Orientation and Transitions (OAT)

Mission Statement
The Office of Orientation and Transitions (http://www.apu.edu/transitions) helps transition students into and through the university setting and encourages them in developing their God-given talents to help them gain a sense of belonging, develop holistically, persist to graduation, and find God’s calling in their lives.

Essence Statement
The Office of Orientation and Transitions oversees a variety of programs and activities that help students excel during their time at APU. We believe that we have the opportunity to believe in, call out, advocate for, and intentionally express the value of each and every student by empowering them to thrive. Students will be most successful when given a greater sense of belonging, opportunities to practice self-efficacy, and tools to shape perspective-taking.

Welcome Weekend
We desire for new students and their families to feel a sense of belonging, and we accomplish this by creating programs around university resources, expectations, university culture, and more.

Leadership Development
We desire to develop our student leaders’ sense of belonging through our leadership development programs, mentorship, and intentional layers of support.

First-Year Experience
We desire to support all students’ sense of belonging in their first year at APU through Welcome Weekend programs and the Alpha program (orientation groups for freshmen and transfer students).

Second-Year Experience
We desire for second-year students to experience a sense of belonging through our program focused on sophomore students called APUTWO.