Drexel’s student orientation process is known as Welcome Week, which consists of events and activities that will help you hit the ground running and prepare you for life at the University. The fun kicks off with Move-In Weekend and is followed by a week of festivities designed to introduce you to campus, your respective college, and your fellow classmates. This celebratory and informative orientation gives all new Dragons, including both freshman and transfer students, the opportunity to be together for a full week before diving into classes.*

Your Welcome Week Experience

Be sure to mark your calendars for Welcome Week 2018, which begins on Saturday, September 15, and continues through Sunday, September 23. Classes officially begin on the following Monday.

Welcome Week is your time to acclimate to life at Drexel, both academically and socially. There will be hundreds of activities to participate in throughout the week — yes, hundreds — that will allow you to connect with your fellow new Dragons.

You’ll receive information regarding Welcome Week registration and the schedule of events via mail and email during the summer months.

Some of our students have shared their favorite aspects of Welcome Week from previous years. Here’s a sampling of what you have to look forward to:

Move-In Weekend

Prior to our Welcome Week festivities, all new freshman students living in Drexel residence halls will move into their rooms and connect with their roommates, as well as future classmates.

Commuter and Transfer Welcome Day

This day features a series of exciting communal activities designed to connect you with other incoming transfer and all freshman commuter students.

Kick-Off Event

One of the biggest and most memorable highlights of the week, the Kick-Off Event is your official welcome to Drexel University and the city of Philadelphia.

College and School Day

This will be an opportunity to spend time with the students, faculty, and professional staff in the college or school into which you’ve been admitted. You’ll learn important information about starting classes and what resources are available to support your success.

Convocation

Convocation marks the traditional beginning of the academic year and offers a chance to rededicate ourselves to Drexel’s mission of teaching, research, and service to society.

Other Favorites from Welcome Week 2017

• Brian Imbus: A memorable performance by the world-renowned hypnotist.
• Global Day: A time when Dragons came to ask questions, use their language skills, plan their travels, meet people from all places, and grow as global citizens.
• Night on the Row: A showcase of fraternity and sorority life here at the University.
• Dive-In Movie: A brand-new utilization of Drexel’s indoor athletic facilities — a movie enjoyed by guests lounging in the Daskalakis pool.

Accommodations

Accommodations for early move-in will be granted for religious observance reasons. Please call 1.800.2.DREXEL or email enroll@drexel.edu to submit a request for early move-in.

Students who wish to participate in Hillel’s early move-in program, Jewniversity, may visit the Drexel Hillel website at drexelhillel.org/jewniversity for more information.

If you have a disability and would like to request accommodations in order to participate in Welcome Week activities, please contact Disability Resources at 215.895.1401 or disability@drexel.edu.

*Incoming transfers joining us for the winter or spring terms will take part in a Welcome Day during the first week of classes. More information will be provided closer to the start of term.