



Welcome to the University of the Virgin Islands Spring 2015 Semester

Dear Student:

WELCOME to the Buccaneer family! The members of the University community are looking forward to your arrival on the St. Thomas campus of the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI). We are happy that you have decided to attend UVI. The pursuit of a college education will probably be one of the most exciting and rewarding challenges of your life. Research indicates that students who attend and actively participate in an orientation program benefit by having a greater level of satisfaction with their University experience. Additionally, they are more likely to remain in college than those who do not attend such programs. The primary objective of our student orientation program is to support and assist new students in becoming academically successful as they transition to UVI.

To access the Orientation Schedule, click [here](#) to view the several days of activities. During these days you will have the opportunity to:

- ❖ Meet new classmates
- ❖ Interact with University administrators, faculty, staff, and student leaders
- ❖ Become familiar with campus facilities
- ❖ Attend orientation sessions
- ❖ Meet individually with your faculty advisor and discuss your academic program for the spring semester
- ❖ Register for classes
- ❖ Tour UVI Turf
- ❖ Participate in workshops and discussion groups designed to meet your concerns and interests as a new or transfer student

New freshmen and transfer students are required to attend ALL sessions of the orientation program. On Monday, January 5, 2015, check-in for new residential students will begin at 12:00pm, at your assigned residence hall. Additionally, please note that there will be a **mandatory** meeting at 7:00pm in your respective residence hall on this same date. When you check-in, you will receive a welcome packet, the 2014-16 UVI Catalog, and other pertinent information. **Please bring all materials that you receive to the orientation program.**

The Enrollment Confirmation Form and a \$100.00 enrollment deposit are due prior to orientation. The \$100.00 fee is applied toward your tuition. If you have not submitted your enrollment deposit, please do so before the deadline. Your Enrollment Confirmation enables us to plan more effectively for your orientation program and classes. **If you are arriving from outside the United States Virgin Islands, book your flight early, preferably as soon as you have received information about your residence hall assignment or have secured off-campus housing accommodations. It is very important that you do not arrive in St. Thomas without confirmation of your housing status (on-campus or off-campus).**

We look forward to seeing you at the New Student Orientation activities in January!

Sincerely,

Nicole Gibbs, Ed. D.
Vice Provost for Access and Enrollment Services