Spelman College, a historically Black college and global leader in the education of women of African descent, is dedicated to academic excellence in the liberal arts and sciences and the intellectual, creative, ethical and leadership development of its students. Spelman empowers the whole person to engage the many cultures of the world and inspires a commitment to positive social change (Spelman College Mission Statement).

The mission of the New Student Orientation Program (NSO) complements the College’s mission as it introduces new students to the academic, social, and cultural community of Spelman College.

The NSO Program seeks to
- facilitate the smooth transition of new students, including transfer, international, domestic exchange, and Pauline E. Drake scholars to the Spelman community;
- introduce all students to Spelman’s educational mission, history and unique opportunities;
- provide academic advisement and course registration;
- aid students in understanding their responsibilities as members of the Spelman College academic and social communities;
- provide all new students with opportunities for social and recreational activities that develop sisterhood and supportive networks and that foster a sense of school pride.

**Events for the Class of 2024 denoted by **C’2024
You are expected to attend all programs and activities; they will help you successfully navigate the Spelman College experience. All changes to the New Student Orientation schedule will be posted on the mySpelman portal under the tab New Student Orientation and sent via Spelman email.

(Note: NSO includes activities for new first-time students, transfer and Pauline E. Drake students, and returning sophomores.)

**Tuesday and Wednesday, August 10- 11, 2021**

9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
**New Student Check-in and Move-In**  
*Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center Lobby*  
*Students will select their move-in times via Housing and must be financially and medically cleared to move into the Residence Halls.*

Representatives from the following offices will be available.  
*Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center*  
- Financial Aid Office  
- Housing and Residence Life  
- Office of Undergraduate Studies  
- Student Accounts/Cashier  
- Student Health Services

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**Wednesday, August 11, 2021**

8:00 am – 9:50 am  
**Transfer and Pauline E Drake (PED) Student Check-in**  
*Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center Lobby*

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
**PAL Sister Chat**  
*Meet your PAL on the Oval – PAL Families – blue and orange*  
Peer Assistant Leaders (PALs) will address important student questions and concerns. This time will also be used to disseminate updates about New Student Orientation schedule changes. New students will be able to communicate any needs and/or challenges. New students are encouraged to check the mySpelman portal for information regarding their Peer Assistant leader, their contact information and the assigned classrooms for future meetings.

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
**PAL Sister Chat**  
*Meet your PAL on the Oval – PAL Families – green and magenta*

8:30 pm – 9:30 pm  
**Residence Hall Building Meetings for Residents of Abby, Howard Harreld, and Living Learning Center 1 – online format**  
Join your resident director (RD) and resident advisors (RA’s) for important information about living on campus and making the most of your residential experience.  
*Log in information will be shared via email before this event.*

8:30pm – 10:30 pm  
**Virtual Residence Hall Building Meetings for Residents of Manley, Morehouse James and Living Learning Center 2 – online format**
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Join your resident director (RD) and resident advisors (RA’s) for important information about living on campus and making the most of your residential experience.

*Log in information will be shared via email before this event.

Thursday, August 12, 2021

7:30 am – 8:50 am  Commuter Student Check-In
Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center Lobby

9:00 am – 9:50 am  Campus Health and Safety Protocols
Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center Auditorium
Representatives from Student Affairs discuss COVID protocols and what is expected from students.

10:00 am – 10:50 am  Focus on Community, Crime, Safety and Security
Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center Auditorium
ALL NEW STUDENTS
This overview will address topics all new students need to know to be safe. Highlights include recognizing common dangers in the AUC community, traveling safely on MARTA, observing campus emergency procedures, and combating sexual assaults and identity theft.

11:00 am – 11:50 am  Title IX & Violence Prevention & Intervention at Spelman
Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center Auditorium
This introductory session is designed to educate and raise awareness about sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking and other related issues on college campuses. Students will also learn how to be active bystanders, report violations and identify where to get support and assistance on and off campus.

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm  Lunch
Oval

Transfer and PED Students Luncheon (by invitation only)

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm  Library Orientation (by Pal families – green and magenta)
Woodruff Library
Library staff will provide a tour of the Robert W. Woodruff Library and assist students with establishing their library accounts, which will enable them to check out materials and access electronic resources remotely.

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm  Library Orientation (by Pal families – blue and orange)
Woodruff Library

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm  Dinner
Oval

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm  When and Where I Enter
Sisters Chapel (overflow Science Center)
Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell will officially welcome new students into the Spelman community during this exuberant, opening program, which illuminates the history, traditions and talents of Spelman students and the Spelman College standards of excellence.
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7:40 pm – 8:00 pm
Closing Celebration: And Now the Journey Begins
Oval
Each student enters the gates of Spelman to begin the next phase of their journey into adulthood. This program will celebrate the parent and student’s transition to Spelman College. Parents and families will participate in a ceremonial commitment that proclaims their support of their Spelman student as they journey to become Spelmanites.

8:15 pm – 9:30 pm
Sisterhood is Global/ Leadership Night: Civically Engaged, Academically and Socially Empowered
Sisters Chapel
An introduction to Class Council, Collaborative Greek Council, Miss Spelman and Her Court, PULSE Programming Board, Residence Hall Association (RHA), and Student Government Association (SGA) roles on campus. Meet Spelmanites from across the globe.

Friday, August 13, 2021

**9:00 am – 3:00 pm Returning Student Move-In **
8:00 am – 8:50 am
Meeting with the First Year Dean
Sisters Chapel

9:00 am – 9:50 am
Life of the Mind at Spelman College
Various Locations
Spelman’s faculty discuss their research interests and/or new books with students

10:00 am – 11:00 pm
Academic Departments and Academic Support Services Fair
(PAL families - blue and orange)
Biology – Beverly Daniel Tatum (BDT) Suites Cafeteria
Health Science – Science Center Atrium and NASA Auditorium
Computer Science, Chemistry Mathematics, Physics- Science Center Concourse, 2nd Floor
Psychology – Sisters Chapel
Political Science – LLCI, Conference Room and Lobby area
Arts and Humanities – Upper and Lower Manley and Patio
Anthropology, Economics, Sociology – Upper Manley

The Fair provides an opportunity to meet faculty in academic departments and learn more about the requirements, benefits and opportunities related to your academic area of interest.

10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Math Placement Exam (only for students who failed to complete prior to move-in) – advanced registration required.
Language Placement Oral and Written Placement Exams – Chinese, French, Japanese, Latin, German, Portuguese, and Spanish
Students will be notified via email if they have qualified for an oral exam.

Students who completed the French placement exam must complete a written portion of the exam. Those students who score high on the French exam will be invited for an oral exam. Notification of time and zoom link will be sent via email.

The zoom link for the French written exam is below:
https://spelman.zoom.us/j/91759685500?pwd=Q1hnWDhiUHdBsjoZRTldwFJJWUNRZz09
Meeting ID: 917 5968 5500
Passcode: 889455

Students who wish to take their placement exam in Japanese, Chinese, Latin, German or Portuguese will be notified via email how to register for these exams.

Students who wish to take the Japanese Placement Exam will receive the written exam as an attachment via email, and the instructor will conduct the oral exam via Zoom.
Students who have registered for the Japanese Placement Exam should contact the instructor directly via email: Dr. Xuexin Liu, xliu@spelman.edu.

Students who wish to pursue American Sign Language should contact the Office of Undergraduate Studies for more information (undergradstudies@spelman.edu).

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
Lunch

12:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Olive Branch Shirts
Upper or Lower Manley
Students must present their Spelman ID and complete all modules as indicated by Student Affairs and History and Traditions to pick up a T-Shirt

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Advising and Course Registration
Advisor Designated Locations (check the NSO Portal and Spelman email)
Meet your academic advisor to learn valuable information about general education core and divisional requirements and to discuss your individual course schedule.

2:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Glee Club Auditions
For more information and to sign up for an audition, visit spelman.edu/gleeclub
The Spelman College Glee Club is the premier performance organization for the College and sings for most campus events. Students who are interested in becoming a member of the Spelman College Glee Club must audition. Auditions are evaluated by the Director of the Glee Club, as well as selected music faculty.

4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Spelman Dance Theater Auditions (first-year students only)
Wellness Center, Studio A/B
Come warm and be prepared to learn material from faculty and guest choreographers as well as engage in a creative process. Successful students will be CALLED BACK for an additional audition.
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Note: This audition is mandatory for students who are declaring dance as a major or minor. Non-majors and minors are welcome to attend.

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Dinner

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Music Department Auditions
living and Learning Center II (LLCII) Auditorium
All interested music majors and minors are required to participate in the Music Department’s auditions. Auditions are evaluated by the music faculty and will generally last between 10-20 minutes.

6:30 pm – 10:00 pm
PAL Sister Chat
Locations will be emailed to students

Saturday, August 14, 2021
9:30am - 12:00pm
Welcome to the Westside - Community Service at Spelman
Cosby Auditorium
The Bonner Office of Civic Engagement will host Welcome to the Westside, an event designed to introduce first-year students to the Westside community and provide an overview of community service expectations and opportunities at Spelman College. Registration information for this event will be sent to the Spelman email address of all first year and second year students.

Sunday, August 15, 2021
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Welcome to Sisters Chapel
Lawn of Bessie Strong
Are you looking for your spiritual home while at Spelman? Look no further than Sisters Chapel, where we serve "The Soul of Spelman.” Come meet the Dean of the Chapel, Chapel staff, and the WISDOM Scholars for informal brunch, music, and spiritual nourishment. You’ll learn all about the spiritual life in the Chapel and how you can become involved in campus ministry and service.

5:30 pm – 5:45 pm
AUC Operation Olive Branch Processional
Spelman College Greensferry Gate
**C’2024 and C’2025
Students will line up for the processional with Morehouse College and Clark Atlanta University to walk over to the CAU Stadium for the start of the Olive Branch program.

6:30 pm
AUC Operation Olive Branch
**C’2024 and C’2025
CAU Stadium
An empowerment program designed to introduce students to the unique history and pride of the Atlanta University Center Consortium institutions. All new students from Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, and Spelman College will have an opportunity to meet and hear from AUC student leaders while enjoying entertainment in a social atmosphere that encourages AUC unity, camaraderie and the ideals that we collectively value: advocacy, service, civility, and personal responsibility.
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8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
**C’2024 and C’2025 CAU host
Olive Branch
The event will conclude with music, fun and dance. Food will be available for purchase.

Monday, August 16, 2021

**9:00 am – 3:00 pm Returning Student Move-In **

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LLCII Auditorium

5:00 pm – 7:30 pm  Noire: Contemporary Popular Music Ensemble Auditions
LLCII Breakout Room
Interested in playing or singing blues, jazz, hip-hop, fusion, or other popular music? The Contemporary Popular Music Ensemble is open to all students (music majors and non-music majors) capable of performing music from various stylistic periods and genres. Students who are interested in becoming a member of the Contemporary Popular Music Ensemble must participate in an audition evaluated by the director of the ensemble. All instruments are welcome, including those performing on non-conventional instruments, such as computer or MIDI controllers.

AUC Orchestra Auditions
Prayer Room, Sisters Chapel (Lower Level)
The AUC Orchestra is comprised of students from each of the undergraduate institutions within the Atlanta University Center - Spelman College, Morehouse College, and Clark-Atlanta University. Emphasis is placed on developing performance skills and study of a variety of styles and periods from the symphonic orchestra literature. Auditions are open to all interested students, regardless of major.

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  Social Wellness Mixer – Happy Hour
Wellness Center at Read Hall
Jump start the semester with wellness in mind! Come have a refreshingly good time + nutritious snacks, live DJ + giveaways + more... meet wellness center staff, coaches, trainers, and instructors. Wear your favorite fitness gear or simply come as you are. Build healthy, nurturing and supportive relationships, and foster a genuine connection with those around you while learning about upcoming activities, classes and events in a fun festive environment in the Wellness Center at Read Hall. All Registered Students Welcome. Advance registration required - https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/book_SpelmanWellness@spelman.edu/bookings/

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

9:00 am – 12:00 pm  Advising (if necessary)

10:00 am – 11:00 am  Library Orientation
Woodruff Library
Library staff will provide a tour of the Robert W. Woodruff Library and assist students with establishing their library accounts, which will enable them to check out materials and access electronic resources remotely.

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm  Lunch

2:00 pm – 2:50 pm  Spelman-ish: Understanding Spelman’s Diverse Intellectual Community
Sisters Chapel
As we like to say, "All Roads Lead to Spelman!" This session is comprised of a student panel who will openly and transparently discuss their social and cultural identities. New students will learn how their Spelman sisters interact, navigate, and maneuver those identities both on and off campus.

**C’2024 Navigating Your Career: Pathways to Employment and Graduate School Success
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Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center, Auditorium
Join the Office of Career Planning and Development as they discuss programs, events, services, resources and activities that assist students in obtaining internships, research opportunities, campus jobs, part-time jobs, and exposure to professional development and graduate school preparation opportunities.

3:00 pm – 3:50 pm  
**Navigating Your Career: Pathways to Employment and Graduate School Success**

**Sisters Chapel**
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3:00 pm – 4:30 pm  
**Q & A with the Deans**

Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center, Auditorium
Got questions? Ask the Deans your academic questions.

4:00 pm – 4:50 pm  
**First Year Class Council Information Session**

Science Center 134
All students interested in pursuing a leadership position with the Freshman Class Council are required to attend this mandatory information session. SGA’s Election Commissioner will provide students with important dates and campaign guidelines for the Freshman Class Council elections. Students will be provided the opportunity to speak with current SGA members and inquire about any additional campaigning concerns.

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm  
**Glee Club Rehearsal (First Year Members and Student Leaders)**

LLCII Auditorium

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

First Day of Class

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm  
**PULSE: Welcome Back Jam**

Oval

All Registered Students Welcome

Thursday, August 19, 2021

9:00 am  
**Add/Drop Begins**

10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
**Opening Convocation featuring Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell**

President, Spelman College

Sisters Chapel

**Required for first and second year students**
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**There is an abbreviated class schedule **

Classes that meet on Thursday from: Will meet from:

8:00- 9:15 am 8:00- 8:50 am

9:25-10:40 am 9:00- 9:45 am

(Students should go promptly to Sisters Chapel)

10:00 -12:00 pm Opening Convocation

Classes will resume at 1:00 pm

7:00 pm – 8:15 pm Living the Spelman Sisterhood: Living Well in Your Residence Hall (C’2025) – online format
Join Residence Life for an interactive program about living in community in your residence hall and how to positively address conflicts that may arise with roommates/suitemates or neighbors on your floor. At the end of the program, you will complete roommate/suitemate agreements to outline agreed upon behaviors in your room.
*Log in information will be shared via email before this event.

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*Log in information will be shared via email before this event.

Friday, August 20, 2021
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm First-Year Dance Callback Auditions
Multipurpose Room, Read Hall
First-year students who auditioned on August 13th will be invited via email to a call back audition with upper-class students.

Saturday, August 21, 2021
4:30 am – 7:00 am Wake Up (First and Second-Year students)
Peer Assistance Leaders will join new students for a special sunrise program. It could happen anytime during this period, so be prepared……
*Additional information will be shared via email before this event.

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Student Government Association Presents Morehouse & Spelman Sibling Exchange Class of 2025
Location TBD

Sunday, August 22, 2021
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10:00 am  Spelman Worship
Sisters Chapel

Students will need white attire for the induction ceremony. Location and other details will be sent via email prior to Sunday, August 22, 2021.

2:00 pm – 4:30 pm  History and Traditions (Class of 2025)
Along with introducing new students to Spelman's history and traditions, these sessions provide a unique opportunity for alumnae to share generational experiences and lessons learned during their years as students and as alumnae.

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm  Dinner

7:05 pm – 8:35 pm  Induction Ceremony (Class of 2025)
Sisters Chapel
Students will be welcomed by the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College (NAASC). In addition, students will participate in an induction ceremony, which is a traditional ceremony developed by first-year students. The ceremony serves as the official induction into the illustrious Spelman sisterhood.

Thursday, August 26, 2021

11:00 am – 11:50 am  First and Second-Year Convocation (Provost Convocation)
Sisters Chapel
When and Where I Enter: Being a Part of an Intellectual Community
Attending a liberal arts college gives students an opportunity to experience/explore various disciplines as they prepare for careers and life after college. Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs Sharon Davies will discuss cultivating intellectual communities and valuing a liberal arts education.