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Anti-Discrimination Policy

Philadelphia University does not discriminate on any condition of ethnicity or ancestry, or on the basis of creed, race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation or disability in its admissions, education programs, activities or employment practices. This policy is in accordance with state and federal laws, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

The programs, policies, procedures, requirements, tuition and fees described in this catalog are subject to change without notice, at the discretion of the University.

Responsibility to Keep Informed

Students are ultimately responsible for their own progress toward graduation; they are expected to use the catalog as a reference handbook and to familiarize themselves with the principal policies and procedures contained in it. The online version of this catalog (www.PhilaU.edu/catalog) will be updated annually. Students are responsible for monitoring the Web site concerning changes to policies and procedures that might affect their progress toward graduation and regularly check campus mailboxes and Philadelphia University email as a means of keeping informed.

Alphabetical List of Philadelphia University Undergraduate Degree, Certificate and Minor Programs

For information on Philadelphia University's graduate degree programs visit www.PhilaU.edu/gradcatalog.

	Bachelor	Associate	Certificate	Minor
Accounting	BS	A	C	M
Animation	BS			
Architectural Engineering	BS			
Architectural History/Theory				M
Architecture	BArch			
Behavioral and Health Services	BS			
Biochemistry	BS			
Biodiversity				M
Biology	BS			
Biopsychology	BS			
Business Administration		A		M
Chemistry	BS			
Construction Management	BS			M
E-Commerce				M
Economics				M
Engineering	BSE			
Entrepreneurship			C	
Environmental and Conservation Biology	BS			
Environmental Sustainability	BS		C	M
Fashion Design	BS			
Fashion Industry Management	BS			M
Fashion Merchandising	BS			
Finance	BS			M
Financial Information Systems	BS			
Foundation Design				M
Graphic Design Communication	BS			M
Health Sciences	BS			
Health Sciences/Occupational Therapy	BS/MS			
Health and Human Services		A		
Health Services Management	BS		C	
Health Services Management: Business	BS			
Health Services Management: Psychology	BS			
Historic Preservation				M
Historic Preservation and Visual Studies	BS			
Human Resource Management	BS		C	M
Industrial Design	BS			
Industrial and Systems Engineering	BS			
Information Systems				M
Information Technology	BS			
Interactive Design and Media	BS			
Interior Design	BS			
International Business	BS			M
Landscape Architecture	BLA			M
Landscape Design				M
Landscape Planning				M
Law and Society	BS			M
Law Enforcement Leadership	BS			
Leadership in Emergency Services	BS			
Leadership in Homeland Security	BS			
Management	BS			M
Management Information Systems	BS			
Marketing	BS			M
Mechanical Engineering	BS			
Multimedia and Visualization				M
Occupational Therapy Assistant		A		
Organizational Behavior				M
Organizational Leadership	BS			
Photography				M
Physician Assistant Studies	BS/MS			
Pre-M.B.A.	BS			M
Pre-Medical Studies	BS			
Professional Communication	BS			M
Psychology	BS			M
Psychology/Occupational Therapy	BS/MS			
Public Health				M
Social Sciences				M
Textile				M
Textile Design	BS			
Textile Materials Technology	BS			
Textile Technology				M

Graduate Degree Programs

Degree Programs

Doctor of Philosophy in Textile Engineering and Science
Master of Business Administration
Master of Science in Construction Management
Master of Science in Disaster Medicine and Management
Master of Science in Fashion Apparel Studies
Master of Science in Industrial Design
Master of Science in Interactive Design and Media
Master of Science in Interior Architecture
Master of Science in Midwifery
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy
Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies
Master of Science in Sustainable Design
Master of Science in Taxation
Master of Science in Textile Design
Master of Science in Textile Engineering

Combined Degrees

M.B.A./Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies
M.B.A./Master of Science in Taxation
B.S./M.B.A. Programs
B.S./M.S. Programs

Certificate Programs

Business Administration
Disaster Medicine and Management
Midwifery
Sustainable Practices

A Brief History of the University

Philadelphia University was founded in 1884 as the Philadelphia Textile School in the wake of the 1876 Centennial Exposition. A group of textile manufacturers, led by Theodore Search, noticed a sizeable gap between the quality and variety of American textile products and those displayed by European mills. To address this, the group established the School to educate America's textile workers and managers.

Several years later, the School affiliated with the Pennsylvania Museum (now the Philadelphia Museum of Art) and School of Industrial Art. By the mid-1890s, the School had settled at Broad and Pine Streets in downtown Philadelphia. It survived the Depression and entered a new period of growth at the outset of World War II. In 1941, the School was granted the right to award baccalaureate degrees and changed its name to the Philadelphia Textile Institute (PTI).

By 1949, PTI, which was no longer affiliated with the museum, began conducting classes at its present site in the East Falls section of Philadelphia. Throughout the 1950s, it continued to grow, and, in 1961, changed its name to Philadelphia College of Textiles & Science.

The student population doubled from 1954 to 1964, and again by 1978. Programs in the arts and sciences and business administration were added. The College purchased an adjoining property in 1972, doubling the size of its campus.

As Philadelphia College of Textiles & Science the institution offered its first graduate degree, the Master of Business Administration, in 1976. With the purchase of properties in 1980 and 1988, the size of the campus nearly doubled again and grew to include additional classrooms, research laboratories, student residences and athletic facilities. In 1992, the 54,000-square-foot Paul J. Gutman Library was built.

The College continued throughout the '90s to provide its students with the highest-quality education and real-world experience demanded by their chosen professions, adding majors in a wide range of fields. To better reflect the institution's breadth and depth, the College applied for and was granted university status by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1999. And, in a historic move, the Board of Trustees voted to change the School's name to Philadelphia University on July 13, 1999.

The University now has three colleges, including the Colleges of Architecture and the Built Environment; Design, Engineering and Commerce; and Science, Health and the Liberal Arts.

Mission Statement

Philadelphia University is a student-centered institution that prepares graduates for successful careers in an evolving global marketplace. By blending the liberal arts and sciences, professional studies, interdisciplinary learning and collaborations in and out of the classroom, students learn to

thrive in diverse and challenging environments. Our students are encouraged to form supportive relationships with each other as well as faculty, staff and alumni in an academically rigorous setting that is focused on intellectual and personal growth. Philadelphia University is an experiential learning community where integrity, creativity, curiosity, ethics, responsibility and the free exchange of ideas are valued.

The University Today

Philadelphia University is the model for professional university education. Through Nexus Learning – our signature approach to teaching and learning that is active, collaborative, connected to the real world and infused with the liberal arts – we are educating the next generation of leaders for the 21st-century work world.

For more than 125 years, Philadelphia University has fostered a culture of market-driven innovation. Students at PhilaU learn to integrate knowledge, develop broader decision-making skills and untangle complex problems.

Complementing our curriculum, our three Colleges give students the freedom to learn vital skills outside of their discipline through collaboration. We marry classic disciplines such as sociology and biology with professional specialties like business management, fashion design, communications and architecture. And, from day one on campus, we bring industry leaders to campus to partner with our students. It's an approach that mirrors industry and makes companies very excited about hiring our graduates.

No other school has our unique intersection of expertise in a transdisciplinary environment at the same scale. Weaving these areas of study, combined with our passionate and dedicated faculty, PhilaU students graduate with a pioneering combination of professional skill, breadth of perspective and synthesized decision-making abilities – all developed while working on real-world challenges.

Our students feed off the entrepreneurial DNA of the campus and graduate with the skills necessary to turn their innovative ideas into commercial successes. It's one of the reasons that today Philadelphia University's alumni are global leaders in design, architecture, fashion, business, engineering, health professions, textiles, materials technology, sustainability and science.

Philadelphia University is a private university with 3,200 part- and full-time undergraduate and graduate students from 38 states and 30 countries. The University offers more than 60 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the Colleges of Architecture and the Built Environment; Design, Engineering and Commerce; and the Science, Health and the Liberal Arts leading to the Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Bachelor of Architecture, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, master's degrees and a doctoral degree in Textile Engineering and Science.

The Campus

The 53 buildings on the University's 100-acre campus range from historic Victorian mansions to contemporary classrooms, library and residential facilities. In June 2011, the Philadelphia University community broke ground for a new, innovative academic building that will house the College of Design, Engineering and Commerce. The Kanbar Campus Center, a 72,000 square-foot social hub for students, faculty and staff, and The Gallagher Athletic, Recreation and Convocation Center have transformed our main campus and are having a dramatic impact on the academic and social environment for all members of the University community. The Tuttleman Center, a 31,500 square-foot, high-tech academic facility, is fully wired and offers students and faculty access to the most sophisticated technology available.

The tree-lined Main Campus is located on the edge of Philadelphia's Fairmount Park in the beautiful residential area of East Falls, 15 minutes from historic Center City Philadelphia. Most students live in on-campus housing, including co-ed and single-sex residence halls, townhouses and two- or three-bedroom apartments. Opening this fall is a stunning 300-bed apartment complex called the PhilaU Residences at Falls Center. Apartments include state-of-the-art kitchens, spacious bathrooms and beautiful views of the

city of Philadelphia. The facility has an auditorium, studio and lounge space, and convenience store.

The Philadelphia University campus is wireless and provides for a highly sophisticated technology environment.

The Gallagher Athletic, Recreation and Convocation Center is home to three regulation-size basketball courts, a state-of-the-art fitness center, aerobics studio, racquetball court and elevated jogging track, as well as a 251-space underground parking garage. In addition, athletic facilities on campus include a baseball field, softball field, tennis courts, and soccer and lacrosse field.

The University is also close to beautiful countryside, big-city life, concerts, galleries and museums, great restaurants and theaters.



Student Life

The Division of Student Life offers comprehensive programs and services that foster an educational environment conducive to the holistic development of students. By building bridges between the curricular and co-curricular experiences, Student Life educators provide opportunities for students to become successful, competent, lifelong learners. Information on specific programs and services follow.

Athletics

Department of Athletics 215.951.2720
www.PhilaU.edu/athletics

The University offers 16 intercollegiate sports competing at the NCAA Division II level: men's and women's basketball, cross country, soccer, track and tennis; men's baseball and golf; and women's lacrosse, rowing, softball and volleyball. The University holds membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC). Athletic scholarships are available and interested students should contact the Department of Athletics at 215.951.2720 for more information.

Undergraduate students are required to take two semesters (.5 credits each semester) of physical education classes, which can be satisfied by two semesters of intercollegiate competition.

Recreation Program

Recreation Sports 215.951.2723

The Department of Athletics organizes and promotes structured and competitive recreational sports and activities that are open to full-time students, faculty and staff. The Recreation Program provides an opportunity for everyone to participate in enjoyable physical activity and to develop an appreciation for the benefits of physical exercise. Activities are offered in league/tournament format, fitness programs, instructional programming, informal recreation, club sports and special recreation events for student organizations.

Facilities

Philadelphia University hosts athletic events in The Gallagher Athletic, Recreation and Convocation Center, and at the Alumni and Ravenhill Athletics Fields. The campus also features six newly refurbished tennis courts, a softball field, a state-of-the-art fitness center, racquetball court, aerobics studio and an elevated track. Check out Athletics at Philadelphia University by visiting www.philaurams.com. Go Rams!

Career Services Center

Career Services 215.951.2930, careerservices@PhilaU.edu

The Career Services Center offers undergraduate, graduate and continuing studies students and alumni assistance with their careers and professional development, and many

opportunities to develop the skills for a meaningful career. Career Services provides individual advising by qualified counselors as well as opportunities to connect with employers via online job listings; employer networking receptions, career seminars and on-campus recruiting.

Starting freshman year, students can work with counselors to complete the careerEDGE, a tool developed to help students identify their skills, values and interests to help them develop a solid, individualized career plan. Career Services partners with faculty from all schools to present meaningful instruction on various topics, including résumé writing, interview skills, job-search strategies and networking. Multiple online resources are available including Interview Stream, a site where students and alumni can conduct mock interviews, and Reference USA, a comprehensive database to locate employers around the country and/or conduct company research. Career Services offers an online job listing and resume service called CareerLink. Undergraduate students, graduate students and alumni may post resumes and apply for positions through the system. Career Services manages the internship program and assists all students with preparation for securing an internship position and academic credit for the experience. Employer networking receptions, Design Expo, Alumni Portfolio Showcase, career panels, mock interviews, on-campus interviews and other activities allow students to interact personally with employers and alumni to learn more about career opportunities in a more personalized setting. The most important factor contributing to student success in entering the job market is student involvement in the career-development process. The Career Services Center encourages students to meet one-on-one with a counselor to learn the latest job search strategies that contribute to students securing meaningful career positions and acceptance into graduate programs.

Community Service Programs

The Office of Community Service Programs is located in The Kanbar Campus Center, Room 311. 215.951.2856.

The goal of the Office of Community Service Programs is to develop students into community-conscious leaders who have active, engaging relationships with the local neighbors and the city of Philadelphia. Participation in community service projects and initiatives provides opportunities for students to relate classroom theory to real-world experiences. Students will gain better understanding of the world around them and the importance of acting as agents of positive change. There are several ways in which students can take advantage of these opportunities. Each year, first-year students participate in our Annual Community Service PLUNGE. This program sends hundreds of students into the local community during the New Student Orientation Program. In addition, students or members of clubs and



organizations participate in ongoing projects throughout the year. Past events have included Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity, AIDS Walk, Relay for Life, the Red Cross and much more. Any students interested in finding a way to serve in the community can contact the Office of Community Service at communityservice@PhilaU.edu and the staff will help connect the student with a local organization meeting their area of interest.

Commuter Services

Commuter Services is located in the Department of Student Activities in The Kanbar Campus Center, Room 301, 215.951.2744, commuterservices@PhilaU.edu, www.PhilaU.edu/commuters.

Commuter Services provides resources, programs and information to meet the needs of off-campus students as well as potential commuters. The department provides a range of engagement and involvement opportunities for commuting and off-campus students that assist in their connection to the campus community and one another. Whether it is **welcoming new commuters** to PhilaU, assisting students in finding **off-campus housing and/or roommates** or continuing to build the **commuter community**, the Assistant Director

of Student Activities and Commuter Leaders are dedicated to serving the needs of commuting and off-campus students.

WHAT MAKES PHILAU COMMUTER SERVICES STAND OUT?

Association of Commuting Students

ACS is a student run organization that provides a forum for off-campus students to voice concerns and issues that affect those who do not live on campus. It's also a channel for off-campus students to sponsor PhilaU activities and meet others.

Commuter Cash (C-Cash)

C-Cash is an incentive program to promote campus connection and involvement for first year students who live off-campus. Students can earn C-Cash for attending campus events, turning in good grades and participating in campus life. At the end of the semester, students can use C-Cash to win various prizes.

Commuter Leaders (CLs)

Commuter Leaders are upper class off-campus students who serve as resources and guides for first-year commuters. A CL's primary responsibility is to help introduce new commuters and off-campus students to Philadelphia University and assist them in their transition to college life. First year commuters are assigned a CL before the academic year begins according to the first letter of their last name. Commuter Leaders are the main tool in connecting new commuting students with the campus community and one another.

Counseling Services

Personal Counseling Services 215.951.2868

Counseling for personal concerns – including anxiety, adjustment to college, depression, stress, misuse or abuse of alcohol or other drugs and other issues – is available to all full-time students at no charge. Counseling is provided on a short-term basis by licensed professionals who understand the special needs of university students. Referrals to area agencies and practitioners are made for those who need more specialized or long-term care. Students are encouraged to make appointments in advance through the Student Life Office at ext. 2868. Students experiencing more urgent concerns are encouraged to use the Drop-In Hour, 4 to 5 p.m. each weekday during the regular academic year. All information shared with counselors is held in strict confidence, as long as there is no clear and imminent danger to the student or others.

Dining Services

215.951.2924, diningservices@PhilaU.edu

The Ravenhill Dining Hall provides students with a large variety of meal selections, including many healthy choices, with unlimited seconds for students dining in. It features creations from all over the world at Bravisimo, fresh dough pizzas from Pepperazzi's, delicious fresh salads and mouth-watering sandwiches from the Deli, as well as fresh-stock soups and favorite home-cooked foods.

Ravenhill Dining Hall is open regular hours during the day Monday through Friday, serving breakfast from 7:15 to 10:15 a.m., continental breakfast from 10:15 to 11 a.m., lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., lite lunch from 2 to 4:30 p.m. and dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. On the weekends, it is open for brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., lite lunch from 2 to 4:30 p.m. and dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

The Kanbar Campus Center houses two dining locations. The Common Thread, located on the lower level, offers fresh burgers and hand-cut french fries, Philadelphia cheese-steaks and other favorites at the grill. The deli offers whole roasted turkey and roast beef, along with other deli favorites and sides. Homemade fresh-stock soups, baked pastas and entrées cooked to order also are available. Ted's, located on the main level, offers "on-the-go!" and convenience items in the store, as well as fresh dough pizzas, hot subs, Starbucks coffee, ice cream and fresh baked products. Ted's is open continuously Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to midnight, and noon to midnight on Saturdays and Sundays. Common Thread is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday.

The Tuttleman Cafe, located in The Tuttleman Center, offers coffee and lite fare. It is open 7:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 7:45 to 2:30 p.m. on Friday.

All students living on campus, with the exception of those residing in the townhouses or apartments, are required to purchase a meal plan. Commuting, townhouse and apartment students may purchase a meal plan or use the dining facilities on a cash basis.

Disability Services

Any student with a documented disability, including a physical impairment, learning disability or psychological disability, is eligible for services and reasonable accommodations. Accommodations include, but are not limited to, extended time for testing, distraction-free testing environment, note takers, electronic format textbooks, reduced course load, assistive technology and adaptation to physical facilities. For more information, call 215.951.6830.

Health Services

The Student Health Center is located in Scholler Hall, lower level. Call 215.951.2986.

Contact the **Business Office** at 215.951.2960 to purchase University health insurance.

The Student Health Center is open weekdays during the academic year to provide assessment and treatment of minor illnesses and injuries. All full-time undergraduate students and international students pay an annual fee that entitles them to access the Student Health Center as often as needed. Full-time graduate students may opt to utilize the services by paying the semester Student Health Fee and submitting a Pre-matriculation Health Form. Arrangements to pay the fee can be made by visiting the Student Health Center or the Business Office.



Students may be responsible for lab fees, prescription costs and costs for specialty exams, if needed. Students that require additional or alternative treatment may be referred to local providers at their own expense.

Students are encouraged to visit during Walk-In-Hours (M-F 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). Staffing includes an administrative assistant and board-certified nurse practitioners who are available to assist in meeting students' confidential health care needs. Please note that confidentiality may be broken if the student is considered to be a danger to self or others.

The Student Health Center waiting room has health-related reference materials and pamphlets, as well as a self-care station stocked with common over-the-counter medications. Students may get these supplies during office hours.

All full-time day undergraduate students are required to submit a completed health form that includes a medical history, recent physical exam and documentation of the required immunizations and testing. Forms are available in the Student Health Center and must be submitted prior to attending classes as a new or returning student. The University reserves the right to deny housing, to deny preventative-care services or to withhold registration for any student who does not meet the pre-matriculation requirements established by Student Health Services.

All full-time students are required to be covered by a medical insurance policy. Full-time day undergraduate students and all international students are required to present proof of adequate insurance at the beginning of each academic year. In adherence to immigration laws, all international students must demonstrate minimal standards of adequate

health insurance. Insurance will be considered adequate if the carrier is licensed to do business in the United States with a U.S.-based office and telephone number. This information must be provided to the Student Health Center by the second Friday in September (fall semester) or the first Friday in February (spring semester). If documentation of adequate health insurance is not provided, the Business Office reserves the right to charge the appropriate health and accident insurance fee to the student's account.

It is each student's responsibility to ensure that they are covered either through private insurance or through the University-sponsored health insurance plan. To purchase the University-sponsored plan, students may contact the Business Office at 215.951.2633. Any changes in insurance coverage should be reported to Student Health Services.

International Student Programs

Office of International Student Programs 215.951.2660
www.PhilaU.edu/international

The University has a long history of educating students from all over the world, representing nearly 40 different countries. The Office of International Student Programs implements two orientation programs a year for the undergraduate and graduate international student. The Office also provides ongoing support in terms of immigration advising, work permission paperwork, and educational and recreational programming. The director also serves as the adviser to the International Student Association (ISA).

More information and resources are available in the director's office where business and social information for new international students can be found.

Upon arrival, all international students, including transfer students, must report to the director's office, located in Suite 102 of The Kanbar Campus Center.

Office of the Dean of Students

The Office of the Dean of Students is located in The Kanbar Campus Center, 215.951.2740.

The Office of the Dean of Students oversees all departments in the Division of Student Life and serves as an advocate for students in the development of University policy. The Office is also responsible for administering the University code of conduct (judicial policies).

Residence Life

The Office of Residence Life is located in The Kanbar Campus Center, Room 311, 215.951.2741

The University provides on-campus housing for approximately 1,600 undergraduate students in traditional and apartment-style residence halls. First-year students are housed primarily on the Ravenhill Campus, while returning and upper-class students are housed on the Main Campus and the Residences at Falls Center. Housing on the Ravenhill Campus consists of four residence halls — Fortess Hall, Mott Hall, Partridge Hall and Ronson Hall. Students reside in

rooms accommodating one to four students with community bathrooms in each building.

Housing on the Main Campus consists of three apartment complexes: Independence Plaza, the Townhouses and one residence hall, Scholler Hall. The apartment-style units range from one to five bedrooms, accommodating two to five people. Each air-conditioned unit contains a full kitchen, living room and bathroom. Scholler Hall is a traditional residence hall with double-occupancy rooms. In addition, upper-class students are housed in the Residences at Falls Center, a newly renovated open concept independent apartment style living, which is located on Henry Avenue. The University provides shuttle service from the Residences at Falls Center to Main Campus.

Each resident is provided with an extra-long bed, desk, desk chair and dresser/wardrobe unit. In addition, one data port is provided for each resident. At least one cable connection with basic service is provided for each room or apartment. Apartment-style units are additionally furnished with living room and kitchen furniture as space permits.

Recognizing that students spend a significant amount of their time outside of the classroom setting, the Office of Residence Life strives to create a group-living environment in which each student is afforded an opportunity to develop as an individual in an atmosphere that encourages emotional and intellectual growth.

The environment within a student's residence area significantly influences his/her success and personal satisfaction while at the University. Each resident contributes to making residential living a positive experience. A sense of community is achieved through mutual consideration, cooperation and responsible behavior. Community living places responsibility on the individual for self-discipline and an awareness, becoming more aware of their needs as members of the community and to become more action-oriented in the residential community.

Each residence area is supervised by a Residence Life staff member. Residence Coordinators (RCs) and Resident Assistants (RAs) work with students to develop a sense of community, in their residential area and create an atmosphere conducive to mutual respect and consideration. Residence Life staff members are also instrumental in assisting students to develop positive attitudes and behavior to deal responsibly with the establishment of an independent lifestyle and the social freedoms of adult life.

Student Activities

For information on the **Campus Activities Board**, contact the Department of Student Activities in The Kanbar Campus Center, Suite 301, 215.951.2744.

The Student Activities Program at the University serves a vital role in enriching the quality of life on campus. The program offers the opportunity for the development of lifelong skills, and serves as the conduit for diverse ideas, cultures, lifestyles and experiences. The various components of the student activities area are housed in the Student Center.

The Student Government Association (SGA) is an independent, self-governing student group that includes President's Council, a body that consists of representatives from all recognized student clubs and organizations.

In addition to the basic responsibility of protecting students' rights, the SGA recommends students to University-wide committees, addresses student grievances and sponsors campus-wide events.

The Campus Activities Board is the major social programming organization on campus. Its responsibility is to provide a wide variety of special, scholastic, cultural, educational and entertainment-based programs open to the entire campus community.

In addition to the SGA and the Campus Activities Board, there are approximately 50 social, cultural, professional, religious and special interest clubs and organizations at the University. Philadelphia University has one national social fraternity and one national social sorority, along with the professional fraternities Phi Psi (Textile) and Delta Sigma Pi (Business).

Student Development Programs

The Office of **Student Development Programs** is located in the Kanbar Campus Center, Room 317, 215.951.2634. studentdevelopment@PhilaU.edu.

Student Development Programs houses the First Year Experience Program and the offices of Community Service Learning and Spiritual Development. Collectively, our programs and services support the mission of Philadelphia University and promote and engage students' thoughtful and creative contributions by: coordinating students' transition to the institution and ensuring the highest-quality first-year experience possible, creating links between the curriculum and co-curriculum, focusing on student leadership development, promoting citizenship through community service initiatives, exploring one's sense of purpose and meaning through spiritual development and deepening students' awareness of self, others and the wider world through intercultural exchanges.

First Year Experience (FYE): In partnership with Academic Affairs, Student Development Programs coordinates campus-wide efforts to ensure the highest-quality experience possible in the first year of college. The central theme of the FYE components is **Finding Philadelphia**, learning about the history, culture, diversity and wealth of activities in the city, our extended campus. Our comprehensive approach to your first-year experience begins with START and New Student Orientation, which includes the Summer Reading; integrates both your curricular and co-curricular experiences; includes faculty-oriented academic advising; and is centered on your residential community. The First-Year Experience Program at Philadelphia University is designed to provide support and encouragement for new students. FYE acknowledges that the first year in college is a major life step during which students face challenges in adjusting to a new place, managing time and workload, starting new relationships, clarifying values, establishing autonomy and addressing a host of other

developmental issues. Philadelphia University has committed an extensive amount of time and resources to provide a sound foundation for success for each student.

Community Service-Learning: Philadelphia University believes that community service initiatives are a central part of the undergraduate experience. Accordingly, the Office of Community Service Learning works to increase student access to service opportunities, serves as an informational resource about community agencies, supports student's civic engagement, and promotes service as a tool for learning. Our goal is to develop students into community-conscious leaders who have an active and engaged relationship with the city of Philadelphia, surrounding neighborhood and the broader context of society.

Spiritual Development: The Office of Spiritual Development offers opportunities for students as they seek to deepen and enhance their spiritual and religious lives. These include: counseling that addresses questions of spirituality and religious faith and its application to issues and challenges at school and home; small groups for students wanting to explore their spiritual lives; workshops on spiritual development, meditation and prayer; interfaith services and discussions; holy day observances and special event celebrations. The Office provides a listing of places of worship offered by local faith communities. Information about different religious traditions and holy days is also available.

Development and Alumni Relations

For more information, call the **Office of Development and Alumni Relations** at 215.951.2850. www.PhilaU.edu/alumni

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations is committed to connecting alumni with their alma mater and to matching the philanthropic interests of Philadelphia University's donors with the needs of the institution.

Since its founding in 1884, Philadelphia University has relied on private support to become a leader in professional education. Today, the University's alumni are global leaders in design, architecture, fashion, business, engineering, health professions, textiles, materials technology and science.

To prepare such leaders, Philadelphia University is grateful for the generosity of its many donors, including alumni, friends, parents, corporations and foundations.

Learning Resources

Information Technology

For technology support visit the **Technology Help Desk**, second floor, Search Hall or call 215.951.401T (x4648) or email HelpDesk@PhilaU.edu.

Technology is at the heart of much of what happens at Philadelphia University. In fact, a sophisticated technological

infrastructure supports the entire University community. The network provides high-speed wired (100 megabit and gigabit) and wireless (a,b,g,n) service throughout campus from residence halls and administrative offices to classrooms and labs. The University network and email systems support both smart phones and PDAs using the Windows Mobile standard.

The campus has nearly 1,150 University-owned desktop computers connected to the network. Through the Microsoft Live@edu service, each student receives an email account that includes 10 GB of mail space. A number of academic programs, such as graphic design, digital design, industrial design and architecture, are assigned enhanced network storage space. All students are provided with 300 MB of network drive space and 25 GB of SkyDrive. Students are also provided with space for hosting their own University-related web site.

Philadelphia University is a technology-rich environment. Both the departmental and general-purpose computing labs provide an impressive array of software applications including AutoCAD, 3dsmax, Cinema 4D, Rhino and Macromedia tools such as Dreamweaver, Flash and Director. Industrial and digital design students are required to learn applications such as Final Cut Suite, Maya, SolidWorks, and Adobe titles such as Creative Suite, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Acrobat and After Effects. Desktop computing equipment in these specialized programs is on an aggressive migration cycle that provides upgrades and new equipment every 24 months.

WebAdvisor

WebAdvisor is a web-based information-management tool that allows Philadelphia University students, staff and faculty to access numerous online resources. With WebAdvisor, prospective students can view application status and find financial-aid information. Enrolled students can review course schedules, check account status, check grades and register for classes. Faculty can monitor rosters, post grades and review advisee information. Staff can manage departmental budgets.

The University supports the Blackboard course-management system. This tool provides faculty and students with online and supplemental course materials through the Web. The integration of technology into curriculum is a strategic campus goal.

The Office of Information Resources (OIR) provides a broad range of support for faculty and students including a comprehensive Technology Help Desk operating nearly 100 hours per week, a team of analysts devoted to desktop and computing lab support, and resources delivered from nearly 60 enterprise servers operating around the clock.

Paul J. Gutman Library

Visit the **Paul J. Gutman Library** at www.PhilaU.edu/library.

The 54,000-square-foot, 400-seat Paul J. Gutman Library blends a traditional book and journal collection with an

extensive electronic environment. Through its website, the library delivers a wide range of information resources to members of the University community on and off campus. Electronic resources include Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals, Art Index, EBSCO, NetLibrary, LexisNexis, ProQuest, MD Consult, JSTOR Stylesight, and many more. These online databases and electronic book, newspaper and journal collections offer students convenient 24/7 research and study access to a continually expanding world of knowledge and information.

The availability of electronic resources, including 35,000 online journals, supplements a book collection that contains more than 150,000 volumes with special emphasis in the areas of art and architecture, design, textiles, sciences and business. The Gutman Library Special Collections Department maintains one of the largest collections in the United States devoted to the history of the textile industry. A contemporary reading collection of best sellers and popular materials is also available. Other print publications include 700 journal titles, trade publications and newspapers. Materials not available in the Gutman Library collection can be obtained through an interlibrary loan network linking more than 14,000 libraries around the world, or through EZBorrow, a self-service loan system for books from over 50 of Pennsylvania's largest academic libraries.

The award-winning Paul J. Gutman Library building provides individual study carrels, six group study rooms, more than 80 PCs and Macs for individual or collaborative work and student lounge areas. Wireless access in Gutman allows students to use personal or library-provided laptops at any location in the building. To help students become effective and efficient researchers, librarians work with faculty to educate students about the resources available and the most effective ways of accessing and using them. Classroom presentations and one-on-one hands-on instruction are aimed at creating an information-literate student body.

The Design Center at Philadelphia University

The Design Center houses the University's extensive historical textile and fashion collection. The collection – which includes 200,000 items – is a nationally recognized resource for the study of American, European and non-Western textiles from the first century AD to the present. It is also the only comprehensive repository of 19th- and 20th-century industrial fabric samples in the United States, documenting a broad range of styles and techniques, and serving as a critical resource for research on American commercial and industrial design. Access to the collection is available through class tours and individual or industry related research. The textile collection and The Design Center are intended to be collaborative; developing partnerships through academia and industry