

2018 Freshman Student Agenda

DAY ONE

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Important information about receiving financial aid and paying fees will be given. This session will explain MT One Stop and all the services available to students.
- 10:40–11:00 a.m. SOA Intro and Group Session, various locations**
These sessions will allow you to get to know your SOA and other freshmen in your group. You will also receive very important instructions about the schedule for the day.
- 11:00–11:25 a.m. Ports of Call Video, Learning Resources Center, Room 221**
Your first Port of Call is a video providing a glimpse of some of the most important areas on campus. MT Engage, MT Dining, Health Services, Office of Student Success, University 1010 Seminar, and Parking Services will give you information to help you succeed during your freshman year. You will get one stamp on your passport for this session.
- 11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.** After the video, your SOA will lead you to the Student Union Building so you may attend two more ports of your choice or stop in to clarify information from the video. Your passport must be stamped TWO times.
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| Band
Student Union, Room 224
Be part of the Band of Blue | International Admissions
Student Union, Room 218
Understanding your visa status and the University |
| Choral Music
Student Union, Room 210
Hit a high note in a choral group | Military Science
Student Union, Ballroom D
It's not just a class, it's an adventure |
| Food Services
Student Union, Ballroom A
Dining at its best | Student Support Services
Student Union, Room 220
See how we can support you |
| Honors
Student Union, Ballroom C
Personalized learning experience | University 1010
Student Union, Ballroom E
Getting off to a good start |
| | Veterans and Military Family Center
Student Union, Room 221
MTSU is vet-friendly |

- 12:30–1:30 p.m.** **Lunch is on your own**, but in the interest of time, we suggest you eat on campus. The **Student Union Building** offers a variety of choices such as soups, salad, fast food, etc. **McCallie Dining Hall** (Corlew Hall, bottom floor) offers an all-you-can-eat service and is one of the places that will accept the Freshman Meal Plan in the fall.
- 1:30 p.m.** **Meet Your SOA in the Student Union Commons.** Look for the SOA holding your country sign.
- 1:45–2:25 p.m.** **Meet Your Major**
- During this session, your academic advisors will introduce the curriculum and requirements for your major. They will explain how the academic advising process will work on day two of CUSTOMS.
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| Basic and Applied Sciences | STU Ballrooms C,D,E (Student Union) |
| Behavioral and Health Sciences | CKNB 121 (Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building) |
| Business | BAS S128 (Business and Aerospace Building) |
| Education | COE 160 (College of Education Building) |
| Liberal Arts | SCI 1006 (Science Building) |
| Media and Entertainment | BAS S102, State Farm Room (Business and Aerospace Building) |
| University College | BAS S328 (Business and Aerospace Building) |
- 2:30–4:45 p.m.** **SOA Group Rotations**
- Each country will follow a specific rotation schedule. Please refer to your personal schedule for specific times. The rotations include the following:
- How to be involved at MTSU, from the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership
 - Meet MTSU student organizations
 - SOA presentation
 - How to use PipelineMT session
- 5:00–5:40 p.m.** **Understanding College Life**, McWherter Learning Resources Center, Room 221
- This session, from the Dean of Students, focuses on personal safety and health issues affecting new college students.
- 5:45–7:00 p.m.** **Ports of Interest and Dining Excursion Abroad** (must get five stamps), Health, Wellness, and Recreation Center
- Students and family members will meet for dinner. Whether it's Maximum Mexican, American Cookout, Spring Fling BBQ Bling, or another one of our culinary adventures, these excursions will give you a taste of the MT Dining experience. Fun Fact: The Dining Excursion menu is a Residential Event menu that will be served at McCallie Dining Hall this fall!
- At Ports of Interest, you will be able to visit with many campus departments that will share information about their services. You must visit five department tables and receive stamps from them. You may visit more if you like.
- Area banks and financial institutions have partnered with us to provide you access to their services while you are here during CUSTOMS. Please feel free to visit with them during dinner (stamps will not be given at the financial institution tables).
- You may also explore the facilities at the Health, Wellness, and Recreation Center including the climbing wall, indoor pool, and workout areas. It will remain open for our CUSTOMS guests until 8:00 p.m.
- 6:00–8:00 p.m.** **Student Union Game Room will be open**, Student Union Lobby
- Come check out the campus game room. Pool tables, ping-pong, foosball, video games, and tons of fun things are available to you.
- 7:15–9:00 p.m.** **Residence Hall Fun**, Cummings Hall lobby
- SOAs will be in the lobby to play games, answer questions, and get to know you.

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- 7:30 a.m.** **Breakfast**, Murphy Center
A light breakfast will be available on the track of Murphy Center before the opening session begins.
- 8:00 a.m.** **Welcome back to CUSTOMS**, Murphy Center
We will start your day by explaining the importance of academic advising in student success. We also will explain the events for the day and give you a short glimpse of the events from the first day of CUSTOMS.
- 8:45 a.m.** **Academic Advising and Registering for Courses**
You will meet your college advisor(s) and be divided into academic majors to learn about your specific major and get advice on fall courses.
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| Behavioral and Health Sciences | CKNB 121 (Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building) |
| Business | BAS S128 (Business and Aerospace Building) |
| Education | COE 160 (College of Education Building) |
| Liberal Arts | LIB, 2nd Floor (James E. Walker Library) |
| Media and Entertainment | BAS S102, State Farm Room (Business and Aerospace Building) |
| University College | KUC 322 (Keathley University Center) |
- After advising, you will be registering for your fall semester courses and having your BlueID made. Follow your specific country schedule for times.
- 9:00 a.m.–
1:00 p.m.** **Off-Campus Apartment** representatives will be available to assist with your off-campus housing needs. Student Union Building, First Floor
- Noon–2:00 p.m.** **On-Campus Housing Tours**
Show rooms are available for students to see. Housing tour maps are available in Keathley University Center, Rooms 300 and 303, if you did not get one last night at the Ports of Interest in the Health, Wellness, and Recreation Center.
- 1:00 p.m.** **Flight Training Information**, Student Union Building, Ballroom B
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- 1:30 p.m.–
3:00 p.m.** **Advising Assistance**—If you have additional questions concerning your academic advising and course registration, stop by the Advising Center of your college:
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| Basic and Applied Sciences | DSB 120 (Davis Science Building) |
| Behavioral and Health Sciences | CKNB 108 (Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building) |
| Business | BAS N233 (Business and Aerospace Building) |
| Education | COE 315 (College of Education Building) |
| Liberal Arts | LIB, 2nd Floor (James E. Walker Library) |
| Media and Entertainment | BRAGG 230 (John Bragg Media and Entertainment Building) |
| University College | KOM 102 (Kirksey Old Main) |

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- 10:45–11:00 a.m. Tour.** A brief tour to the next location and session will be provided.
- 11:15 a.m. Student Services Information Session**, James Union Building, Tennessee Room
Areas and services available to help your students succeed will be featured in a short video. Representatives will be available to answer questions.
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| Army ROTC | Housing | Parking and Transportation Services |
| Career Development Center | James E. Walker Library | University 1010 |
| Experiential Learning | MT Engage | University Honors College |
| Food Services | Parent and Family Association | University Police |
| Health Services | | |
- A bus will be provided from 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. to take you to meet your student for lunch at McCallie Dining Hall or the Student Union Building.
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- 1:45–3:00 p.m. Meet Your Student's Major and Parent's Academic Session with Question and Answer**
During this session the dean of your college or the Academic Advising staff will explain the advising process that your student will be involved in on day two. They will present ideas for how you can support your student's academic success during freshman year.
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- 3:00–3:05 p.m.** SOAs will pick you up from your academic sessions and lead you to the Student Union for your next session.
- 3:05–3:15 p.m.** **Break**—Refreshments will be available on the second floor of the Student Union outside the ballrooms.
- 3:15 p.m.** **Parent and Family Association**, Student Union Building, Ballrooms C, D, and E
Family members will have the opportunity to learn about the programs and services provided by the MTSU Parent and Family Association.
- 3:30 p.m.** **Facilitating the academic success of your student**, Student Union Building, Ballrooms C, D, and E
Dr. Rick Sluder from the Office of Student Success will explain the simple, straightforward actions your student should take to be academically successful at MTSU. Also, learn about the incredible support available to all students, like advising and free tutoring, that can help your student excel as a Blue Raider.
- 3:50 p.m.** **Parent meeting with Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Dr. Deb Sells**, Student Union Building, Ballrooms C, D, and E
Spend an hour with Dr. Sells discussing campus safety, developmental milestones of the college years, and what to expect in the first years at MTSU. Learn strategies for helping to effectively support and challenge your student’s growth and success, and get answers to questions that you still have.
- 5:00 p.m.** **Pick your session.**
Several options are available to meet your needs. You can decide which session to attend.
- Campus Tour**, Student Union Lobby
Parent Orientation Leaders will be available to give you a tour of campus. It will begin in the lobby of the Student Union promptly at 5:15 p.m.
- Fraternity and Sorority Life question and answer table**, Student Union, Second Floor
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Explore the benefits of your students’ participation in Greek life at MTSU.
- Food Services question and answer table**, Student Union, Second Floor
If you have questions about where or what your student is going to eat when they are here in the fall, visit the Food Services table to have these addressed.
- SOA question and answer table**, Student Union Building, Second Floor
If you want to ask current students what it is like to be a student at MTSU, now is your chance. Stop by our table to ask your questions.
- Disability and Access Services information table**, Student Union Building, Second Floor
A representative from the Disability and Access Center will provide answers to questions concerning disability-related access to the University offerings.
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Enjoy coffee and breakfast while you network with other family members and university administration. There will be MTSU personnel on hand to chat and answer any questions you have.
- 9:15 a.m.** **Announcements** concerning the events for the day will be given, followed by a short video from experienced MTSU parents with some advice for you as you start on this exciting journey.
- 10:00 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:15–11:45 a.m.** **Family Transitions Session**, Student Union Building, Ballrooms C, D, and E
University administrators will speak on issues related to the transitions experienced by parents or significant others of new students. Concerns and questions about typical adjustments students and families face will be addressed. This is the perfect time to find out everything you want to know about being a parent or family member of a new college student.
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We would like to have your feedback about your experience, visit mtsu.edu/CUSTOMS, and click on Parent Survey to complete a short survey and share your thoughts.

We hope you have enjoyed your visit to MTSU and CUSTOMS. Have a safe trip home.