First Year Experience

All incoming students are welcomed to the Taylor community as part of the First Year Experience program. This begins with the summer orientation program, which is designed to help you feel more acquainted with campus, meet other members of the Taylor community, and have your questions answered as you prepare for the beginning of the school year. The school year begins with Welcome Weekend, an opportunity for students to build on the relationships started in summer orientation, start to make the transition academically, and prepare spiritually for the Taylor experience that awaits you.

During your freshman year, the First Year Experience program is designed to make the transition to Taylor smooth and comfortable. The program consists of curricular and co-curricular aspects which help new students integrate into the Taylor culture and help you in understanding your relationship to the intellectual, social, and spiritual climate of Taylor University. The curricular component is a foundational core course—IAS 101 First Year Experience—in which all first-time freshmen are enrolled the first half of the Fall semester. Through lectures and peer-led small group discussions, the topics of campus resources, college adjustment, student engagement, holistic development, and diverse perspectives are addressed.