

Dear Parents and Families,

We hope this email finds you well!

As we approach the beginning of the semester, we want to ask that your student regularly checks their Southern email. We would also like to provide a number of links which have really good information that answers many of the questions you may have.

Helpful Links- <https://inside.southernct.edu/parent-family/helpful-links> , these are a number of helpful links that we have gathered specifically for parents/families that will be helpful now and in the future.

Resources- <https://inside.southernct.edu/inside-southern>, these is another general page filled with links that may be helpful!

Fall 2020 Reopening- <https://inside.southernct.edu/reopening>, this provides information on the reopening of campus for the fall semester.

Residence Life- <https://inside.southernct.edu/residence-life>, with so many questions regarding residence life, this may be a great place to find information!

Advising- <https://inside.southernct.edu/advising>, information regarding academic advising.

Parent/Family Virtual Programs

This summer, we have a full slate of programs for Parents and Families. While these programs are specifically designed for the parents and families of our incoming students, we invite any parent or family member to join us! We will share our full schedule soon.

SCSU ORIENTATION TRANSITION & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT OFFICE
PRESENTS 2020 PARENT & FAMILY

All programs will be presented via the Parent/Family Facebook Group and will be LIVE!
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/scsuparents/>

SPECIAL ADDITION- 5:30PM- With so many questions regarding first-semester schedules and classes, the director of academic advising, Harry Twyman will begin tonight's program and share information regarding course, advising and registration.

July 22nd 6:00pm

Southern Success: How You Can Help Your Students Achieve Their Goals.

Join the offices of the Southern Success Center who will discuss how to supports successfully transition to their first semester, succeed academically, think about their majors/advising, and begin to plan for a career. Featuring the Academic Success Center, Career and Professional Development, Academic Advising, and Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement.

In this communication you will find information regarding:

1. **Advising, Registration and Course Schedules for First-Year Students**
2. **Parent/Family Programs**
3. **COVID Testing**

4. Fall 2020 Reopening Plan

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Advising, Course Registration and Schedules for First-Year Students

<https://inside.southernct.edu/advising/incoming-students>

New first-year students who have registered for an NSO by July 13th session will receive their full schedule of courses for Fall 2020 by the end of the day (5pm) on July 24th. They will receive an email from an academic advisor which goes into great detail regarding first-year student schedules. Your schedule will be based on your major, your English and Math placements, course availability, and the information you provide when you register for NSO! Students will be able to connect with an advisor if they have questions. If a student registered for NSO by July 13th and does not receive a schedule or email by the end of the day on July 24th, please email advisement@southernct.edu. Students that registered for NSO after July 13th will receive their schedules and emails after July 27th.

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July 29th 5:30pm

Being Well at Southern: A Holistic Approach to Thrive

About: Join us in hearing from the Counseling Office, Wellness Center, Health Center, Campus Recreation + Fitness to learn how to support your students find their wellbeing at Southern.

More programs to come!!

These programs will be broadcasted live through the Parent/Family Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scsuparents/> and will be available to view anytime by visiting the page after the event.

COVID Testing

<https://www.ct.edu/files/pdfs/UPDATE%206%20Interim%20Testing%20Guidance.pdf>

Residential Life is working with health services and the state guidelines to determine the details regarding the testing and move in protocol. According to the state guidelines provided in the link above, "Incoming residential students must have documentation that they have had a RT-PCR COVID-19 test within 14 days of arrival on campus. This documentation must be submitted online before arrival on campus or in person on arrival. " To clarify, students must be tested within fourteen days of prior arrival. Please have your students watch their southern email accounts as information should be provided soon.

For housing questions, please contact Residence Life directly.

Residence Life Contact- <https://inside.southernct.edu/residence-life>

For health questions, please contact Health Services directly.

<https://inside.southernct.edu/health-services>

Fall 2020 Reopening

<https://inside.southernct.edu/reopening>

"Based on significant guidance from public health experts and in accordance with Governor Lamont's ReOpen CT Advisory Committee plan, it has been determined that Southern will reopen its physical campus to residential and commuter students for fall 2020, with protocols in place. Fall classes will begin on August 26, following a staggered move-in for residence hall students."

This website (<https://inside.southernct.edu/reopening>) will continue to be updated and has all of the information regarding the university's plan to reopen.