2019
SUMMER
TRANSITION PROGRAMS

CONGRATULATIONS
NEW SEA GULL!
Dear Member of the Class of 2023:
Congratulations new Sea Gull! You are now part of the Salisbury University community. You may be asking yourself, what’s next? The Office of Student Transitions is here to answer that question and guide you through your transition to Salisbury University. We have three distinct programs that comprise your comprehensive orientation.

- **SEA GULL START-UP**
  Sea Gull Start-Up is a one-day orientation program in June, where you learn about academic expectations, meet with your academic advisor, review your first-semester schedule and begin to learn about the resources available at SU to support your success. The 2019 dates for Sea Gull Start-Up are June 17-21 and June 24–28. Students will receive more information about this one-day program during the spring 2019 semester and family members also are invited to participate in an orientation program designed just for them.

- **SUMMER TRANSITION PROGRAMS**
  Summer Transition Programs provide incoming students with the opportunity to build lasting friendships, initiate self-discovery, learn about SU, get to know student peer leaders and have a truly unique experience before the first day of classes even begin. The programs are outlined in this brochure and are available on a first-come, first-served basis to incoming first-year students.

- **FIRST FLIGHT**
  First Flight is a multiple day program facilitated by student leaders from across campus that begins immediately following move-in. First Flight provides more valuable information about becoming part of a college community, making friends, getting involved and becoming comfortable at your new home at SU. Information for both first-year and transfer students is provided, so even if you’re not living on campus, please be sure to join us!

Additional details are available on the Student Transitions website at: www.salisbury.edu/orientation

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For information regarding Sea Gull Start-Up and First Flight, call the Student Transitions office at 410-543-6102.

For Summer Transitions Programs, call or e-mail the course directors listed in this brochure.

Participation is on a space-available basis.

Course directors are usually available for questions during Sea Gull Start-Up.

A limited number of partial to full fee waivers based on financial need are available for the Algonquin Canoe outdoor program. To apply for a waiver, contact the Office of Student Transitions at 410-543-6102 to have an application forwarded to you. All applications must be submitted no later than July 11, 2019.
FAQ SUMMER TRANSITION PROGRAM

Who participates in Summer Transition Programs?
The programs are only open to incoming, full-time first-year students enrolled for the 2019-20 academic year. Note: Spaces in these programs are limited and tend to fill quickly. Registration is conducted on a first come, first served basis. We recommend you register as soon as possible to avoid any disappointment. Registration begins April 1, 2019, at 8 a.m.

Is this program mandatory?
Sea Gull Start-Up and First Flight are required transition programs for all new students. The Summer Transition Programs are optional for all incoming first-year students. The summer programs offer an opportunity to get connected before First Flight begins and gain experiences that earn you college credits.

How do I sign up for a Summer Transition Program?
Registration information is provided in this brochure. Please follow the directions carefully and feel free to contact the Office of Student Transitions at 410-543-6102 if you have any questions.

I do not have a lot of experience with the outdoors. Is that a problem?
Summer transition programs are tailored to most levels of experience and ability. We encourage you, however, to review any recommendations the course directors have listed in the program description to see if that matches your experience.

Can students earn college credits for participating in these Summer Transition Programs?
In addition to the summer program, participants of Acadia Adventure, Achieve at Assateague, Algonquin Canoe and Bike, Beach & Beyond are enrolled in a three-credit course during the fall semester. Refer to the full description for programs by viewing the website at: www.salisbury.edu/orientation

Who leads the Summer Transition Programs?
We have incredibly dedicated faculty and staff member course directors who have an interest in, and a passion for, helping students transition to the Salisbury community. The course directors also hire and train upper-class peer leaders to assist in the programs and serve as a resource to all the new students before, during and after the trip.

What can I expect to get out of these Summer Transition Programs?
Making friends and feeling connected are what the Summer Transition Programs are all about. You get an experience with a small group of your new classmates, upper-class student peer leaders and faculty/staff. The friends you’ll make during your program are just the beginning. We encourage you to read the testimonies of students who participated in these programs in past years.

For more detailed information, contact the course director by email or go to: www.salisbury.edu/orientation
Acadia Adventure takes place in one of the most beautiful places in America: Acadia National Park. Located on Mount Desert Island, ME, Acadia was the first national park created east of the Mississippi and known for its diverse geography, culture and ecosystems. Students explore Acadia by hiking, biking and camping on the island. Learn about the island’s history and culture. Experience a nature cruise, artist-in-residence program, guest lectures, museum and studio visits, service projects, and community concerts.

NOTE: Students participating in this program will be registered for IDIS 100: Acadia Adventure for the fall 2019 semester.

Inclusive Dates: July 13-23
Enrollment: 16
Direct Cost: $640

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PROFILES
This is the opportunity of a lifetime to meet friends that you will have for life. You get to climb mountains, eat lobster, ride bikes and make memories that will last for forever. One of the most memorable moments of my experience was climbing Beehive mountain, I pushed myself to face fears that normally I would run away from. This program has taught me that nothing in college or in life is scarier than climbing ladders on the sides of cliffs, so if I can do that, I can do anything. I can handle anything life throws at me, and I am so much more confident after doing this program.
– BRIANNA

Acadia Adventure is a great way to meet friends and make memories. It’s an experience you will never forget. I felt so much more comfortable making the transition into college knowing that I already had a solid group of friends who had been through a life changing experience alongside me. The peer leaders told us everything that we possibly could have wondered. They answered questions about campus life, how to talk to professors and even what the best food at Commons was.
– JULIA
Achieve at Assateague is a five-day/four-night experience camping at Assateague Island National Seashore. Activities include surfing lessons (no experience necessary), swimming, hiking, canoeing and exploring this barrier island. More than 300 wild ponies wander the beaches, inland pine forest and salt marshes. Other activities include participation in leadership, team-building and problem solving activities and community service-learning project to enhance the student’s first-year college experience.

NOTE: Students participating in this program will be registered for PHEC 200 for the fall 2019 semester.

Inclusive Dates: July 22-26
Enrollment:.............18
Direct Cost: ..........$375

Course Director:
CHRISTINA HARPER
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At the time I participated, I had very little experience with tent camping – especially in the sand – and I wanted to get outside of my comfort zone. Five days was just enough to satisfy my interests and allow me to “test run” how I would react to an extended outdoor experience. I found I loved it and would do it all over again! The program provided me with an avenue to escape from the traditional academic atmosphere and experience an exciting twist to learning. – MAGGIE

Those considering this trip may be nervous at first not knowing anyone, but by the end of the week, the group will be like family, sleeping on the beach together, cooking and having meals together, going on long car rides, and doing different engaging activities together. For me the trip was memorable because I was able to learn how to surf even though I was afraid of the large waves in the ocean. The surfing instructors made me feel comfortable and safe, enabling me to get out of my comfort zone and conquer my fear. – ERICALYN
Algonquin Canoe is a study abroad, new student experience where nature teaches you lessons you could never learn in a classroom. Canoe, hike, sleep under the stars and take in the beauty of all that nature has to offer at Algonquin Provincial Park, located in Ontario, Canada. Students learn skills required for wilderness canoe-camping, along with an appreciation for the environment and history of this beautiful park. As evening draws near, set up your tents on the shore of shining lakes, take a swim, prepare dinner and enjoy the camaraderie with other students, faculty and staff members around an open fire.

NOTE: Students participating in this program are required to have, or obtain prior to the trip, the appropriate travel documentation (a valid U.S. passport for U.S. citizens) and must also register for IDIS 100: Algonquin Canoe for the fall 2019 semester.

Inclusive Dates: ...August 9-21
Enrollment:..........24
Direct Cost: ..........$735

Course Directors:
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Profiles
This program will change your life and will be an adventure that allows you to learn about history, nature and your fellow peers. It’s a program that will change you for the better and will make you stronger going into your first year at SU. To me, this program sounded like an adventure that would help me ease into college and make lifelong memories. I will always remember the nights when we stared at the billions of stars that littered the night sky.
– EMILIE

The Algonquin trip is for all backgrounds and level of camping experience. It’s a chance to see one of the most beautiful places in the world, while also making some great friends. I was introduced to people who are in the Perdue School of Business, which has helped me join clubs that go with my major. It’s a great way for freshman to enjoy the last of their summer and learn more about themselves.
– GERARD
I would have never expected to meet so many friendly faces and make so many long-term friendships in such a short period of time. I really enjoyed learning the history of the town I would be living in. It was so helpful getting the inside scoop on all of the great resources I could use to help me be successful at Salisbury University. The bike rides are something you will never forget and neither are some of the memories I made on this trip. – LARA

Bike, Beach & Beyond participants are housed on campus, experiencing their initial exposure to life on campus. During the day, students complete service projects, spend a day at the beach, visit a local ropes course, ride their bike (short rides) on a few sections of the nationally acclaimed Sea Gull Century tour route and enjoy a feast at a local all-you-can-eat crab house, the Red Roost. At night, there are opportunities for open discussions centered on life with a roommate, academic transition and social adjustment to independence.

NOTE: Students participating in this program will be registered for IDIS 100: Bike, Beach and Beyond for the fall 2019 semester.

- Inclusive Dates: July 12-16
- Enrollment: 20
- Direct Cost: $475

Course Directors:
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Powerful Connections intercultural program empowers you to become a leader on campus. As an incoming first-year student, you can form lasting bonds with students and faculty alike and discover your true potential. The program strives to provide new students of diverse backgrounds with the information and skills necessary to be successful at Salisbury University. You will connect to upper-class students through peer mentoring; gain an understanding of Multicultural Student Services, its programs, goals, activities and available resources; gain an understanding of academic expectations and social responsibility; and learn about the programs, goals, activities and available resources provided to you through the Office of Multicultural Student Services.

- Inclusive Dates: ...August 18-22
- Enrollment:............70
- Direct Cost:...........$160

- Course Directors:
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Sea Gull Camp is an opportunity for new Sea Gulls to make friends, learn about campus traditions and campus life, and build leadership skills! This two-night immersive experience takes place at Pecometh Camp in Centreville, MD. During Sea Gull Camp, students participate in a mixture of small and large group activities—all facilitated by upper-class counselors, participate in a ropes course experience, and have fun with some traditional camp activities. Students leave feeling comfortable with Salisbury University and excited for their collegiate experience to begin in late August!

- Inclusive Dates: ...August 12-14
- Enrollment: ..........68
- Direct Cost: ........$100

- Course Directors:
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Questions about a particular program? Email the course director(s) or give them a call at the number in this brochure.

All first-year students are encouraged to participate in a Summer Transition Program. If you have a disability or condition that could require accommodations, please contact Student Disability Services at 410-543-6070.

**PROGRAM REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

Online registration begins April 1, 2019 at 8 a.m. All charges for the program are included on your bill for the fall semester.

1) Go to: www.salisbury.edu
2) Login to GullNet for Students
3) Navigate to Self-Service>Student Program Enrollment>Enroll in a Program.
4) Select the program in which you wish to enroll. If the program that you want is full, you may choose to be placed on the wait list for that program. Note: Keep in mind that each program has a **limited number of wait list spots.** If a spot becomes available, you will be enrolled in the program and receive an email confirmation.
5) Click “Continue.”
6) Read the “Terms and Conditions.” Click on “I agree” for each.
7) Enter the additional information as requested.
8) Click “Register” when you have completed the requested information.

You will receive an e-mail confirmation of your enrollment in the program.

**ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE**

If, for any reason, you wish to change your program selection or need to drop from a program, you must call the Office of Student Transitions at 410-543-6102.
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