



SOUTHEAST TESTING ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

First STEP orientation is required for all students who have completed fewer than 24 college credit hours prior to enrollment at Southeast. If you are a high school student who has completed 24 or more college credit hours, you must attend First STEP orientation.

First STEP is designed to make the transition to college life easier for new students and their families. You will learn about academic and financial responsibilities and life at Southeast.

College is an exciting and challenging time. We encourage you to ask questions, participate in small group sessions, and develop new friendships.



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First STEP Dates Spring 2012

Friday	November 18
Saturday	January 14

First STEP Dates Fall 2012

Saturday	February 25
Saturday	March 3
Friday	March 23
Friday	April 13
Friday	April 27
Friday	May 4
Saturday	May 19
Friday	June 8
Saturday	June 23
Friday	July 20
Saturday	August 18

Please be aware that dates fill quickly. Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registering for First STEP

All students MUST pre-register for First STEP orientation. Approximately two weeks before your reserved date, you will receive a schedule, parking permit and other information. Register by following the instructions below.

- ▶ Go to: <https://www.semo.edu/admissions/fs/firststep.htm>
- ▶ Enter your Southeast ID (included in your admit packet). Enter your birth MONTH and DAY.
- ▶ Select the First STEP date you prefer. All First STEP dates are listed in this brochure. If the system will not allow you to select your first choice, select another First STEP date.
- ▶ Make sure you select your intended major, as that determines your advising group.
- ▶ Bring no more than two guests due to space limitations.
- ▶ You will receive an online confirmation.
- ▶ If you have questions about your reservation or do not have Internet access, contact New Student Programs.



Other First STEP Information

- ▶ If you have taken a college credit course at another institution (including dual-enrollment courses), send your transcripts to the Office of Admissions. If you are currently enrolled in a college course at another institution, bring that information to your First STEP orientation to help your academic advisor place you into your classes.
- ▶ All students will be charged a \$65 nonrefundable fee, which covers all orientation events including materials and meals for the student and his or her family at First STEP.
- ▶ Students take a Writing Placement exam unless they scored 22 or higher on the English portion of the ACT test or have English Composition credits from another college or university. To take this Writing Placement exam, check in between 8:15 and 8:45 a.m. Students who do not need the exam can check in between 9 and 9:30 a.m.
- ▶ Check-in for First STEP orientation will take place in the University Center (third floor) on the corner of Henderson Street and Normal Avenue.
- ▶ Expect to be at your First STEP orientation until approximately 4:30 p.m. If you are scheduled for a date and cannot stay until 4:30, please reschedule. We provide continental breakfast and deli lunch for students and their families at First STEP.
- ▶ If you require special assistance, contact the Office of New Student Programs at (573) 651-5166 in ADVANCE of your First STEP. We will put you in touch with Disability Services so you can learn more about registering for their services.

