The Orientation Process

New Student and Family Programs
Student Affairs

Orientation Hotlines

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Orientation is **mandatory** for all new students.

Undergraduate freshman, transfer, and international students

Drexel Preview Online

- Online resource for getting started at Drexel. Central location to understand next steps.
- Launches: **Early May**
- Complete: **Before Orientation**
- Access through: **DrexelOne** (BbLearn)
- Pre-Orientation with videos & written content directing students to complete certain tasks.
- Topic Areas: *Academic Advising, Co-op, DegreeWorks, Drexel Central, International Visa Requirements, Placement Exams, University Housing, Commuter Student Engagement*

Orientation

General Information – See Summer, Transfer & Fall Orientation information on opposite side.

- On-campus event where students and families meet each other and experience campus life.
- Pre-Registration Opens: **Early May**
- Pre-Registration Closes: **One week before each session**
- **Confirmation Email** (arrival instructions, parking permit): Sent to all pre-registered participants one week before the session begins.
- **Students should only attend 1 Orientation**. Specific populations attend specific Orientation sessions:
  - Domestic Freshman Students: **Summer Orientation** (July 7-Aug. 5)
  - Domestic Transfer Students: **Transfer Orientation** (Aug. 8) or **Fall Orientation** (Sept. 16-17)
  - International Students: **Fall Orientation** (Sept. 16-17)
- **Exemption Process**:
  - Domestic freshman students in extreme financial circumstances may apply for an exemption from Summer Orientation to attend Fall Orientation.
  - The Exemption Request Form will be available in early May on the Summer Orientation website.
  - Students who are granted an exemption will be automatically registered for Fall Orientation.

New Student Days

- Sign up for a **move-in date** in August (*students will receive an email from University Housing*).
- **Early Move-In** (fees apply): Tuesday, Sept. 16 & Wednesday, Sept. 17
- **Move-In Deadline** (no fee): Thursday, Sept. 18
- **Event Overview**:
  - **Mandatory Floor Meetings**: Students attend one on the evening of their arrival (8 p.m.)
  - **Nightly Programming** (Monday through Sunday): Pen Pal Meet & Greet, DragonPalooza, Hypnotist, Night on the Row, University Cook Out & Carnival, Casino Night, Movie on the Lawn
  - **Commuter Connection Day**: Thursday, Sept. 18
  - **Mandatory Events begin Friday** (College/School Welcome Events).
  - **New Student Induction Ceremony**: 4 – 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 19
  - ***Open Arts Philly* Experience Philadelphia Day** (Zoo, Academy of Natural Science): Saturday, Sept. 20
  - **Class Schedule Tours**: Sunday, Sept. 21

Summer Orientation

Domestic Freshman Students

- 2-day, overnight Orientation (Mon-Tue & Thu-Fri between July 7 and Aug. 5)
- College/School/Program-specific (see website for college-specific dates)
- **On-Campus Lodging** is available (fees apply). *This is an optional experience.*
  - New Students: one night free (shared room in a traditional-style hall, Kelly Hall)
  - New Students: $40/additional nights (up to one night early arrival & one night late departure)
  - Parents & Families: $70/person/night (private room in a shared suite, Race Hall)
  - Hotel discounts are also available.
- **General Schedule & Meals**:
  - Day 1: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. (Dinner included)
  - Day 2: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Breakfast & Lunch included)
- **Extended Orientation** (fees apply):
  - Arrive 1 day early (Sun or Wed)
  - Open to new students & families
  - Extended Orientation Fee: $15/person (+$40 Additional Lodging = $55 Total)
  - Includes: Dinner and a walking tour of Philadelphia
    - 4 – 6 p.m. Check-In
    - 6 – 8 p.m. Dinner
    - 8 – 10 p.m. Welcome & Walking Tour
- **Parents & Families** are encouraged to attend Summer Orientation (fees apply).
  - The Parent & Family Program runs separately from the New Student Program.
  - Combined student & family sessions include: Advising, Co-op, and Drexel Central.
  - Fees offset the cost of room rental, set-up, catering, printing, and meals.
  - 1-Day Registration Fee: $50/person (Day 1 is recommended if only attending one)
  - 2-Day Registration Fee: $75/person
  - **Sibling Orientation** (no fee):
    - High school-age family members (13-18)
    - Includes all meals, campus tour, and entertainment (recreation center, games, movie).

Transfer Orientation

Domestic Transfer Students

Programs that host their own Orientation (refer to Academic Adviser):
- Accelerated Career Entry BSN – ACE
- Part-Time or Saturday Scholars
- Graduate, Professional, or Online Students
- Drexel Network (BCC, DCCC, MCCC)

- 1-day Orientation (Friday, Aug. 8)
- All colleges/schools represented.
- This session is designed for local transfer students and non-traditional students (older).
- On-campus lodging is NOT available. Hotel discounts are available.
- **General Schedule & Meals**: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Breakfast & Lunch included)
- Extended Orientation is NOT available.
- Parents & Families are encouraged to attend Orientation. However, family-specific sessions are not available.
- **Student-Veteran Information Sessions** are available during Transfer & Fall Orientation.

Fall Orientation

International Students & Domestic Transfer Students (+Domestic Freshman Students granted an exemption from Summer Orientation)

Graduate Student Orientation:
Friday, Sept. 12

- 2-day Orientation (Tuesday, Sept. 16 – Wednesday, Sept. 17)
- All colleges/schools represented.
- Move-In/Check-In (fees may apply): Monday, Sept. 15
- Residential students will move-in to their Fall Housing Assignment.
- Commuter students should check-in at the Creese Student Center.
- On-campus lodging is NOT available for participants without Fall Housing Assignments.
- **International & Exchange Student Workshops** continue through Thursday, Sept. 18.
- General Schedule, Meals, Extended Orientation, and the Parent & Family Program are the same as Summer.