Welcome to Rice from Student Success Initiatives

As a new student, you will first interact with Student Success Initiatives (SSI) during Orientation Week (O-Week) - the week designed especially for incoming freshman and transfer students to get acclimated to the academic, social, and cultural life at Rice. You are most likely very excited and possibly a bit nervous about starting your first year in college. First Year Programs, the office within SSI that plans Orientation Week, also provides multiple outlets for all new students to find their place and a community on campus before, during, and after O-Week.

You will receive information from First Year Programs and your residential College over the summer months containing details about O-Week and life in the College. This includes requirements for moving onto campus, information about your roommate/suitemate, and O-Week student leaders.
On the afternoon of Sunday, August 16th, while you're moving into your College and getting to know your O-Week group, your family is invited to a special orientation program acclimating them to your new home, resources for support, and connect with campus leadership. The day's events should conclude around 6:30pm.

Linked here is a list of important forms to be completed and reminders of things to look into before you arrive on campus. Pay close attention to deadlines as missing some can prevent you from registering for classes, moving onto campus, or fully engaging in O-Week until they have been addressed.

Utilize the "2020 Matriculating Class" on Canvas. It includes materials for academic planning, O-Week resources, and tools to help your transition to Rice!

June 1st: Deadline for many key forms
July 8th: College assignments will be mailed
July 15th: Colleges will mail O-Week details, roommate assignments, and O-Week Group info
August 16th - 22nd: O-Week!
August 24th: First day of classes!
September 10th: Tuition and fees payment due via Esther website

Other Programs from SSI
After O-Week, you will have frequent opportunities to engage with Student Success Initiatives both in the classroom and around campus. Our team strives to help students as they transition to Rice in a variety of ways. We offer programming, trainings, and practical skill-building to help with time management, learning styles assessment, study skills, interpersonal communication, career guidance and more. Whether you enroll in a section of UNIV 110 in the fall or spring, become a mentee for our Rice Firsts network, or just want to stop by our office for a chat, know that Student Success Initiatives is designed to help you find your path and thrive at Rice.

Staff members in SSI are available to support all students through a variety of needs, obstacles, and learning opportunities. We work to help you be successful in the classroom and to develop successful habits in your relationships, study skills, career paths, and more outside of the class environment. Please contact us at success@rice.edu to set up an appointment.

UNIV 110 is a course developed for incoming freshmen to explore all that Rice has to offer and to help transition them to their new home. The class is structured to challenge students to utilize personal values to examine their potential major and career path, find balance in their personal and academic lives, and consider ways to get involved on campus. Click here for more info on UNIV 110.

UNIV 110 Sections - Fall 2020
Monday: 2:30pm - 4:50pm
Tuesday/Thursday: 10:50am - 12:05pm, or 2:30pm - 3:45pm
Rice Firsts provides a mentor to first year students who is familiar with the first generation student experience. Mentors will serve as guides throughout a mentee’s first year at Rice, providing important insight into how to successfully make the academic and social transition to college and our community. Find more information linked here.