:30am Move-In for International Students
International students may park in a valid parking space and then check-in at their building's front desk. Students must bring photo identification for verification purposes. If photo was submitted and approved in advance, student will receive their Cane Card. If not approved in advance, students will receive a temporary access card. Once checked into their room, students can check out a cart in the lobby area to assist with moving in.

Wednesday, January 7

8:00am-4:00pm Centralized Check-In and Move-In
Residential, commuter, and off-campus students will report to this centralized location to receive their Cane Card and check in for their housing assignment. Family members participating in Orientation may also check in at this time.

From there they will drive to their residential area and park in a valid parking space. Students can check out a cart in the lobby area to assist with moving in.

Commuter and off-campus transfer students are encouraged to check in by 3pm in order to attend their Welcome Session that begins at 3:30pm.

10:00am-3:00pm Vendor Fair
The Department of Orientation & Commuter Student Involvement has partnered with various vendors to provide easy access to meet a variety of student needs such as banking, shopping complexes, large department stores, restaurants, off-campus living, and more.

9:00am-12:00pm International Student Orientation (ISO)
ISO is a pre-orientation program for new first-year and transfer University of Miami international students hosted by International Student & Scholar Services.

ISO complements the Cane Kickoff Spring Orientation program for undergraduate students by providing international students with information and experiences that will assist in their transition to living and studying in the U.S. All first-year and transfer international students are required to attend.

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| 10:00am-2:00pm | <p>Compulsory Session for Exchange Students</p> <p><i>This session is designed for incoming students on a university-sponsored exchange to Miami. The Study Abroad Office will be presenting processes, services, and opportunities specifically for exchange students.</i></p> |
| 12:00pm-2:00pm | <p>Hurricane Productions – Hurricane Hangout</p> |
| 3:30pm-6:30pm | <p>Mandatory First-Year Commuter and Off-Campus Transfer Student Welcome</p> <p><i>Are you a new first-year commuter student or an off-campus transfer student? Want to learn the ins and outs of commuter student life at the U? Join the Department of Orientation and Commuter Student Involvement's Commuter and Transfer Assistant Team for a program packed with community building and insight from upperclassmen.</i></p> |
| 6:30pm-8:00pm | <p>International Student Welcome</p> <p><i>As part of the International Student Orientation program, we invite you to join the ISSS staff, COISO, and current UM students for a welcome reception with pizza, activities, and more! This event is open to new and transfer international students and will provide opportunities for making new connections with your fellow Canes.</i></p> |
| 9:00pm-10:00pm | <p>Mandatory Floor/Building Meeting – Housing & Residential Life</p> <p><i>Mandatory floor/building meetings for those students living on campus to cover expectations in the residential colleges.</i></p> |

Thursday, January 8

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| 8:00am-8:00pm | <p>Commuter Lounge</p> |
| 8:30am | <p>Cane Kickoff Late Check-In</p> <p><i>Any remaining students who have yet to check in must do so at this time. Students will receive their Cane Card, Orientation materials, and group assignment. Family members participating in Orientation may also check in at this time.</i></p> |
| 9:00am-9:30am | <p>Mandatory Small Group Meeting #1</p> |

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- 9:45am-11:00am Orange Group – Canes Take Flight - Welcome Session for Students and Families –
(Miami Herbert Business School, School of Communications, School of Education
& Human Development, Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric, and Earth
Science)
- Join us for a spirited welcome to the University of Miami. You will be welcomed
by the Division of Student Affairs and Alumni Engagement and the Division of
Academic Affairs as you experience what it means to be a Miami Hurricane.*
- 9:45am-11:00am Green Group - Cane Kickoff Campus Resource & Vendor Fairs
(School of Architecture, College of Arts & Sciences, College of Engineering, School
of Nursing & Health Studies)
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showcase involvement opportunities, answer questions, and provide information
about campus resources.*
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- 12:30pm-1:15pm Lunch with Your Group
- 1:30pm-2:45pm Cane Kickoff LIVE
- 3:00pm-3:30pm Mandatory Small Group Meeting #2

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- 3:30pm-4:45pm Where's Sebastian?
Have you ever completed Remy's Ratatouille Hide and Squeak at EPCOT in Walt Disney World Resort? Well, now it's time to experience it UM style! Meet up with your Orientation Leader to explore campus, solve the mystery, and find our mascot Sebastian the Ibis! Commemorative Sebastian the Ibis giveaway will be given to all participants.
- 5:00pm-6:30pm Dinner for New Students and Families
Experience the culture, cuisine, and excitement of our great city of Miami right here on campus! Taste our Latin and Cuban-inspired menu, be entertained with music and performances, and meet fellow Cane families, while watching a Miami sunset over Lake Osceola.
- 7:00pm UM Women's Basketball vs. Louisville

Friday, January 9

- 9:15am-10:00am Breakfast Reception with the Cane Navigators
- 10:00am-10:30am Center for Academic Navigation and Success Session
- 10:45am-11:15am Mandatory Small Group Meeting #3
- 11:30am – 12:30pm Personalizing Your UM Education: Learning Commons at Richter Library
Enhance and support your intellectual experience by taking advantage of key academic resources at UM. This session features an introduction to the UM Libraries and Learning Commons as well as an opportunity to showcase over 15 departments that assist students academically. Discover ways you can improve your writing, research, math skills, data management, and learning strategies, while exploring new technologies like 3D printing, virtual reality, creative software, and more!
- 12:30pm-1:15pm Lunch on Your Own
- 1:30pm-5:00pm Mandatory Academic Deans' Meetings, Academic Events, Advising
Please be sure to attend the appropriate meeting for your college/school. Full listing of times and locations for each school/college to follow.
- 5:30pm-6:00pm Small Group Meeting #4

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6:00pm-7:30pm

Cane Block Party

All new students are invited to socialize with fellow Canes. Enjoy food, live music, and activities as you enjoy this Miami night!

Saturday, January 10

6:30am-10:00pm

City of Coral Gables – Downtown Trolley Trips

The [City of Coral Gables trolley](#) has service from Miracle Mile and Merrick Park on Saturdays, making it easier for residents and visitors to enjoy everything our city offers.

9:30am-3:00pm

Experience Miami – City Excursions

The City of Miami has so many amazing things to offer. Join the Cane Kickoff team as we take you to local sites around the city.

12:00pm

UM Men's Basketball vs. Georgia Tech

7:00pm

Cane Bash (*Lakeside Village*)

A night of activities, games, snacks, and more awaits you!

Sunday, January 11

12:00pm-5:00pm

Open Swim

2:00pm

UM Women's Basketball vs. Florida State University (FSU)