We’re so excited that your family has decided to become part of the Blue Hen community at the University of Delaware! To ease your student’s transition to UD, we require that all new students participate in New Student Orientation (NSO), an experience designed to introduce you and your student to the UD community, help you learn everything you and your student need to know to be successful, and welcome you all to UD!

## Student Orientation

NSO is your student’s roadmap to becoming a successful Blue Hen and includes several key components:

1. A **live NSO program**, which you and your student can participate in on campus or virtually, your choice!
2. A self-paced **online orientation course** through Canvas, UD’s learning management system
3. An **academic-advising appointment** within the college of your student’s major, as well as the opportunity to meet others from your student’s college as part of a Meet Your College session
4. A variety of **live Zoom information sessions** about important topics, including housing, dining, student financial services and more, offered throughout July and August

Your student should log in to their [My Blue Hen Home](#) today to learn more, including how to register for these activities.

## Family Orientation

We also want to ensure that family members have the information, resources and support you need to help your Blue Hen thrive at UD and feel welcomed to our campus community.

Family Orientation will include:

1. **Weekly Family Orientation emails** throughout the summer where you can read about your role in our community and acclimate yourself to UD.
2. A **live NSO Program**, which you can attend either in person or virtually with your student. Each student is invited to bring up to two family members or guests if attending in person. An unlimited number of family members or guests may attend virtually.
3. **Live Zoom information sessions** about key topics such as dining, housing, health and safety, and student involvement. You can sign up for these optional sessions using the Blue Hen Family Hub calendar.

Family members will receive an email invitation to join the Blue Hen Family Hub in mid-June, at which time you will be able to access orientation content and a variety of other UD resources. You must sign up for the Blue Hen Family Hub in order to receive the weekly Family Orientation emails.

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.
Residence Life & Housing

First Year Students
The First Year 2021-2022 housing application is now open. Updates will be available through your student’s UD email and the Residence Life & Housing website. The priority deadline to apply is May 17. Housing accommodation requests through Disability Support Services or Dining Services accommodations must also be submitted by this date.

Transfer Students
On-campus housing for Fall 2021 Transfer students is not guaranteed and the ability to offer housing will depend on space availability. Updates about on-campus opportunities will be available later this spring through your student’s UD email and the Residence Life & Housing website.

The Office of the Dean of Students offers a guide to Off-Campus Living and other resources about living in Newark on their website.

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, Instructions to access the portal and submit these forms are available on the Student Health Services website.

For general questions about student wellbeing contact studentwellbeing@udel.edu.

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 this link in late June.

Transfer Credit
The University of Delaware allows course transfer from appropriately accredited colleges and universities, and awards credit for certain examinations and education programs. For specific information and instructions on seeking course or test evaluation, visit the transfer services website.