WELCOME TO DELAWARE!

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2019

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 transfer 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 or 302-831-3313 or visit our website at 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
- In your checklist, click on Register for New Student Orientation
- Read the instructions and select a date from the those listed for your specific college and major
- Register and pay for any guests who plan to attend Family Orientation

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
- Meet with an advisor from your college and learn about transferring credits
- Create your official UD ONEcard (student ID)
- Meet representatives from various UD departments that support your success

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.

SUMMIT: Seaside, specifically designed for transfer students, is a four day on and off campus program that includes three days camping at Lewes Beach, Delaware with other new transfer students. The application will open starting May 1.

sites.udel.edu/nso/extended

NSO Dates

Transfer students will attend orientation on Thursday, July 11 or Monday, July 15. Transfer students in select colleges or majors may also have the option to attend on Wednesday, July 3.

Orientation dates are specific to your College and major. If you need to change your NSO date, revisit the NSO registration form in My Blue Hen Home to select an alternate date. Changes can be made up to 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.

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.
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 and wellbeing, safety
- Paying the bill and accessing financial aid information

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.

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 advance of your NSO date. Email us at otp@udel.edu if you have questions about available accommodations.

Housing for Transfer Students

On campus housing for transfer students is not guaranteed and may not be available at all for the 2019-2020 academic year. More information can be found at: udel.edu/reslife/community_living/transfers.html.

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/

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/
Transfer Credit and Services

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, and more. For specific information and instructions on seeking course or test evaluation, visit udel.edu/registrar/transfer.

The UD Transfer Services Coordinator, Brian Posthauer, is available to support you through your transfer experience and can be reached at 302-831-1554 or bpost@udel.edu.

New Student Checklist

Complete these things before attending NSO:

☐ Log in at udel.edu/mybluehenhome to...
  ☐ Register yourself and any guests for NSO
  ☐ Complete the Math Placement Exam by June 19, 2019
  ☐ Submit your required Medical History and Immunization forms to Student Health Services by July 25, 2019
  ☐ Set up your UD email account

☐ 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

☐ Visit udel.edu/about/visit to book a night in Newark before or after your NSO

☐ Visit 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.

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.