



2012 Transfer Student Orientation Schedule

All events are required unless otherwise noted with "Optional" next to the event name.

Wednesday, August 29

9:00 am – 1:00 pm *Residential Student Check-In* *Brock Center*

Residential students will receive their parking decals, room keys, student IDs, as well as other helpful information provided by R-MC offices. Move-In Crews (orange shirts) will be available to help unload items into rooms from 9 am – 2 pm. The Get Connected Teams (yellow shirts) will be available in the residence halls 10 am – 5 pm to assist with computer setups to the R-MC network.

11:00 – 2:00 pm *Lunch available (Optional)* *Estes Dining Hall*

Estes's regular fall schedule begins. As always, both meal plan and pay-at-the-door (\$7) patrons are welcome. Credit cards are not accepted.

5:00 – 5:45 pm *Commuter Student Check-In* *Thomas Branch Atrium*

Commuter students will receive their parking decals, student IDs, as well as other helpful information provided by R-MC offices.

5:45 – 6:30 pm *Welcome Cookout* *Fountain Plaza*
(Rain location: Estes Dining Hall)

Join the newest members of the R-MC community for a welcome cookout. Look for the transfer student table. You can sit with us if you like, or you can meet other new students. This event is not intended for families, so please say your good-byes beforehand. No cost.

6:30 - 8:00 pm *How Much Does a Polar Bear Weigh?* *Practice football field*
(Rain location: Brock Center)

How much does a polar bear weigh? Enough to break the ice. At this event all new students will engage in mixer-type ice breakers to get you acquainted with as many new members of your new R-MC community as possible.

8:00 – 9:30 pm *Orientation Leader (OL) Group Meeting* *Haley 106 (D) or Fox 106 (S)*

Each student will be a part of an OL group led by a returning student who will serve as a guide during orientation. Your group will be all transfer students and led by a transfer OL. During group meetings, OLs and new students will review and discuss the day's events as well as review the following day's schedule of events.

9:30 pm *Up-campus Pizza Social (Optional)* *Conrad First Floor Lounge*

All upper-classmen are invited to hang out with fellow new transfer students at this social gathering. (Note: At this time the residential freshmen will meet with their neighbors, however residential transfer students don't have neighbors yet. Upper-classmen will meet with their neighbors Sunday evening once all the returning students have moved in.)

Thursday, August 30

8:30 – 9:45 am *Breakfast with OL group (Optional)* *Estes Dining Hall*

If you opt out of Challenge Discovery, note that Estes is open for breakfast 7:15 – 11:00 am. Meal plan and pay-at-the-door (\$5) patrons are welcome. Credit cards not accepted.

9:00 – 11:00 am *Information Technology Services (Optional)* *Copley 211*

On and off-campus residents, if you haven't yet connected to the R-MC network on your personal computer, bring it by for assistance.

9:30 am – 4:00 pm *Challenge Discovery (Optional)* *Meet at football field*

High and low ropes courses to facilitate bonding with fellow new students. Lunch is provided free. This is a required event for the first-year students.

11:00 am – 2:00 pm *Lunch available (Optional)* *Estes Dining Hall*

If you opt out of Challenge Discovery, Estes will be open for lunch. Meal plan and pay-at-the-door (\$7) patrons are welcome. Credit cards not accepted.

5:30 – 7:00 pm *Dinner with OL Group (Optional)* *Estes Dining Hall*

If you opt out of eating with your OL group, note that Estes is open for dinner 5:00 – 7:30 pm. Meal plan and pay-at-the-door (\$9) patrons are welcome. Credit cards not accepted.

7:30 pm *Tie-Dye R-MC T-Shirt (Optional)* *Fountain Plaza*

Please bring your own t-shirt. The one you were given at summer registration day would be a great choice.

7:30 pm *Outdoor Concert (Optional)* *Fountain Plaza*

(Rain location: Brock Center)

Enjoy the tunes of a fellow Yellow Jacket and his band, *The Weather*.

Friday, August 31

8:30 – 9:15 am *Breakfast with OL Group (Optional)* *Estes Dining Hall*

If you opt out of eating with your OL group, note that Estes is open for breakfast at 7:15 am. For this meal, new transfer students who are commuting are welcome to eat in Estes on us. Just tell the cashier you are a commuter and have your name checked off their list.

9:30 – 11:00 am *Learning with Honor:* *Blackwell Auditorium*

Academic Integrity at Randolph-Macon

Learn about the policies and procedures of our Code of Academic Integrity. Breakout sessions will be in your original OL group meeting room (Haley 106 for Doering advising group and Fox 106 for Shekels advising group).

11:15 am – 12:00 pm *Academic Advisor Group Meetings* *Haley 106*

Students will meet their academic advisors for an overview of goals and expectations for advising, orientation, and the academic program. Students will also make appointments for individual academic advising meetings to take place on Friday or Saturday.

11:00 – 2:00 pm *Lunch available (Optional)* *Estes Dining Hall*

As always, meal plan and pay-at-the-door (\$7) patrons are welcome. Credit cards not accepted.

2:00 – 4:00 pm *Job Fair (Optional)* *Andrews Multi-Purpose Room*

Students can sign up for on campus employment with various departments

2:00 – 5:00 pm *R-MC Information Technology* *Sign up in your residence hall*
Services Available

If you still need assistance getting your computer connected to the R-MC network, be sure to sign up for an appointment during this time.

2:00 – 6:00 pm *Individual Academic Advisor Appointments* *Advisor's Office*

The time and location for this meeting was determined between you and your advisor during the 11:15 am meeting on this day.

5:00 – 7:30 pm *Dinner available (Optional)* *Estes Dining Hall*

As always, meal plan and pay-at-the-door (\$9) patrons are welcome. Credit cards not accepted.

7:30 – 9:00 pm *I Love the College Clicker* *Blackwell Auditorium*

This interactive presentation will present strategies and information to make your first year at Randolph-Macon a healthy, happy one. You will be asked to focus on your goals for the year and strategies that might make it more likely that you meet those goals.

Saturday, September 1

9:00 am – 1:30 pm *Brunch available (Optional)* *Estes Dining Hall*

For this meal, new transfer students who are commuting are welcome to eat in Estes on us. Just tell the cashier you are a commuter and have your name checked off their list.

10:00 – 10:45 am *The Buzz about the EDGE4YellowJackets:* *Crenshaw Gym*
Transfer Student Session

This presentation by Linda Carne, Executive Director of the Center for Personal and Career Development and the EDGE, provides transfer students with an overview of the required process for developing the necessary “edge” in not only R-MC life, but beyond, in preparation for how to live one’s dream after Randolph-Macon. The exciting EDGE program will help students chart the steps to achieving success at R-MC and beyond.

12:00 – 1 2:45 pm *Fraternity and Sorority Life (Optional)* *Crenshaw Gym*

This is an informational session for students interested in being a part of a fraternity or sorority. Come hear elected representatives from each of the 12 organizations.

1:00 – 4:00 pm *Individual Academic Advisor Appointments* *Advisor's Office*

The location for this meeting was determined between you and your advisor during the 11:15 meeting on the previous day.

1:15 – 1:45 pm *Resources for Success: Library* *McGraw-Page Library Lobby*

An orientation to the space, resources, and services available to you through the McGraw-Page Library.

1:45 – 2:45 pm *Resources for Success: Break with OL group*

Take a breather with your orientation group.

2:45 – 3:00 pm *Resources for Success: Higgins Academic Center* *Copley 101*

An introduction to the valuable services offered by the Higgins Academic Center (HAC).

3:15 – 3:45 pm *Resources for Success: Information Technology Services* *Copley 100*

Responsibilities, information, and resources regarding computing at R-MC.

4:00 – 5:00 pm *Promoting Consent, Preventing Coercion* *Blackwell Auditorium*

A session on what both men and women can do to prevent sexual assault.

5:00 – 6:00 pm *Living with Integrity: Community, Civility, and Student Responsibility* *Blackwell Auditorium*

Staff and student leaders will discuss the rights and responsibilities of living as successful members of the Randolph-Macon community. The session will focus on the Code of Student Conduct, the Student Mission Statement, and the standards by which all Randolph-Macon students are expected to live.

6:00 – 7:30 pm *Dinner available (Optional)* *Estes Dining Hall*

Meal plan and pay-at-the-door (\$9) patrons are welcome. Credit cards not accepted. Note that a free commuter dinner is available to all new students who do not live on campus.

6:00 – 7:30 pm *Commuter Dinner* *Trustee's Room, Estes Dining Hall*

Non-residential students and their families are invited to attend a free dinner that is hosted by the Office of Student Life and the Commuter Student Association. The dinner will take place in the Trustee's Room, which is on the 2nd floor of Estes Dining Hall.

8:00 – 9:30 pm *College Life Play (Optional)* *Blackwell Auditorium*

OLs and RAs will entertain you with a comedic play about life at R-MC!

Sunday, September 2

9:00 am – 1:30 pm *Brunch available (Optional)* *Estes Dining Hall*

As always, meal plan and pay-at-the-door (\$9) patrons are welcome. Credit cards not accepted.

9:30 am – 12:00 pm *Worship Services (Optional)* *Andrews Hall parking circle*

These churches are very welcoming to RMC students and provide transportation to their services. Students wishing to attend services should gather at the Andrews Hall parking circle (north side of building). Church vans will pick-up at the following times:

9:30AM	St. Ann's Catholic Church	(service at 10:00 am)
9:30AM	St. James The Less Episcopal Church	(service at 10:00 am)
10:30AM	Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church	(service at 11:00 am)

1:30 pm *Class Photo* *Blackwell Auditorium Steps*

Dress attire for class photo and matriculation ceremony is shirt and ties for men; dress slacks, skirts or dresses for women. No jeans, tennis shoes or flip flops. Separate photos of both of Class of 2016 and the incoming transfer class will be taken.

2:00 -3:00 pm *Matriculation Ceremony* *Blackwell Auditorium*

The matriculation ceremony is one of the long-standing traditions at Randolph-Macon College. Its purpose is to administer the Pledge of Academic Integrity to all entering students. Upon completion of the oaths, new students are officially members of the R-MC community. This ceremony is for students only.

5:00 – 7:30 pm *Dinner available (Optional)* *Estes Dining Hall*

As always, meal plan and pay-at-the-door (\$9) patrons are welcome. Credit cards not accepted.

9:30 pm *Resident Assistant (RA) Hall Meetings* *Residence halls*

For students who are living in upper-classmen housing, meet with your RA and neighbors. RAs are returning students who will serve as residentially-based mentors during the entire academic year. Hall meetings provide an opportunity for students to meet their neighbors and for RAs to distribute important information. Your RA will inform you of the location.