

Class of 2024 FAQs for Virtual Fourth-Class Orientation & Summer Course Registration

A. Orientation Logistics

1. Is the Orientation self-paced? Yes!

- The Orientation has six (6) modules, and for most of the Orientation, students set their own schedule.
- Some modules take place over the entire three weeks, for example, “Cadence Call,” Physical Fitness.
- Other modules, for example, “Lift Off,” Welcome by Gen Walters, BG Selden, and CAPT Paluso, occur at the beginning of the Orientation and can be completed in a few minutes.
- The other four modules include essential information as well as information that can be reviewed at another time.
- No student should spend more than 45 minutes several times each week on the Orientation.
- Students may work on the modules during the day or in the evening for static videos and information. Live Instagram and Zoom meetings and chats will normally take place in the evenings at 7:00 P.M.
- All Orientation materials and modules will be stored online in Canvas (the online learning system), so cadets can review the materials at other times, as well.

2. How long will the Orientation take and is there a cost?

- The Orientation begins the evening of 6 July and concludes on 24 July.
- Students will be able to work on the modules several evenings each week and will sign up for live Zoom sessions that pique their interest.
- The Orientation is free to all incoming freshman students.

3. Can some parts be done without Wi-Fi?

- Students can use their smart phones as hot spots and connect their laptop to their phone.
- The Orientation has been formatted for smart phones, as well, so students can travel and still participate. Please download the Canvas app to access content on your smartphone.

B. Orientation Content: What topics will the Orientation cover?

1. “Lift Off” – Week #1, (6 minutes) Video Welcomes by:

- Gen Walters, President of The Citadel.
- BG Selden, Provost of The Citadel.
- CAPT Paluso, Commandant of Cadets at The Citadel.

2. “Wilco” – Canvas Orientation – the Citadel’s online learning system. Because so much instruction involves online competency, mastering Canvas will play an integral part in students’ success.

Week #1, (30 minutes) Incoming freshmen will learn how to:

- Conduct and interact with other students in Discussion Boards.
- Participate in Break-Out Rooms as well as Chat Rooms.
- Create and upload projects, complete homework assignments, as well as, take quizzes and tests.

3. “Roll Call” – Cadet Life

Week #2, (30-45 minutes) Incoming freshmen will:

- Learn the Citadel Alma Mater with world renowned opera singer and class of '91 Morris Robinson
- Participate in interactive sessions with rank-holding upper-class cadets to include live Zoom meetings with Q & A, as well as, short inspirational videos.
- Watch a virtual campus tour of academic buildings, barracks, and physical fitness facilities.
- Become familiar with student support programs and resources to include the Student Success Center, Disability Services, Counseling Services, as well as, Ombudsmen, just to name a few.
- Engage in live discussions with other incoming freshmen concerning Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

4. “Pre-Flight” – Career Services

Week #3, (30 minutes) Incoming freshmen will:

- Participate in Instagram Live Video with Career Services Director, Mrs. Page Tisdale.
- View alumni videos discussing the selection of majors at The Citadel with tips on how to select the correct major.
- Watch a video of Alumni Career Day which takes place on the Citadel campus.

5. “Mission Ready” – Academic Affairs

Week #3, (30-45 minutes) Incoming freshmen will:

- Learn about the Class Absence System.
- Review the steps to check their grades.
- Meet Department Chairs and Deans through virtual Zoom sessions.
- Participate in one-on-one academic advising to include reviewing and/or registering for fall classes.

6. “Cadence Call” – Physical Fitness

Weeks #1, 2, 3, (30 - 60 minutes twice to three times each week).

Incoming freshmen will:

- Participate in virtual workouts after viewing demonstrations by cadet Athletic Officers.
- Engage in Instagram Live about ‘The Citadel: How WE Workout.’