

University of the Virgin Islands
Albert A. Sheen Campus (St. Croix)
New and Transfer Student Orientation
Spring 2026

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Thursday, January 8, 2026 (Location: Delta M. Jackson Dorsch Complex)

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM: New Residential Student Move-In ONLY

Welcome to your new home! Check in to your residence hall, pick up your keys and ID, and get settled in. Residence Life staff will be available to assist and answer questions. If you will not be living on campus, please disregard.

Friday, January 9, 2026 (Location: Northwest Wing (NWW) 102-103)

8:30 AM - 8:45 AM: New & Transfer Student Check-In Experience *(inclusive of light refreshments, tea, coffee, etc.)*

8:45 AM - 9:00 AM: Welcome & Introductions

A brief welcome session featuring introductions from the Dean of Students, faculty, staff orientation leaders, and an overview of the day.

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM: Ice Breaker/Getting to Know Each Other Activities

Interactive games and activities to help students get to know each other and the University community.

9:20 AM – 9:35 AM: Making the Most of your University Experience

Interactive session that allows students to learn about student life, involvement opportunities, and more.

9:40 AM - 9:55 AM: Financial Aid 101

Quick, focused session on the most important financial aid information, followed by a brief Q&A.

10:00 AM - 10:10 AM: Business Services Overview

Brief session highlighting the key services available to students, with contact information for follow-up questions.

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM: Break

10:35 AM - 10:50 AM: IT & Library Services Overview

Interactive demonstration of essential digital resources and library tools, providing hands-on experience.

10:55 AM - 11:25 AM: Orientation Kahoot

Test your knowledge on what you have learned thus far!

11:30 AM - 11:40 AM: Student Conduct & Title IX Overview

Brief session providing an overview of the Student Conduct & Title IX Overview.

11:45 AM - 12:15 PM: Campus Tour & Scavenger Hunt

A combined activity where students are guided through the campus, discovering key locations and completing small challenges or questions at each stop.

12:20 PM – 12:30 PM – Break**12:45 PM – 1:15 PM: Buccaneer Welcome Reception**

Celebrate the start of your UVI journey at this special welcome ceremony! New students will receive their official Buccaneer medallions, symbolizing their place in the UVI community. Join us for this memorable moment of pride, tradition, and connection as you begin your academic journey.

1:15 PM - 3:00 PM: Lunch, Network and Entertainment

Informal lunch where students can continue conversations with Academic Deans, faculty, and peers. Encourage Deans to rotate among tables for broader interaction. Musical Entertainment.

Saturday, January 10, 2026**5:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Welcome Back Bowling Night (Off-Campus – Tropical Ten Pins Bowling Alley)**

Join us for a fun and relaxed evening at Tropical Ten Pins Bowling Alley as we welcome both new and returning students! This off-campus social event includes bowling, music, and light refreshments, all designed to help you connect with fellow Buccaneers and kick off the semester with great energy. Hosted by Student Life & Leadership Development, the event also supports community building and student engagement. Transportation will be provided from the Sheen Campus. RSVP is required to help us coordinate headcount and bus logistics.

Sunday, January 11, 2026**11:00 AM – 4:00 PM: HBCU Poolside Event (Location: Vincent Mason Coral Resort – Fredericksted Pool)**

Make a splash as we celebrate the start of the semester at our signature HBCU Poolside Event, hosted by the Division of Student Affairs at the beautiful Vincent Mason Coral Resort in Frederiksted. Enjoy music by DJ Karl, free food, games, giveaways, and opportunities to connect with student organizations. This high-energy event sets the tone for our Week of Welcome and is the perfect way to meet new friends and engage with the UVI community. Transportation will be available if needed. RSVP is required to assist with planning and transportation safety.

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM: Residential Community Meeting

All residential students are required to attend this important start-of-semester meeting. You'll meet the Residence Life team, review community expectations, and hear key updates about living on campus. This is a great chance to connect, ask questions, and set the tone for a successful semester together.

Got Questions?

If you have any questions or concerns about the information provided on this schedule, please contact Ms. Anyha Lord, Coordinator of Career Services and Student Employment, at alord@uvi.edu or (340) 692-4180.