

Frequently Asked START Questions

Do I have to come to START?

If at all possible. START is the advising and registration program for all new students. If you are unable to attend one of the START sessions, advising and registration can be done the week before classes start, during OSU CONNECT.

Do I have to stay for both days?

Yes. Both days are required. The programs are cumulative in nature. The second day builds on what was accomplished the first day.

I'm a LBCC/OSU Dual student, do I have to go through START?

Yes. If you are taking any classes at OSU then you will need to attend a START session. You can register for both LBCC and OSU classes during START.

Can't I just register for classes by phone or on line?

No. The advising staff from all colleges request that students attend the START program. In order to register for classes, students must meet with an advisor first.

I'm in the military and will be in boot camp all summer. How can I register?

Advise student about OSU CONNECT the week of September 17th, or they may contact their college/department for other possible arrangements.

My son/daughter is a firefighter and could be called out at anytime, how will they registered if we can't attend any of the START dates?

Under these circumstances, academic colleges/departments are usually willing to work with the student on an individual basis. Also, advise them about the OSU CONNECT program starting on September 17th.

I can't make it, can someone else come and register for me?

No. It is important that the student has a first hand experience of the advising and registration process. If you are unable to attend START, then you will be able to meet with an adviser and register during CONNECT.

We've already made plane reservations, so we have to come to the first program.

Programs are filled on a first come, first serve basis. We will do our best to honor your first session choice, but the sessions do fill quickly

The session I want is full, but that is the only one we can come to because of prior plans (*out of country, vacation, family reunion, jobs etc.*).

Unfortunately, programs are limited in size based on the number of staff and the facilities available. Advise student about OSU CONNECT.

Can we be put on a waiting list for one of the closed session?

No. We do not keep a waiting list! Programs are already overbooked to allow for the last minute cancellations.

My son can't come until the last session, does that mean he won't get any classes?

We do our best to see that all 1st-year students get a full schedule of countable courses, regardless of when they register. Because of the number of courses freshman need to take, they usually do not have a problem getting a full-time schedule.

My daughter's friend already received the START information/card, but we didn't get ours.

Check to see if they paid the ATD? Check in banner to confirm ATD, ATE or ATI. If code is in banner, forward their call to New student Programs 737-7627.

My friend is in for the first START session, and now that session is closed. He is my ride to START, so I need to get into that session too.

Since the session is closed, suggest that both students move to one of the open sessions.

What does the parent/family fee include?

The program fee covers program costs, publications, and meals. It is a flat fee regardless of whether they attend all or part of the program. There is an additional fee if the parent/family member wishes to stay overnight on-campus.

Can I stay in the same dorm room as my son/daughter?

Yes. Arrangements can be made during check-in at the START program.

I'm already signed up for session three, but I want to change to session two.

We will be happy to move students from session to session, as long as the session is not full.

Do I have to take the Math Placement Test?

Yes. All new first year students must take the Math Placement Test prior to attending START. Transfer students will need to take the test if they do not have transfer credit in College Algebra or above from a university or community college. The test is for advising purposes only.

<https://secure.engr.oregonstate.edu/mathplacement/>

My sister/brother already goes to OSU and I already know everything about the university, do I still need to come to START?

Yes. In order to register for classes, you must either attend START or CONNECT.

I'm taking summer classes do I need to do START?

Yes. If you are a new student summer term, you will need to attend START in order to register for Fall term classes. Summer students can attend on an abbreviated schedule. *(Please check with New Student Programs for details)*

I attended OSU years ago. My advisor tells me that I need to go through START, is that correct?

If your advisor is requesting that you attend, we will be glad to sign you up for one of the START sessions.