



Orientation Schedule

College of Biosciences

Tuesday, July 28

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Arrival & Check-In <i>Strickland Education Pavilion</i>
9:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Welcome & Program Remarks Kim Tran, MD, PhD, Dean of the College of Biosciences and Vice Provost for Research Robert White, PhD, Program Director, College of Biosciences
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Orientation Overview Sara Selkirk, MPA, Assistant Vice Provost of Student Services
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	Faculty Introductions
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Introduction to BIOS Electives
11:30 – 11:45 a.m.	University Registrar Updates Cindy Miller, MA, Registrar Liz Davis, Associate Registrar
11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Faculty Advisor Lunch
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Welcome Stations ID Badge Photos iPad Distribution Enrollment Checkpoint Parking Permits <i>Tentative: Campus Tours</i>

Wednesday, July 29 | Alma Mater Day

Please wear a piece of clothing that represents your alma mater.

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Information Technology Julie Fountain, LMS Administrator / Instructional Trainer
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Learning Enhancement Overview Kasey Johnson, EdD, MaTL, MEd, Director of Learning Enhancement Leslie Burgess, MA, Learning Specialist
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. – Noon	Campus Safety & Dining Services Jim Herrington, MBA, CPP, DRI, Director of Campus Operations Eric Shirley, Manager of Safety & Emergency Management Merve Jordan, Campus Hospitality
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Alma Mater Lunch <i>Lunch will be provided</i>
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	THRIVE Resiliency Programming Carlton Abner, DNP, RN, Vice Provost, Student Engagement and Well-Being Nathan Matney, MPH, Director, Campus Health & Well-Being
2:00 – 2:15 p.m.	Break
2:15 – 3:00 p.m.	Living Our Values Thomas Moorman, EdD, MS, Senior Vice Provost for Student Success

*Last updated July 10, 2026. Schedule is subject to change.
All activities are required and take place in Ricci Auditorium unless otherwise noted.*

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3:00 – 3:15 p.m.	Office of Exam Services & Analytics Marcos Harders, Manager of Exam Services and Analytics Candice Allen, Exam Service and Analytics Coordinator
3:15 – 3:30 p.m.	Library Services Abbey Griffith, University Library Director
3:30 – 3:45 p.m.	Wrap-Up Sara Selkirk, MPA, Assistant Vice Provost of Student Services

Thursday, July 30

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	How to Survive in Graduate School Joseph Shaffer, PhD, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Sciences
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Counseling Services Overview Beth Epley, PsyD, Director of Counseling & Support Services Kristen Sager, PhD, Campus Psychologist Meredith Higgins, MA, PhD, Campus Psychologist
11:00 – 11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15 – 11:30 a.m.	Student Affairs Introductions
11:30 – 11:45 a.m.	Student Life Sara Selkirk, MPA, Assistant Vice Provost of Student Services Catherine McComb, MA, Director of Student Activities Kelsey O'Connor, MEd, Associate Director of Student Activities
11:45 a.m. - Noon	Lunch Pick-Up
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	BIOS Alumni Panel
1:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Break
1:15 – 1:30 p.m.	KCU's Center for Population Health and Equity Catherine Satterwhite, MPH, MSPH, PhD, Executive Director and Professor of the Center for Population Health & Equity
1:45 – 2:00 p.m.	Student Culture & Engagement Kenneth Durgans, EdD, MS, MA, Associate Vice Provost for Interprofessional Collaboration and Culture
2:0 – 2:30 p.m.	University Events Briefing Pinning and Hooding Ceremonies Inge Hafkemeyer, CMM, Director of University Events
2:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Student Accounts Shanelle Brewster, Director of Student Accounts
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Financial Aid Kristi Nicol, MS, Director of Financial Aid
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	From Grad School to Med School: Following the Call to Medicine Asma Zaidi, PhD, Professor of Biochemistry



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Friday, July 31

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Community Garden Work Day (optional)

Meet in Administration Building Lobby

8:45 – 9:45 a.m.

Core Workout with Dr. Shnyra (optional)

Student Activity Center Fitness Studio

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

International Student Meeting (required for international students only)

Administration Building 2-A (Learning Lab)

11:00 a.m. – Noon

Research Track Meeting (required for BIOS Research Track only)

Kim Tran, MD, PhD, Dean of the College of Biosciences and Vice Provost
for Research

Robert White, PhD, Program Director, College of Biosciences

Nicole Ford, PhD, Assistant Professor, College of Biosciences

Strickland Education Pavilion Room 413-A

3:30 p.m.

Doors Open for Pinning Ceremony

Academic Center 200

3:45 p.m.

All Students Seated for Pinning Ceremony (required)

Academic Center 200

4:00 p.m.

COB Pinning Ceremony & Reception (required)

Academic Center 200

Save the Dates

Student Organization Fair

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 4

WE CARE Community Service Day

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 7