

O-Week

O-Week 2025 Schedules Color Key

SD only
Academic Advising
Programs of Study Information
Campus-Wide Event
RICE Groups
Diversity Information
College Specific
Meals
Wellbeing
Campus Services Information
Travel & Logistics

The times and locations of events are subject to change at the discretion of Student Success Initiatives and Rice University. Updates will be posted as they are confirmed.

Please be sure to check our website (success.rice.edu) for the most up-to-date information leading up to O-Week. Contact success@rice.edu with any questions or concerns.



RICE UNIVERSITY
Student Success Initiatives

Sunday, August 17, 2025												FAMILIES ONLY												
	Baker	Brown	Duncan	Hanszen	Jones	Lovett	Martel	McMurtry	Sid Rich	Wiess	Will Rice													
7:00 AM	<div>New Students & Families Arrive at Colleges <u>Based on College-Specific Schedule</u></div> <div>DRAFT</div> <div>***Times and move-in instructions will vary for each College. Please consult the information provided by your College's O-Week Coordinators for specific move-in and parking instructions.***</div> <div>These are subject to change due to unexpected construction or inclement weather, and any alterations from these instructions will be communicated as timely as possible.</div>																							
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1:00 PM	New Families' Orientation: Introduction to College Life with Magisters & Other College Personnel																							
	Residential College Commons																							
	Walk or Ride Shuttles to Tudor Fieldhouse																							
2:00 PM	New Families Orientation Welcome																							
	Tudor Fieldhouse																							
3:00 PM	Travel to Information Sessions & Presentations																							
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4:00 PM																								
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	Various Locations - mostly in the RMC																							
6:00 PM	Families Depart Campus																							
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Sunday, August 17, 2025											
STUDENTS ONLY											
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1:00 PM	<div>DRAFT</div> <div>Students with Advising Groups</div> <div>Various Locations by College</div> <div>Introduction and Welcome by College Magisters</div> <div>Individual College Commons</div>										
2:00 PM											
3:00 PM											
4:00 PM											
5:00 PM											
6:00 PM	<div>Dinner in the College Serveries (until 7:00 PM)</div> <div>Introduction to College Government & History</div>										
7:00 PM	<div>Lineup for Matriculation</div> <div>Tudor Fieldhouse</div>										
8:00 PM	<div>Matriculation</div> <div>Tudor Fieldhouse</div> <div>Walk along the Inner Loop to the Sallyport--8:40 pm - 9:00 pm</div>										
9:00 PM	<div>Procession Through the Sallyport</div>										
10:00 PM	<div>College Specific Activities</div>										
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Monday, August 18, 2025											
	Baker	Brown	Duncan	Hanszen	Jones	Lovett	Martel	McMurtry	Sid Rich	Wiess	Will Rice
7:00 AM	<div>Breakfast Individual College Serveries</div> <div>DRAFT</div>										
8:00 AM	<div>Student Association Introduction - Individual College Commons</div>										
9:00 AM	<div>Introduction to Academics and Divisional Advising Presentation Individual College Commons</div>										
10:00 AM	<div>Travel & Seating for Faculty Address</div>										
11:00 AM	<div>DRAFT</div> <div>Faculty Address Tudor Fieldhouse</div>										
12:00 PM	<div>Travel To College Serveries</div>										
1:00 PM	<div>Lunch in College Serveries</div>										
	<div>Academic Department Orientations: Various Schools and Departments are hosting specialized orientations during this time frame. Pay close attention to start times as they vary by event.</div>										
2:00 PM	<div>Time Blocks</div> <div>1:30 & 2:45pm</div> <div>1:30 & 2:45pm</div> <div>1:30 & 2:45pm</div>	<div>Session</div> <div>School of Engineering</div> <div>School of Natural Sciences</div> <div>School of Social Sciences</div>		<div>Location</div> <div>McMurtry Auditorium</div> <div>RMC-Grand Hall</div> <div>Kraft Hall 110 + 130 (Addt'l Rooms)</div>		<div>Time Blocks</div> <div>2:30 pm only</div> <div>1:00 - 2:00 pm</div> <div>2:15 & 2:45 pm</div>	<div>Session</div> <div>Transfer Students - OAA</div> <div>Visiting Exchange Students Orientation</div> <div>Study Abroad</div>		<div>Location</div> <div>Farnsworth Pavilion - RMC</div> <div>Miner Lounge - RMC</div> <div>Brockman 101</div>		
3:00 PM	<div>1:30 & 2:45pm</div> <div>1:30 & 2:45pm</div> <div>2:30 - 4:00 pm</div>	<div>School of Humanities</div> <div>School of Business</div> <div>Shepherd School of Music</div>		<div>SEW 309</div> <div>Shell Auditorium</div> <div>Brockman Hall for Opera, Tudor Patron's Lounge</div>		<div>2:45 pm only</div> <div>2:15 & 2:45 pm</div>	<div>Lilie* Entrepreneurship</div> <div>*Liu Idea Lab for Innovation & Entrepreneurship</div> <div>Rice Education Department: Minor in Teaching</div>		<div>Suite 130, Cambridge Office Bldg</div> <div>Miner Lounge - RMC</div>		
4:00 PM	<div>1:30 - 3:30 pm</div>	<div>School of Architecture</div>		<div>Cannady Hall, Second Floor</div>		<div>2:45 - 4:00 pm</div>	<div>Student Athletes</div>			<div>R Room</div>	
5:00 PM	<div>Rice (Sister) Groups: Introductions & Icebreakers</div>										
6:00 PM	<div>Dinner with Rice Sister Groups College Commons</div>										
7:00 PM	<div>Travel to Lovett Hall</div> <div>Public Affairs: Group Photo Lovett Hall</div>										
8:00 PM	<div>President's New Student Welcome Party Academic Quad</div> <div>DRAFT</div>										
9:00 PM											
10:00 PM											
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NOTES:	Students can begin selecting courses to their Course Planner for course registration today.										

Tuesday, August 19, 2025											
	Baker	Brown	Duncan	Hanszen	Jones	Lovett	Martel	McMurtry	Sid Rich	Wiess	Will Rice
7:00 AM	<div>Breakfast</div> <div>Individual College Serveries</div> <div>DRAFT</div>										
8:00 AM	<div>Academic Planning Session #2</div> <div>College Commons</div>										
9:00 AM	<div>Travel to Diversity and Community at Rice Presentation in Tudor Fieldhouse</div>										
10:00 AM	<div>DRAFT</div> <div>Diversity and Community at Rice Presentation</div> <div>Tudor Fieldhouse</div>										
11:00 AM	<div>Lunch 11:15 am - 12:45 pm In Individual College Commons</div> <div>Rice Connections (Affinity Group Meet-Ups) 11:15 am - 12:00 pm Rice Memorial Center</div>										
12:00 PM	<div>Lunch cont.</div>										
1:00 PM	Academic Fair Rec Center	Upholding Community Sewel 309	Health & Safety McM Aud			Honor Court SEW 301	Wellbeing Discussion HRZ Amp	Upholding Community HRZ 210	Wellbeing Discussion HRZ Amp	Academic Fair Rec Center	Health & Safety McM Aud
2:00 PM				Honor Court SEW 301	Academic Fair Rec Center						
	Wellbeing Discussion HRZ Amp	Health & Safety McM Aud	Wellbeing Discussion HRZ Amp			Academic Fair Rec Center	Academic Fair Rec Center	Health & Safety McM Aud			
3:00 PM				Upholding Community HRZ 210	Honor Court SEW 301				Academic Fair Rec Center	Upholding Community Sewel 309	Academic Fair Rec Center
		Honor Court SEW 301			Wellbeing Discussion HRZ Amp	Health & Safety McM Aud		Wellbeing Discussion HRZ Amp			
4:00 PM			Academic Fair Rec Center	Academic Fair Rec Center		Wellbeing Discussion HRZ Amp	Health & Safety McM Aud	Academic Fair Rec Center			
5:00 PM	Upholding Community HRZ 210	Academic Fair Rec Center			Health & Safety McM Aud	Wellbeing Discussion HRZ Amp	Health & Safety McM Aud	Academic Fair Rec Center	Honor Court SEW 301	Wellbeing Discussion HRZ Amp	Upholding Community Sewel 309
			Honor Court SEW 301								
6:00 PM	<div>Walk to Tudor Fieldhouse</div>										
	<div>Rice Rally</div> <div>Tudor Fieldhouse</div> <div>DRAFT</div>										
7:00 PM											
8:00 PM	<div>Dinner</div> <div>Individual College Serveries</div>										
9:00 PM	<div>College Specific Activities</div>										
10:00 PM											
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NOTES:	Wellbeing Discussions on Mental Health & Suicide Prevention presented by Student Wellbeing Health & Safety Talks- Student Health Services, REMS, & RUPD Departmental Overview										

Wednesday, August 20, 2025												
	Baker	Brown	Duncan	Hanszen	Jones	Lovett	Martel	McMurtry	Sid Rich	Wiess	Will Rice	
7:00 AM	<div>Breakfast</div> <div>Individual College Serveries</div> <div>DRAFT</div>											
8:00 AM	<div>Academic Planning Session #3</div> <div>Individual College Commons</div>											
9:00 AM												
10:00 AM	<div>DA Appointments and Open Academic Planning Time</div> <div>Appointment Times and Locations Vary by Student</div>											
11:00 AM												
12:00 PM	<div>DRAFT</div> <div>Lunch in College Serveries</div>											
1:00 PM												
2:00 PM	<div>Academic Planning Session/Advising Appointments</div> <div>Appintment Times and Locations Vary by Student</div>											
3:00 PM												
4:00 PM	<div>Honor Court</div> <div>SEW 301</div>	<div>Wellbeing</div> <div>HRZ Amp</div>	<div>SAFE</div> <div>McM Aud</div>	<div>Wellbeing</div> <div>HRZ Amp</div>	<div>SAFE</div> <div>McM Aud</div>		<div>Upholding Community</div> <div>HRZ 210</div>	<div>SAFE</div> <div>McM Aud</div>	<div>Health & Safety</div> <div>BRK 101</div>		<div>Wellbeing</div> <div>HRZ Amp</div>	
5:00 PM						<div>SAFE</div> <div>McM Aud</div>		<div>SAFE</div> <div>McM Aud</div>		<div>Honor Court</div> <div>SEW 301</div>		
6:00 PM	<div>Associates' Dinner</div> <div>College Commons</div>											
7:00 PM												
8:00 PM	<div>Healthy Relationships in College</div> <div>College Commons</div> <div>DRAFT</div>											
9:00 PM	<div>College Specific Activities</div>											
10:00 PM												
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	International Students meeting 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm over Zoom											
	Wellbeing Discussions on Mental Health & Suicide Prevention presented by Student Wellbeing											
	SAFE (Sexual Assault Free Environment) at Rice											
	Students should continue adding courses to Course Planner for course registration.											

Thursday, August 21, 2025											
	Baker	Brown	Duncan	Hanszen	Jones	Lovett	Martel	McMurtry	Sid Rich	Wiess	Will Rice
7:00 AM	Breakfast (until 9:00 AM) <i>Individual College Serveries</i>										
8:00 AM	<div>DRAFT</div> <div>Open Academic Planning Time/ PAA Small Group Check-Offs <i>Appointment Times and Locations Vary by Student</i></div>										
9:00 AM											
10:00 AM											
11:00 AM	Final Opportunity to Adjust Courses via ESTHER <i>Residential College Commons</i> Registration system will close at 1:00 pm - all courses must be input by that time to be options for students										
12:00 PM	Lunch & Activities with Rice Groups in College Serveries <i>Groups will meet at the opposite Colleges from Monday night</i>										
1:00 PM	Transfer Student Association Social 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM RMC - Grand Hall										
	FGLI Connection Event - RMC - Farnsworth 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (All FGLI Students Welcomed)										
2:00 PM	Health & Safety <i>BRK 101</i>			SAFE <i>McM Aud</i>		Upholding Community <i>Sewell 309</i>					
3:00 PM								Upholding Community <i>OES 132</i>	Health & Safety <i>BRK 101</i>	SAFE <i>PCF Tent #4</i>	
	SAFE <i>McM Aud</i>	SAFE <i>McM Aud</i>	Upholding Community <i>HRZ 210</i>	Health & Safety <i>BRK 101</i>	Upholding Community <i>SEW 301</i>		SAFE <i>OES 130</i>	Honor Court <i>HRZ AMP</i>			
4:00 PM							Honor Court <i>HRZ AMP</i>		SAFE <i>McM Aud</i>	SAFE <i>MCM Aud</i>	Honor Court <i>HRZ AMP</i>
5:00 PM											
	Alcohol Policy and Education Talk <i>College Commons</i>										
6:00 PM											
7:00 PM	Dinner <i>Individual College Serveries</i>										
8:00 PM	Add/Drop & Waitlisting Begins~ PAAs will be on call in Colleges until 8:30pm										
9:00 PM	College Specific Activities										
10:00 PM											
11:00 PM											
	Baker	Brown	Duncan	Hanszen	Jones	Lovett	Martel	McMurtry	Sid Rich	Wiess	Will Rice
NOTES:	Students can put courses in their Course Planner until 12:00 pm on Thursday - system will close at that time! SAFE (Sexual Assault Free Environment) at Rice FGLI students will meet in RMC - Farnsworth from 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Transfer students will meet in from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM										

Friday, August 22, 2025											
	Baker	Brown	Duncan	Hanszen	Jones	Lovett	Martel	McMurtry	Sid Rich	Wiess	Will Rice
7:00 AM	<div>Breakfast (until 9:00 AM) <i>Individual College Serveries</i></div> <div>DRAFT</div>										
8:00 AM	<div>PAA Office Hours <i>College Commons</i></div>										
9:00 AM	<div>"Life After O-Week": Presentation <i>College Commons</i> (PAAs on call in Colleges until 9:00 am and advisors will be available in the Office of Academic Advising until 12:00 pm. Registration continues all day as needed (For Fall registration, Group I-Fall students adjustments may be made to FWIS registrations through 11:59 on the Sunday prior to the first day of class.)</div>										
	CCD <i>McM Aud</i>	DOERR <i>HRZ 210</i>	CCD <i>McM Aud</i>	DOERR <i>HRZ 212</i>	DOERR <i>SEW 301</i>	LILIE <i>RMC - Grand Hall</i>	CCD <i>HRZ Amp</i>	LILIE <i>RMC - Grand Hall</i>	CCD <i>HRZ Amp</i>	DOERR <i>SEW 301</i>	LILIE <i>RMC - Grand Hall</i>
10:00 AM											
	DOERR <i>HRZ 210</i>	LILIE <i>RMC - Grand Hall</i>	DOERR <i>HRZ 212</i>	LILIE <i>RMC - Grand Hall</i>	LILIE <i>RMC - Grand Hall</i>	CCD <i>McM Aud</i>	DOERR <i>SEW 301</i>	CCD <i>HRZ Amp</i>	DOERR <i>BRK 101</i>	LILIE <i>RMC - Grand Hall</i>	CCD <i>McM Aud</i>
11:00 AM	LILIE <i>RMC - Grand Hall</i>	CCD <i>HRZ Amp</i>	LILIE <i>RMC - Grand Hall</i>	CCD <i>HRZ Amp</i>	CCD <i>McM Aud</i>	DOERR <i>HRZ 212</i>	LILIE <i>RMC - Grand Hall</i>	DOERR <i>SEW 301</i>	LILIE <i>RMC - Grand Hall</i>	CCD <i>McM Aud</i>	DOERR <i>HRZ 210</i>
12:00 PM	<div>Lunch (continued until 1:30 pm) <i>Locations and Times Vary by College</i></div>										
1:00 PM	<div>All Off-Campus students, Temporary Room, and Co-Advisors move out by 1:00 PM</div>										
2:00 PM	<div>DRAFT</div> <div>College Specific Bonding Events <i>Locations and Times Vary by College</i></div>										
3:00 PM											
4:00 PM	<div>Dinner will be provided until 8:00 PM <i>North and Siebel Serveries</i></div>										
5:00 PM											
6:00 PM	<div>Houston Night Out <i>Locations and Times Vary by College</i></div> <div>DRAFT</div>										
8:00 PM											
9:00 PM	<div>College Specific Closing Ceremonies</div>										
10:00 PM											
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Saturday, August 23, 2025											
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7:00 AM											
8:00 AM	<div>Breakfast</div> <div>West & South Serveries</div> <div>DRAFT</div>										
9:00 AM											
10:00 AM											
11:00 AM											
	<div>Lunch</div> <div>West & South serveries</div> <div>This does not include upperclassmen who return to campus earlier than scheduled.</div> <div>DRAFT</div>										
12:00 PM											
1:00 PM											
2:00 PM	<div>Welcome Back Festival - Ricechella 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Rice Memorial Center + Ray's Courtyard</div>										
3:00 PM											
4:00 PM											
5:00 PM											
	<div>Dinner (5:15-8:00 PM)</div> <div>West and South Serveries</div> <div>DRAFT</div>										
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8:00 PM											
9:00 PM											
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NOTES:	Students housed temporarily must leave their O-Week room by 7:00 AM, Students remaining on campus must leave their room by 12:30 PM. Returning students may move back onto campus starting at 1:00 pm per the housing lease through Housing & Dining. Please do not arrive on campus before that time.										