

## Frequently Asked Questions *ACCESS Orientation Program* Summer 2022

### *What is the ACCESS Orientation Program?*

The ACCESS Orientation Program is for first-time freshmen who have been accepted for admission to Morgan State University for the Fall 2022 semester. The Program provides the opportunity for students to become prepared for their college classes and campus life. It increases their chances of a smooth high school to college transition. Morgan State University recognizes that the freshman year is a challenge for all new students. Participation in this program provides activities and interactions with faculty, professional staff and classmates, which will help students have a successful first year.

### *How much does the ACCESS Orientation Program cost?*

The ACCESS Orientation Program costs **\$300.00**. It is **non-refundable**. The combined orientation and confirmation fee is **\$300** for all ACCESS Orientation Program participants who **register online before May 15, 2022**. The ACCESS Orientation Program is a four-day, three night, in-person experience; late fees may be applied after May 15th. The **\$300** fee is non-refundable; students who do **not** attend one of the orientation program weeks will **not** receive a refund.

### *Is participation in the ACCESS Orientation Program mandatory?*

Yes, **all first-time freshmen are required to participate** in the ACCESS Orientation Program. The ACCESS Orientation program is mandatory for all new freshmen (except CASA and transfer students). Immediately following the deadline for registration on May 15<sup>th</sup>, registered ACCESS students will receive an introductory email with an embedded video and a written checklist outlining the program details and format. Sessions are scheduled in July to assure that students complete all the necessary steps to begin their college experience before August 1, 2022. This includes placement testing, academic advisement, registration for appropriate classes, and completion of the financial aid, billing and payment processes.

### *When do I take the Freshman Placement Exam?*

**All Morgan freshmen are required to take a mathematics placement exam. Freshmen have the opportunity to participate in the ALEKS online math prep course.** New freshmen have an opportunity to improve math placement by working online from home using the ALEKS PPL math placement exam. The cost for the ALEKS online math placement exam and prep course is included in the ACCESS Orientation Program registration. Students can practice the math placement test from home in an effort to avoid being placed in Math 106 (Developmental Math), a 3-credit prep course that does **not** count toward graduation requirements. The ALEKS PPL online prep course includes up to four math placement exams with online remediation modules. Once you register for the ACCESS Orientation Program and pay the **\$300** registration fee, you will receive an online access code for the ALEKS PPL online placement exam prep course. Students must login to ALEKS and complete their math placement exam(s) **before they attend their in-person orientation session**. There will be no reading placement testing for Summer 2022 first-time freshmen. Instead, the Office of Institutional Research (IR) will provide guidance in determining which incoming freshmen will be required to take the ALCR 101 (Analytical and Critical Reading) course based on SAT or ACT scores, high school GPA, and/or grades in specific high school courses.

### *Can I select my roommate for the ACCESS Orientation Program?*

**No, students will be randomly assigned roommates of the same gender.**

### *Do have have to get the Covid vaccine?*

All students must be **fully vaccinated** at least **14 days prior** to the first day of their selected ACCESS Orientation Program session. Students will be required to upload proof of their vaccination status at least 14 days **before** their campus check-in for ACCESS. Booster shots are strongly encouraged, but full vaccination is **required** for participation. Instructions for vaccination verification will be emailed to students. For information on how Morgan is handling the COVID-19 pandemic, visit our website at [www.morgan.edu/coronavirus](http://www.morgan.edu/coronavirus).

### *Do I have to live on campus during the ACCESS Orientation Program?*

**Yes, students must live on campus during the ACCESS Orientation Program.** On-campus housing and all meals are provided during each in-person session and are included in the **\$300** program fee. There will be an all-virtual, online orientation option for students who are **not** able to live on campus during the four-day, three-night orientation experience. Students who register for the all-virtual, online option will receive a series of emails from the ACCESS Orientation Program Coordinator, each providing information on required activities and/or components of the orientation to be completed by specific deadlines.

### *Can parents participate in the ACCESS Orientation Program?*

Parents are invited to attend the Opening Program on the first day of orientation and a parent workshop on the second day of the Program. Once the registration deadline passes on May 15, 2022, more information will be emailed to students and parents about the in-person program schedule and agenda.

### *When do I report to the ACCESS Orientation Program?*

The Orientation Program begins with the Opening Program on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Students must check-in to assigned residence halls between 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm to ensure being on time for the Opening Program. The Program ends on Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Students will receive their residence hall assignments in an orientation program confirmation email. Students will receive the detailed Orientation Program schedule at the Opening program on the first day of the ACCESS Orientation Program on Sunday.

### *What should I bring to the ACCESS Orientation Program?*

Students should bring regular size twin sheets, pillow covers, pillow, bedspread, blanket or comforter, toiletries, washcloths, and towels; also, notebook, paper, pens, and personal clothing (including a "dress/professional" outfit for the Closing Ceremony). Computer labs will be available for students.

### *How do the ACCESS Orientation Program, the PACE Program and the CASA Academy Program differ?*

The CASA Academy is a six-week summer bridge program for first-time freshman who do not meet the University's minimum admission requirements. CASA Academy students are required to attend the six-week program as a condition of their admission to the University. The Pre-Freshman Accelerated Curriculum in Engineering (PACE) is a six-week intense program designed for engineering majors only. PACE is a highly competitive program and a very limited number of students are accepted. **Please note that students applying to PACE who are NOT accepted will be required to attend one of the ACCESS Orientation Programs. If a student registers for the ACCESS Orientation Program and is then accepted to the PACE Program, the \$300 registration fee will NOT be refunded.** Each of these summer programs is designed for different freshmen populations; freshmen will only attend only **one** of the programs.