Embark Schedule

New Scots Orientation

- student event  - parent & family event  - student & family event

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17 – THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

International Student Orientation
Students who are not U.S. citizens need to attend International Student Orientation to learn about visa maintenance, complete paperwork, and receive information about being a student at Covenant. Contact marie.fennema@covenant.edu in the Office of Admissions for further information.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Move in & Unpack for all varsity soccer players & varsity volleyball players
Athletes will receive a detailed schedule for the week ahead from their coaches.

Residence Halls

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Athletes' Family Orientation
Families who will not be returning to campus on the 20th are invited to attend a special orientation session.

Brock 118/120

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Move in for all cross country runners
Athletes will receive a detailed schedule for the week ahead from their coaches.

Residence Halls

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Athletes' Family Orientation
Families who will not be returning to campus on the 20th are invited to attend a special orientation session.

Brock 214
FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  Move in & Unpack
Come directly to your assigned residence hall. Students, faculty, and staff will be available to help you move into your room. If you are unsure of your room assignment, come to the Welcome Desk in Carter Hall Lobby first. Staff will be stationed there to help direct you to your residence hall.
All Commuters should come directly to the Welcome Desk in the Carter Hall Lobby to pick up their orientation packet.

Residence Halls 🏠 | 🏠

For Your Convenience

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.  Orientation Welcome Desk open
The Orientation Welcome Desk will be open all day. Please stop by with any questions.

Carter Hall Lobby 🏠 | 🏠

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Orientation Registration
College offices will be open all day to assist you in preparing for the semester. Please refer to the O-Week checklist that you will receive upon your arrival. This checklist can also be found in the O-Week app.

Various Locations 🏠 🏠

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Family Lounge
Families are welcome to stop by the President’s Room to rest, refresh, and enjoy fellowship with one another as well as members of the Parents Council.

President’s Room, Probasco 205 🏠

11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  Lunch
Meal tickets may be purchased in Carter Lobby with cash, check, or credit. Cost is a special Move-In Day rate of $5.00 per person – no charge for children under age three.

Craig M. Lyon Great Hall 🏠 | 🏠

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  Financial Aid & Accounting Office Informational Session for Families
Childcare provided in Maclellan/Rymer Hall Caudle Room
Learn about financial aid, account balances and paying student bills.
2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Transfer Student Meeting
Students transferring from other institutions should attend this meeting to receive information specific to transfer students and meet other transfers.

Sanderson 215

3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Multicultural Program Student Reception
This reception is hosted by the Multicultural Program, which works throughout the year in helping students from diverse cultures adjust to life at Covenant. Students in an ethnic or cultural minority, domestic and international, are strongly encouraged to attend.

Mills 2nd Lobby

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Class of 2025 Picture & O-Team Meetings
Students will gather for pictures and meet with their Orientation Team leaders to prepare for the week ahead. Students will need to bring their Orientation Folder to this meeting.

Chapel Steps

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Family Orientation
Families are invited to come hear from Student Development staff and the Parents Council regarding the transition to Covenant.

Childcare provided in Maclellan/Rymer Hall Caudle Room

Chapel

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Student Athlete Family Meeting with Athletic Director
Families of student athletes are encouraged to attend this meeting with Tim Sceggel, Athletics Director.

Childcare provided in Maclellan/Rymer Hall Caudle Room

Chapel

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Alumni Reception
Covenant College Alumni are invited to an hors d'oeuvres reception.

Lucas Art Workshop

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Dinner
Student meal plan begins. Students will use their Orientation nametag as a temporary meal card. Family members may
purchase tickets in Carter Lobby with cash, check, or credit. Cost is a special Move-In Day rate of $5.00 per person – no charge for children under age three.

Craig M. Lyon Great Hall

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Welcome Meeting with President Halvorson and Prayer with Rev. Grant Lowe

Dr. Derek Halvorson, Covenant College President, will welcome new students and families to the college. Join other new students and families for a time of prayer led by Grant Lowe, Covenant College Chaplain.

Childcare provided in Maclellan/Rymer Hall Caudle Room

Chapel

9:00 p.m. Hall Meetings

Students will meet on their halls with their Resident Assistants and their hall mates for an opportunity to get to know one another.

{Off-Campus students will meet Saturday morning at 11:45 a.m. in Brock Hall 214.}

Residence Halls

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

Guests may purchase tickets at the door with cash or check only. Cost is $10.00 per person. Tickets for children ages three to twelve cost $6.00 per person. No charge for children under age three.

Craig M. Lyon Great Hall

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Opening Christian Mind Lecture with Dr. Derek Halvorson

Students and their families will come together for a time of worship followed by Dr. Derek Halvorson, Covenant College President, delivering the first lecture of the Christian Mind course.

Childcare provided in Maclellan/Rymer Hall Caudle Room

Chapel

10:50 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Q & A with Student Development

Student Development Staff will answer your questions!

Childcare provided in Maclellan/Rymer Hall Caudle Room
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  Lunch
Guests may purchase tickets at the door with cash or check only. Cost is $10.00 per person. Tickets for children ages three to twelve cost $6.00 per person. No charge for children under age three.

_Craig M. Lyon Great Hall_

11:45 a.m.
Off Campus Student Meeting
All students living off campus are required to attend. This is a great opportunity to hear about ways to be involved in the campus community. Families are invited to attend.

_Brock 214_

11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  Family Farewells
Students are encouraged to say their farewells to their families Saturday afternoon.

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  Embark O'lympics
Orientation Teams will compete in several community building exercises.

_Shadowlands (?)_

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  Dinner with Your Hall
Students will fellowship with their RA and other students on their hall over dinner.

_Craig M. Lyon Great Hall_

7:00 p.m.  - 9:30 p.m.  O-Fest
Students are invited to enjoy food trucks and outdoor activities.

_Brock Lawn and Chapel Lawn_

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 22**

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  Breakfast
_Craig M. Lyon Great Hall_

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  Worship at a local church
Directions to churches are available in the lobbies of the residence halls. RAs, O-Team members, and other upperclassmen are eager to give rides as needed.  

Various Locations

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch  
Craig M. Lyon Great Hall

4:30 p.m. Dinner in Faculty and Staff Home  
Students will meet with their Orientation Team leaders and travel to have dinner in the homes of Covenant Faculty and Staff members.

8:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Student-led Prayer & Praise  
Chapel

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast  
Craig M. Lyon Great Hall

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Worship & Devotional  
Join the new student class in the chapel for a time of worship. Additionally, hear announcements about the orientation schedule.  
Chapel

8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Reformed Theology 101  
Dr. Hans Madueme will provide some foundational information about reformed theology.  
Childcare provided in Maclellan/Rymer Hall Caudle Room  

Chapel

9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Christian Mind Discussion Groups  
See orientation folder for individual times.  
Various Locations

10:50 a.m. -11:05 a.m. A Word from Student Senate  
Hear from the Student Body President and Vice President about opportunities to lead and serve on campus.  
Chapel

11:10 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. Covenant College Traditions  
Learn about special traditions and songs.  
Chapel
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  Lunch
  Craig M. Lyon Great Hall

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  Advising & Schedule Verification
  See orientation folder for individual times
  Faculty Offices

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  Chattanooga Night
  You’ll soon find Chattanooga to be your new home away from home. Enjoy eating dinner downtown with your O-Team and exploring Chattanooga.
  *Bring money for dinner.
  Meet at Ashe Gym

9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  ScotsTrivia
  Prizes for the first place team.
  Brock 118

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  Breakfast
  Craig M. Lyon Great Hall

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.  Worship & Devotional
  Chapel

9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.  Christian Mind Lecture
  Dan MacDougall will speak on “Special Revelation”
  Chapel

9:50 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.  Library Orientation
  Chapel

10:20 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.  Presentation of the Mark 10:45 Service Project
  Chapel

10:50 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.  Christian Mind Discussion Groups
  See orientation folder for individual times.
  Various Locations

11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  Lunch
  Craig M. Lyon Great Hall

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Mark 10:45 Service Project
Meet your Christian Mind small group at your respective location before being dispersed to your assigned service opportunity. This service project is an opportunity for new students to serve the Chattanooga-area community.

Various Locations

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Dinner with your O-Team
   Craig M. Lyon Great Hall

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The O-Show
   An unforgettable experience of O-Team leaders' talents.
   Chapel

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. The Blink*
   The Blink will open for snacks.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The Blink*
   The Blink will open for pastries and coffee.

9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Worship & Devotional
   Chapel

10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. Christian Mind Lecture
   Brian Fikkert will speak on "Creation-Fall-Redemption and the Kingdom of God"
   Chapel

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Carter Tower Tours
   Orientation groups will have the opportunity to participate in a Covenant College tradition. O-Team leaders will communicate an assigned time for each group to tour the tower.
   Carter Hall Lobby

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch
   Craig M. Lyon Great Hall

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. The Blink*
   The Blink will open for snacks.

Students are encouraged to use the remainder of Wednesday to finish unpacking, complete paperwork, and rest before classes start on Thursday.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26
8:00 a.m. Classes begin

11:00 a.m. Opening Convocation
              Chapel

9:30 p.m. The Late Show
              Mandatory Residence Hall Meeting
              Chapel

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. The Blink*
              The Blink will open for snacks.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Covenant Community Picnic & Concert
              There will be dinner and live music as students have the
              opportunity to fellowship with faculty and staff and their
              families.
              Brock Lawn

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. The Blink*
              The Blink will open for snacks.

Normal operating hours for college offices are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*The Blink (Student café and snack bar located on the first floor of Carter Hall)
Hours of Operation:
Starting Thursday, August 26th
Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m and 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
Saturday & Sunday 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Shuttle
Shuttle Number: (929) 390-1458
Shuttle Stops: Green flags at Carter Circle, Ashe Activity Center (Gym), and Shadowlands
Hours of Operation: Friday, August 20 - 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
                        Saturday, August 21 - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

*This schedule is subject to change.