The University of Delaware strictly follows all current health protocols, including the wearing of masks and appropriate physical distancing. Some images in this newsletter may have been taken before these rules were implemented.
We’re excited that you are officially starting your journey as 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! NSO will be held virtually for both students and families. We encourage you to celebrate with pride this major milestone and take advantage of the many virtual 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, live Zoom sessions, 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,

Heather Kovanic
Director, Orientation & Transition Programs

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 will help you refresh your UD knowledge on key topics including:

- Academic advising and spring course selection
- Helpful resources, community expectations, and engagement opportunities
- Health and wellbeing as a Blue Hen
- Live online information sessions and opportunities to meet other new students

Through your active participation in NSO, you will:

- Learn about UD’s values, mission and campus communities.
- Get details on tech, transportation, housing, dining, student life, health & wellbeing, and more.
- Learn more about your academic college and meet with an academic advisor to create your class schedule.
SAVE THE DATE:
Winter NSO Live Session
February 6, 2021

We hope you and your family will join us on Saturday, February 6, from 1-4:30 p.m. for a live virtual orientation experience. The session will feature a welcome from UD administrators, opportunities to learn more about academic life and campus engagement and the chance to meet other new students. A panel discussion will follow so that you can ask any questions you may have before classes begin.

Register for this live orientation session in your My Blue Hen Home portal, udel.edu/mybluehenhome.

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

Academic Advising & Registering for Classes

One of the major components of NSO is academic advising. You will meet with an advisor in your college to select your spring semester courses. Contact your college now to schedule an academic advising appointment in December or January.

- College of Arts and Sciences: nso-advise@art-sci.udel.edu
- College of Agriculture and Natural Resources: anr-academics@udel.edu
- Lerner College of Business and Economics: lerner-advise@udel.edu
- College of Earth, Ocean and Environment: lmobrien@udel.edu
- College of Education and Human Development: kritz@udel.edu
- College of Engineering: eg-advisement@udel.edu
- College of Health Sciences: chs-advise@udel.edu
- Honors College: askhonors@udel.edu
- University Studies: kseymour@udel.edu

Preparing for Academic Advising

To make the most of your academic advisement appointment:

- If you have not already done so, complete your Math Placement Exam by February 2, 2021, via the link in your My Blue Hen Home portal.
- Review the first three sections of the online orientation course and complete the tasks in those sections.
- Questions about your college or major? Visit advising.udel.edu/contact-us

UD Resources

Admissions · udel.edu/admissions
Academic Advising · advising.udel.edu
Banking with PNC · pnc.com/ud
Bookstore, UD · udel.edu/bookstore
Computing and IT Support · it.udel.edu
Dean Of Students · udel.edu/deanofstudents
Dining Services · udel.edu/dining
First Year Experience · udel.edu/fye
Honors College · udel.edu/honors
Parent & Family Engagement · sites.udel.edu/families
Registrar · udel.edu/registrar
Residence Life & Housing · udel.edu/reslife
Student Financial Services · udel.edu/sfs
Student Veterans · udel.edu/students/veterans
Transfer Credit · udel.edu/registrar/transfer
Online Orientation Course

The self-paced online orientation course will give you an opportunity to learn and explore, while accomplishing important tasks to ensure you’re prepared. You’ll also be able to take advantage of live information sessions in early February to learn more about topics of interest to you.

The online orientation course is divided into six required sections. Your first three sections will be available to you in December, while the remaining sections will be available in January:

Section 1: Welcome to UD! An Overview of How to Navigate Online Orientation
Section 2: Important Academic Information and Resources
Section 3: Meet Your College
Section 4: Blue Hen 101
Section 5: Health & Wellbeing
Section 6: What’s Next?

To start the online orientation course, log in to Canvas, UD’s learning management system, with your UD email and password. If you have not set up your UD email address, log in to your My Blue Hen Home portal to do so. Once you are logged in to Canvas, from the Dashboard select the NSO Winter 2021 course and get started with Section 1.

udel.edu/canvas

New Student Orientation (NSO) Checklist

To complete your NSO and prepare for your first semester as a Blue Hen, plan to complete the following:

DECEMBER

☐ Set up your UD email.
☐ Take your math placement exam.

Tip: Most colleges won’t advise you without your math placement score.
☐ Contact your academic college to set up your spring academic advising appointment.

Prior to your academic advising appointment:
☐ Review the information in the Welcome, General Academic Information, and Meet your College Sections of the NSO Winter 2021 online course in Canvas.
☐ Complete any pre-advising forms provided to you by your college.

JANUARY

☐ Register to attend the synchronous orientation program on Saturday, February 6, from 1-4:30 p.m.
☐ Submit your medical history and immunization records to Student Health Services.
☐ Enroll in or opt out of the University’s Student Health Insurance Plan.
☐ Review the information provided in the Blue Hen 101, Health and Wellbeing, and What’s Next sections of the NSO Winter 2021 course in Canvas.
☐ Register to attend live Zoom info sessions on important topics such as dining, housing, and finances through the Canvas course calendar.

FEBRUARY

☐ Complete final sections of the NSO Winter 2021 online course.
☐ Attend the synchronous orientation program on Saturday, February 6.
☐ Review the 1743 Welcome Days schedule and make a plan to attend events and programs.
☐ Start classes & get excited: You’re a Blue Hen!
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](http://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.

Health Insurance Requirement

Incoming students must either enroll in the UD health insurance plan for students, or complete a waiver certifying that they have comparable coverage. Instructions to complete this process will be available at [udel.edu/studentinsurance](http://udel.edu/studentinsurance) by January 1.

Protect the Flock!

All Blue Hens are encouraged to protect the flock by following public health guidelines and protocol wherever they may be.

Visit the Student Guidelines page of [udel.edu/return](http://udel.edu/return) to learn more.

Spring 1743 Welcome Days

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

SAVE THE DATE: Spring 1743 Welcome Days will take place February 8-13

A full 1743 event schedule will be available in mid-January on the Student Life Virtual Hub [udel.edu/studentlife](http://udel.edu/studentlife).

Looking Forward to Spring

Residence Life & Housing

First year and transfer students interested in living on-campus this spring should visit the Residence Life & Housing website for more information - [udel.edu/students/reslife](http://udel.edu/students/reslife).

Health & Wellbeing

Wellbeing Services and Support

All incoming students must submit both a medical history and immunization form to Student Health Services by the first day of classes. Both forms will be available online within the Secure Student Health Portal, accessible from [udel.edu/studenthealth](http://udel.edu/studenthealth). Instructions to access the portal and submit these forms will be available on the website by January 1.
Family Orientation

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
- Ways to be engaged as a Blue Hen family member

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 January, 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.

Mitchell Hall

Family Checklist

To complete your family orientation and help your student prepare for their first semester as a Blue Hen, plan to complete the following:

DECEMBER

☐ Encourage your student to set up their UD email.
☐ Encourage your student to take their math placement exam.
☐ Ask your student if they have contacted their academic college to set up their spring academic advising appointment.
☐ Remind your student to review the information in the Welcome, General Academic Information, and Meet your College Sections of the NSO Winter 2021 online course in Canvas.

JANUARY

☐ Be on the lookout for an invitation to the Blue Hen Family Hub! This will be your main source of information for family orientation as well as all UD information throughout your student’s experience.
☐ Review the weekly Family Orientation posts in the Blue Hen Family Hub.
☐ Ask your student to register to attend the synchronous orientation program on Saturday, February 6.
☐ Help your student navigate submitting their medical history and immunization records to Student Health Services.
☐ As a family, decide to enroll in, or opt out of the University’s Student Health Insurance Plan.
☐ Remind your student to start to review the information provided in the Blue Hen 101, Health and Wellbeing, and What’s Next sections of the NSO Winter 2021 course in Canvas.
☐ Register to attend live Zoom info sessions on important topics such as dining, housing, and finances through the Blue Hen Family Hub.

FEBRUARY

☐ Review the final weekly Family Orientation posts in the Blue Hen Family Hub.
☐ Encourage your student to complete all sections of the NSO Winter 2021 online course.
☐ Attend the synchronous orientation program with your student, on Saturday, February 6.
☐ Remind your student to review the 1743 Welcome Days full schedule and make a plan to attend events and programs.
☐ Cheer on your Blue Hen as they start classes:
   Welcome to the Blue Hen Family!