



**Spring 'Cane Kickoff 2025
New Student Schedule**

Tuesday, January 7

All Day
Beginning at 8:30am
Move-In for International Students (*Residential College*)
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, student 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 8

8:00am-4:00pm
Centralized Check-In and Move-In (*Lakeside Village Expo*)
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 (*Student Center Complex – Lakeside Patio*)
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) – (*Shalala Student Center – Activities North*)
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 Compulsory Session for Exchange Students (*Whitten Learning Center – Room 110*)
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.
- Afternoon Hurricane Productions – Hurricane Hangout (*Student Center Complex – Lakeside Patio*)
- 3:30pm-6:30pm Mandatory First-Year Commuter and Off-Campus Transfer Student Welcome (*Shalala Student Center – Grand Ballroom*)
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.
- Dinner will be included, and students will have the opportunity to attend the basketball game together after.*
- 6:30pm-8:00pm International Student Welcome (*Shalala Student Center – Lakeview Terrace 3rd Floor*)
- 7:00pm UM Men's Basketball vs. Florida State University (FSU) (*Watsco Center*)

Thursday, January 9

- 8:00am-8:00pm Commuter Lounge – (*Whitten University Center – StormSurge Room*)
- 8:30am 'Cane Kickoff Late Check-In – (*Shalala Student Center – Orientation Office - Suite 203*)
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.
- 9:00am-9:30am Mandatory Small Group Meeting #1 (*Student Center Complex – Lakeside Patio*)

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- 9:45am-11:00am Orange Group – ‘Canes Take Flight - Welcome Session for Students and Families – (Shalala Student Center – Grand Ballroom)
(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 Relations 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 – (Student Center Complex – Rock Plaza)
(School of Architecture, College of Arts & Sciences, College of Engineering, School of Nursing & Health Studies)
- Departments throughout campus will be available to engage with new students, showcase involvement opportunities, answer questions, and provide information about campus resources.*
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- 12:30pm-1:15pm Lunch with Your Group (Dining Hall)

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- 1:30pm-2:15pm *Healthy 'Canes Network (Shalala Student Center – Grand Ballroom)*
There are multiple variables that contribute to a student's well-being. At the University of Miami, we've narrowed down the complexity of well-being into three simple ideals: healthy behaviors, healthy body and healthy brain. These three factors contribute to happiness, productivity, academic achievement, and overall life-satisfaction.
- You will participate in discussions, activities, and individual reflections to learn more about personal wellness. Explore your individual and collective power while striving toward creating closer connections with one another. Walk away with the skills, knowledge, and campus resources to help you better cope and maintain your wellness. This session will be hosted by the Department of Wellness & Recreation, Sandler Center for Alcohol & Other Drugs, Student Health Service, and the Counseling Center.*
- 2:15pm-3:30pm *Where's Sebastian? (Student Center Complex – Lakeside Patio & U Statue)*
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.
- 3:45pm -4:15pm *Emergency Preparedness & Campus Safety (Shalala Student Center – Grand Ballroom)*
Administrators from the Office of Emergency Management and the University of Miami Police Department will provide information about campus safety, hurricane preparation, and response to on-campus emergencies.
- 4:15pm-4:45pm *Bystander Intervention & Sexual Assault Prevention (Shalala Student Center – Grand Ballroom)*
This isn't your average session - you could make a difference! In this highly interactive session, panelists will invite students to learn how to intervene in sensitive situations while learning about campus resources, preventing gender violence, and looking out for your fellow 'Canes. This session will be hosted by the Dean of Students Office and student leaders serving as It's on Us Ambassadors.
- 5:00pm-6:30pm *Dinner for New Students and Families (Student Center Complex – Lakeside Patio)*
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.

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- 7:00pm-8:30pm 'Canes Game Night (*Shalala Student Center – 3rd Floor*)
A night of activities, games, snacks, and more awaits you! (Dominos, board games, trivia, video games)
- 9:00pm-10:00pm Mandatory Floor/Building Meeting – Housing & Residential Life
Mandatory floor/building meetings for those students living on campus to cover expectations in the residential colleges.

Friday, January 10

- 10:00am-10:30am Small Group Meeting #2 (*Assigned Location*)
- 10:45am-11:30am Culture of Belonging – (*Shalala Student Center – Grand Ballroom*)
The undergraduate student body at UM is one of the most diverse in the country. What can you learn from the people you are about to meet? This interactive session will introduce you to the diversity surrounding you both on campus and in the community. This session will be hosted by Multicultural Student Affairs and the LGBTQ Student Center.
- 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 #3 (*Assigned Location*)
- 6:00pm-7:30pm 'Cane Block Party (*Student Center Complex - Miller Circle & Foote Green*)
All new students are invited to socialize with fellow 'Canes. Enjoy food, live music, and activities as you enjoy this Miami night!

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Saturday, January 11

- 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.
- Morning/Afternoon 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-2:00pm Sebastian's Splash Bash (University Center Pool)
Join Sebastian and all our new 'Canes as we enjoy an afternoon at the pool, complete with a DJ, activities, treats, and more!
- 3:00pm Pre-Game Tailgate w/ Category 5 (Location TBD)
- 5:15pm UM Men's Basketball vs. Wake Forrest University (Watsco Center Arena)
- 8:00pm-9:30pm 'Cane Bash (Lakeside Village - Outdoor Adventures and Volleyball Courts)
All new students are invited to socialize with fellow 'Canes. Enjoy snacks, live music, sports, rock climbing, and activities as you enjoy this Miami night!

Sunday, January 12

- 12:00pm-5:00pm Open Swim (University Center Pool)