

Greetings Spartan!

We are just one week away from your virtual Spring Orientation session! This serves as confirmation that you are signed up to attend the session on **Friday, January 15, 2021**. Remember that Spring Orientation is the mandatory one-day virtual orientation experience that all incoming transfer students are required to attend, which includes being present for the entire duration of the program. **If you do not attend your session, or if you leave during any portion of Spring Orientation, you will be blocked from registering for classes and will NOT be able to attend SJSU in Spring 2021.** If you have decided to withdraw your Spring admission to SJSU, please email nextsteps@sjsu.edu.

Below you will find important information and resources regarding your orientation.

Spring Orientation check-in will begin at 8:00am (PST) and will end at 8:15am (PST). Students who join late will not be permitted to participate in the event, so please be on time! Spring Orientation will start promptly at 8:15am (PST) and will end once you have completed the final advising session and course registration review. Click [HERE](#) to view the full orientation schedule for more details in addition to the outline below.

Spring Orientation Schedule + Zoom Links:

To find the 2021 Virtual Spring Orientation schedule and Zoom links please visit the SJSU Orientation Canvas shell. All Zoom links will be available beginning 12:00AM the day of your orientation. If you don't have access to the [SJSU Orientation Canvas](#) shell please email us. **You can view step by step guide on how to access Zoom links via Canvas [HERE](#).**

Before Attending Spring Orientation, You Must:

- Know your 9-digit SJSU student ID number and password to access your [Spartan App Portal](#).
- Check your [MySJSU messages](#) and [SJSU email](#) daily to stay on top of deadlines and messages from the university containing important and timely information.
- Ensure that technical requirements needed to participate in Spring Orientation are met, which are: (1) Zoom, (2) an internet connection, and (3) a device that has video and audio capabilities. Be sure to [download Zoom](#) software prior to your session to avoid technical difficulties or delays. You will also need your SJSU credentials (same as first point) to log in to Zoom.
- Complete [Spartan Link](#), the online pre-orientation module, **prior** to attending your virtual orientation.
- Download the official app for San Jose State University, also known as the SAMMY app [HERE](#).
- Review and get familiar with the [SJSU Orientation Canvas](#) shell that you will need to access during orientation.

Writing Skills Test (WST):

- SJSU has temporarily suspended offering the **Writing Skills Test (WST)**, which is a prerequisite to 100W and SJSU Studies courses (GE Areas R, S, and V). To prevent any barriers to students' progress to degree, and to allow students to enroll in 100W and SJSU Studies courses (GE Areas R, S, and V) for Summer 2021 and Spring 2021, an alternative process has been created. To implement this directive, SJSU will temporarily offer a [WST Directed Self Placement](#) alternative for students to help them select their 100A or 100W course for Summer and/or Spring 2021. If you still have questions after completing the [WST Directed Self Placement](#), you may consult with your College Success Center Academic Advisors during your afternoon advising session.

Unforeseen inability to attend Spring Orientation :

- If you experience an unforeseen circumstance that prevents you from attending the virtual Spring Orientation session you selected, you must email us at transfer-orientation@sjsu.edu **no later than 48 hours after the conclusion of your scheduled session.**
- You will be asked to provide verifiable documentation of the extenuating circumstances that were beyond your control to support your absence if you want to reschedule to a later orientation date.
- Emails and documents received outside of the 48 hour window after your Spring Orientation session will not be considered and the student's admission will be withdrawn.

Orientation Accessibility Accommodations

- Students who need live captioning or other accommodations during their virtual orientation should contact the Accessible Education Center (AEC) at aec-info@sjsu.edu as soon as possible or at least two weeks prior to their scheduled virtual orientation.

FREE Virtual Parent & Family Orientation:

- This spring we are offering a free virtual Parent & Family Orientation for transfer parents, families and supporters. The virtual Parent & Family Orientation will take place on Thursday, January 14 at 4:30 PM. Visit the [Parent & Family Orientation website](#) for more information.

We look forward to e-meeting you at Spring Orientation!

Sincerely,

New Student & Family Programs

Email: transfer-orientation@sjsu.edu

Website: sjsu.edu/newspartans

Instagram: @sjsu_newspartans

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