Welcome to SOAR
STUDENT ORIENTATION
ADVISING & REGISTRATION
World of Public Service

Justice
Safety
Security
Why Public Service?

Helping People
Making a Difference
Working to effect social change

Becoming involved in your local community
Personal satisfaction and achievement
Human trafficking has become the second most profitable industry, after drug trafficking.

Solving Important Problems
## Career Focus

(So now what is my whole life supposed to be about?)

### Finding who did it
- Criminal Justice
- Forensic Science
- Fire Science
- Intelligence Analysis (National Security)

### Helping who needs it
- Criminal Justice
- Homeland Security
- Emergency Management
- Intelligence Analysis (National Security)
- International Affairs

### How to prevent it
- Criminal Justice
- Homeland Security
- Emergency Management
- Intelligence Analysis (National Security)
- International Affairs
Criminal Justice

Chair – David Myers

Investigative Services
Police Science
Crime Analysis
Crime Victim Services
Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention
Offender Rehabilitation & Supervision
Fire Science

Chair – Sorin Iliescu

Fire Administration
Fire Arson Investigation

B.S. Emergency Management
B.S. Fire Protection Engineering
National Security

Chair - Jeff Treistman

B.S. Homeland Security
B.S. Intelligence Analysis
B.A. International Affairs
Forensic Science

Chair – Pete Valentin

Biology
Chemistry
First Semester FAQs

• **What can students expect during their first term?**
  - You need to work hard – at both your classes and meeting new people

• **What are the first things to do upon arrival...or even before arrival?**
  - Reach out to roommates, look at what clubs to join, start thinking about study-abroad

• **What are typical first-year tasks?**
  - CHECK YOUR EMAIL!!!!
  - Getting used to people who are not like you. GET TO KNOW YOUR CAMPUS!! And all it has to offer.
  - Orientations and Charge-In are scheduled for when you arrive, at which time you can get better acquainted with faculty and fellow students

• **What special programs and events should they anticipate?**
  - GET INVOLVED with recognized student organizations – ACJA, Forensic Science Club, National Security Club, Fire Science Club
Core Curriculum

Develop six basic competencies among all University undergraduate students, so we are graduating students who are:

- Good thinkers, speakers, and writers,
- Skilled at analysis and problem solving,
- Skilled at using computer technology,
- Effective citizens of their own country and the world,
- Aware of cultural similarities and differences, and
- Perceptive of artistic accomplishments

Choose 40 credits from among six categories after consultation with advisor

- Some core category courses are mandated by major

The UNCommon Course
First Semester Schedule

Electronic Survey
- Special groups
- Electives
- Jobs
- Commuting

Development of schedule based on the student’s own responses

Changes to schedule under *extenuating* circumstances
- Language Placement Error
- Placement – reevaluate at CLR following SOAR
- Job
- Elective changes
- Athletes/Marching Band
Advising

Director – Randy Sanders

All Students are assigned a full-time faculty member as an advisor. Advisors are there for you to seek assistance with career advice, mentoring, and assistance with any other aspect of your college experience.

Scheduling advice is handled a little differently …

Scheduling advice from the Lee College Advising Center:
• First and second Year Criminal Justice and National Security students
• First year Forensic Science students

Third- and Fourth-year Criminal Justice and National Security students are advised by their faculty advisor

All other majors are advised by faculty advisor
Career Advice

Career Development Center
• Assistance with job search, resumes, cover letters
• Internships
• Assistance does not end with graduation

Faculty
• Academic advisors
• Other faculty
Dual Degree and Pathways

A graduate degree within 5 calendar years

Dual Degree/Direct Entry – Apply First Year
Pathways – Apply Sophomore/Junior Year

- Criminal Justice+
- Criminal Justice /Forensic Technology
- Forensic Science /Biology or Chemistry
- National Security+...
Resources for Students

- Department Chairs/ UG Coordinators
- Dean of Students Office
- Living/Educational Learning Communities
- Office of the University Registrar
- Center for Student Success
- Community Service
- Health Services
- Intercultural Relations
- Spiritual Life and Campus Ministry
- Student Engagement
- Student Organizations
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records.

FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children’s education records.

These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level.

Generally, schools must have written permission from the student in order to release any information from a student's education record.
High Impact Practices

Academic Service Learning
Co-Op Program
Research
• Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow – SURF
• Faculty Mentored undergraduate research
• Honors Thesis
Study Abroad
• Prato, Italy – Semester Long
• Short Term or Summer Study Abroad
• Semester/Full Year Abroad

Two HIP requirements in most degrees, and those interested in Public Service should consider two semesters abroad