WELCOME TO DELAWARE!

New Student Orientation
Summer Newsletter 2020
We’re so excited that you’ve decided to become a Blue Hen at the University of Delaware and, on behalf of the entire Orientation & Transition Programs staff, congratulations! We also want to send you and your family wishes of good health and hope during this challenging time.

To ease your transition to UD, we require that all new students participate in New Student Orientation (NSO), an experience designed to introduce you and your family to the UD community, help you learn everything you need to know to be successful, and welcome you to UD! As we communicated last month, NSO will be held virtually. While it is disappointing that we cannot all be together on campus, we encourage you to celebrate with pride this major milestone and take advantage of the many opportunities available to learn about your new community. We are here to support you in every way.

Inside you’ll find details about what you and your family can expect from your virtual NSO, including information about academic advising, how to connect with other UD students and your Orientation Leader (OL), and a checklist of tasks to complete.

We encourage you to contact us at otp@udel.edu or visit our website at udel.edu/studentlife/otp if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Overview of Virtual NSO

NSO is your roadmap to becoming a successful Blue Hen, and this self-paced, virtual experience will include several key components that occur throughout the summer, including:

• Academic advising and fall course selection
• An online orientation course designed to cover all you need to know about being a Blue Hen
• Live online information sessions and opportunities to meet other new students
Orientation Leaders

You’ll be guided through NSO by an Orientation Leader (OL). Your assigned OL will reach out to you in mid-June with information about next steps, including a schedule of virtual small group meetings with other incoming students, peer presentations about life as a Blue Hen and opportunities to connect socially throughout the summer.

Through your active participation in NSO this summer, you will:

· Learn about UD’s values, mission and campus communities.
· Get details on tech, transportation, housing, dining, student life, health & safety and more.
· Learn more about your academic college and meet with an academic advisor to create your first semester class schedule.

Each new student is billed a mandatory one-time fee for NSO, which includes the math placement exam and new student programming in the fall semester. This fee will appear on your first semester bill.

Academic Advising

One of the major components of NSO is academic advising. You will meet with an advisor in your college to select your fall semester courses. Advising appointments will occur weekdays from Monday, June 22, 2020 through Friday, July 17, 2020, with the exception of July 3.

Academic advising dates are specific to your college and major. If you need to change your major, please do so in your My Blue Hen Home prior to selecting an academic advising date.

To get started:

· Log in to your My Blue Hen Home at udel.edu/mybluehenhome
· In your checklist, click on the Virtual New Student Orientation (NSO) registration form
· Complete the form by Monday, June 8, 2020

If you need to change your selection, you can do so through the “Edit Registration” link in your confirmation email until June 8, 2020. After June 8, you will need to contact OTP directly at otp@udel.edu to make changes.

To make the most of your academic advisement appointment, make sure to:

· Complete your Math Placement Exam by June 16, 2020 via the link in your My Blue Hen Home.
· Check your UD email in June for additional instructions about your specific academic advising appointment.
· View the Meet Your College section in the online orientation course and complete other tasks in that section of the course.

Questions about your college or major? Visit advising.udel.edu/contact-us for your college’s contact information.
Orientation Course
In June, you’ll receive instructions for how to begin the online orientation course. The content will include several different sections, each with tasks to complete at your own pace. Sections will be released throughout the summer. Within the course, you’ll also be able to see a calendar of live info sessions being offered and opportunities to connect with your college and OL.

Family Orientation Experience
We want to ensure family members have the information, resources and support they need to help their Blue Hen thrive at UD and feel welcomed to our campus community.

The Family Orientation experience will include virtual sessions and panels that cover topics such as:

- The academic experience and expectations for your student
- Student engagement opportunities and resources
- Key campus resources and services for health, wellbeing and safety
- Stories and perspectives from the Orientation Leaders (OL) about their Blue Hen experiences

Family Orientation will be available through the Blue Hen Family Hub. Family members will receive an email invitation to join the Blue Hen Family Hub in mid-June, at which time they will be able to access orientation content and a variety of other UD resources.

Questions about Family Orientation?
Contact us at otp@udel.edu

All live sessions offered will also have recorded versions available in the Blue Hen Family Hub.

Prepare for Fall

Residence Life & Housing

First Year Students
The First Year 2020-2021 housing application priority deadline is June 15, 2020. Housing accommodation requests through Disability Support Services must also be submitted by this date.

Although students can apply for on campus housing after this date, applications must be completed by this date to request a specific roommate or apply to a Living Learning or Theme Housing Community. Visit udel.edu/reslife.

Transfer Students
On campus housing for fall 2020 Transfer students is not guaranteed and may not be available at all for the 2020-2021 academic year. However, the Office of the Dean of Students offers a guide to Off-Campus Living and other resources about living in Newark on their website: sites.udel.edu/deanofstudents/advocacy
Health & Wellbeing

Included in this mailer is an envelope from UD’s Student Health Services.

All incoming students are required to submit immunization and medical history forms via email by July 24, 2020

Additionally, students are required to have health insurance. Students can enroll in UD’s student insurance plan or fill out a waiver to show their own comparable insurance plan.

Enroll in, or opt out of, the University’s Student Health Insurance Plan beginning in mid-June at udel.edu/studentinsurance

Extended Orientation

UD offers two optional extended orientation programs in August, Summit and QUEST. These experiences allow new students to build a sense of belonging in their new campus community.

**SUMMIT** offers two outdoor experiences. Whether through Summit: Adventure, for those interested in the challenge of hiking along the Appalachian Trail, or Summit: Basecamp, a more relaxed program based in one of Delaware’s state parks, all Summit participants will return from these adventures with new friends and great memories!

**QUEST** is an on- and off-campus program that gives first-year students an early start in self-discovery and personal leadership development. Students gain confidence and skills that will support a successful transition to college!

As of now, we are planning to host these programs in person. However, in light of the uncertainty of the pandemic situation and with your safety as a top priority, we may need to consider alternatives.

For the latest details and to apply to Summit or QUEST, visit sites.udel.edu/nso/extended

1743 Welcome Days is a UD tradition that welcomes new students and serves as an extension of your orientation. You will connect with your peers while participating in activities that encourage self discovery, personal wellness, social responsibility, inclusivity and Blue Hen pride!

For the most updated details and event schedule, scan the QR code to download the Guidebook app and then search for the UD 1743 Welcome Days guide.

1743 details and a full event schedule will also be available by early August at udel.edu/nso/1743-welcome-days
Transfer Credit

The University of Delaware allows course transfer from appropriately accredited colleges and universities, and awards credit for certain examinations and education programs. Credit is available for college classes taken at other institutions before or after becoming a UD student, college preparatory, military experience, CLEP (College-level Examination Program), and more.

For specific information and instructions on seeking course or test evaluation, visit udel.edu/Registrar/Transfer.

The Associate Registrar for Transfer Services, Theresa Coulter-Thurley, is available to support you, as a transfer student, as you transition to UD. She can be reached at coultert@udel.edu or by appointment for a video chat.

New Blue Hen Checklist

☐ Log into your My Blue Hen Home to
  ☐ Complete the Academic Advising registration form by June 8
  ☐ Set up your UD email
  ☐ Complete your housing application
  ☐ Complete the Math Placement Exam by June 16

☐ Engage in virtual NSO starting mid-June
  ☐ Orientation course content will be added all summer long! Make sure to complete each section
  ☐ Once you hear from your OL, stay connected and participate in small group meetings and sessions

☐ Prepare for Academic Advising
  ☐ Check your UD email in mid-June for instructions to select your academic advising appointment time
  ☐ Complete the “Meet your College” section in the online orientation course

☐ Prepare for Fall
  ☐ Submit your required Medical History and Immunization forms to Student Health Services by July 24, 2020
  ☐ Enroll in, or opt out of, the University’s Student Health Insurance Plan at udel.edu/studentinsurance beginning in mid-June
  ☐ Download 1743 Welcome Days guide in the Guidebook app

☐ Get excited! You’re going to be a Blue Hen!