



2019 Orientation Leaders

# WELCOME TO DELAWARE!

## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2019

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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.

To ease your transition to UD, we require that all new students attend New Student Orientation (NSO). NSO is a one-day program that will introduce you and your family to our campus community, allow you to meet with an academic advisor, connect you with other UD students, and, most importantly, welcome you to UD!

Inside you'll find specific details about NSO and a checklist of tasks to complete. We encourage you to contact us at [otp@udel.edu](mailto:otp@udel.edu) or 302-831-3313 or visit our website at [udel.edu/studentlife/otp](http://udel.edu/studentlife/otp) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Heather A. Maginnis  
Director, Orientation & Transition Programs



## Registering for NSO

**You can register for NSO in your My Blue Hen Home portal after you've paid your deposit!**

- Log in at [udel.edu/mybluehenhome](http://udel.edu/mybluehenhome)
- In your checklist, click on Register for New Student Orientation
- Read the instructions and select a date from those listed for your specific college and major
- Register and pay for any guests who plan to attend Family Orientation

## NSO Dates



NSO for first year students will be held weekdays from Tuesday, June 25 through Wednesday, July 24 with the exception of July 4, 5, 11, and 15.

Orientation dates are specific to each academic college and major. If you need to change your NSO date, you can choose another date listed for your college and major in My Blue Hen Home until three business days prior to the event.

If you need to change your major, please do so in your Blue Hen Home Portal prior to selecting your NSO date.

## Your Orientation Day



**Your orientation day begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends by 4:30 p.m.**

Check-in takes place between 7:30-8:15 a.m. in the Trabant University Center, located at 17 West Main Street, Newark, DE 19716. Pick up your detailed orientation schedule at check-in and enjoy a light breakfast before orientation begins. Plan to be on campus until 4:30 p.m. to ensure you leave NSO with all your questions answered.

Through info sessions and small group meetings with your Orientation Leader (OL), you'll learn what it means to be a Blue Hen and:

- Learn about UD's values, mission, and campus communities that can enhance your experience
- Get details on tech, transportation, housing, dining, student life, health & safety, and more
- Create your official UD ONEcard (student ID)
- Meet representatives from various UD departments that support your success
- Learn more about your specific College and meet with an academic advisor to create your first semester class schedule

**Each new student is billed a mandatory one-time \$230 fee for NSO, regardless of program attendance. This fee will appear on your first semester bill.**



## Extended Orientation

Want more than just one day of orientation? UD's extended orientation programs help new students build a sense of belonging in their new campus community.

### QUEST

Attend leadership workshops and test your teamwork on the high ropes course during a Chesapeake weekend getaway! This 5 day on and off campus experience is designed to help you develop your personal leadership skills and is an introduction to the Blue Hen Leadership 4 year program.

**SUMMIT offers two different outdoor-focused experiences.**

### SUMMIT: Basecamp

is a 5 day wilderness exploration opportunity for those looking for a low-pressure way to enjoy the outdoors with other new Blue Hens!

### SUMMIT: Adventure

is a 7 day experience for those interested in the challenge of hiking along the Appalachian Trail.

Applications for all open on May 1 at: [sites.udel.edu/nso/extended](http://sites.udel.edu/nso/extended)



## Family Orientation



Family Orientation begins and ends at the same time as your student's program. You will receive a detailed Family Orientation schedule at check-in.

During Family Orientation we want to provide you with information and resources you need to support your student's success as well as address all your questions. You and your student will be separated throughout most of the NSO day and while your student is attending their program, you will participate in a variety of sessions and panels that will provide an overview of campus resources and cover topics such as:

- Academic experience and expectations for your student
- Student engagement opportunities
- Key campus resources and services for health, wellbeing, and safety
- Paying the bill and accessing financial aid information
- Meet representatives from various UD departments that support student success

**The nonrefundable event fee for each guest is \$35, payable online by credit card or online check.**

To attend NSO, your student must register each family member while completing the NSO Registration form in My Blue Hen Home. There is no fee for guests under the age of 10.



## Academic Advisement at NSO

During NSO, students will meet with an academic advisor to select their fall courses. If you or your family have questions before or after this meeting, you can contact your specific college directly. You can find contact information for your college and resources to prepare for your advising appointment here:

[advising.udel.edu/advising-in-your-college/](https://advising.udel.edu/advising-in-your-college/)



## Special Accommodations

If you or your guests need special accommodations at NSO due to a disability, please contact the Office of Disability Support Services at 302-831-4643 (voice) or 302-831-4563 (TDD) at least 10 days in advance of your NSO date. Email us at [otp@udel.edu](mailto:otp@udel.edu) if you have questions about available accommodations.

## Campus Resources

Admissions · [udel.edu/admissions](http://udel.edu/admissions)

Banking with PNC · [pnc.com/ud](http://pnc.com/ud)

Bookstore, UD · [udel.edu/bookstore](http://udel.edu/bookstore)

Computing and IT Support · [it.udel.edu](http://it.udel.edu)

Dining Services · [udel.edu/dining](http://udel.edu/dining)

First Year Seminar · [udel.edu/fys](http://udel.edu/fys)

Honors Program · [udel.edu/honors](http://udel.edu/honors)

Registrar · [udel.edu/registrar](http://udel.edu/registrar)

Residence Life & Housing · [udel.edu/reslife](http://udel.edu/reslife)

Student Financial Services · [udel.edu/sfs](http://udel.edu/sfs)

Student Veterans · [udel.edu/students/veterans](http://udel.edu/students/veterans)

Transfer Credit · [udel.edu/registrar/transfer](http://udel.edu/registrar/transfer)

## New Student Checklist



Complete these things before attending NSO:

- Log in at [udel.edu/mybluehenhome](http://udel.edu/mybluehenhome) to...
  - Register yourself and any guests for NSO
  - Complete the Math Placement Exam by June 19
  - Submit your required Medical History and Immunization forms to Student Health Services by July 25
  - Set up your UD email account
  - Complete your housing application. The priority deadline is May 15
- Get Involved with student groups and campus activities at [studentcentral.udel.edu](http://studentcentral.udel.edu)
- Review your major requirements on your college's website to prepare for your academic advising appointment
- Enroll in, or opt out of, the University's Student Health Insurance Plan at [udel.edu/studentinsurance](http://udel.edu/studentinsurance)
- Visit [udel.edu/about/visit](http://udel.edu/about/visit) to book a night in Newark before or after your NSO
- Visit [udel.edu/studentlife/otp](http://udel.edu/studentlife/otp) for more orientation details, a comprehensive list of campus resources, and information about 1743 Welcome Days.
- Get excited! You're going to be a Blue Hen!

## Parking for NSO

Parking for NSO is only available at Trabant Garage, adjacent to the Trabant University Center at 17 West Main Street, Newark, DE, 19716.

The cost for parking is covered by event fees.



*save the date*

**1743 Welcome Days  
August 24-26**

[udel.edu/nso/1743-welcome-days/](http://udel.edu/nso/1743-welcome-days/)

The University of Delaware is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and Title IX institution. For the University's complete non-discrimination statement, please visit <https://www.udel.edu/home/legal-notice/>

When parking in the Trabant Garage, note your license plate number and bring it to a parking staff member at a payment kiosk before entering Trabant to check in for NSO.