



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS) *about the August 19, 2009 Summer START Program*

Q. How do I register to participate in the August START Program?

A. To confirm your space for the START session on Wednesday, August 19, 2009, please complete the online form at PhilaU.edu/NSP by **Tuesday, August 11, 2009**.

Q. Where and when do I report for START?

A. Check-in for August START is in the Kanbar Campus Center (see map) outside of the Performance Space between 8:15 - 9:00 am. The welcome and group meetings will begin promptly at 9:00 am and the Writing Placement follows immediately after, so please be sure to arrive on time!

Q. What do I need to bring?

- A.** You should bring the following items with you:
1. A photo I.D. (state ID or license)
 2. Pen and Pencil
 3. Comfortable shoes and clothing
 4. Health forms if not already turned in (call 215-951-2986 if you have questions)
 5. Most importantly, *a lot of questions and energy!*

Q. What if I can't attend this date?

A. This is the only remaining time for you to attend START for the Fall 2009 semester. START is required for all incoming first-year and transfer students.

Q. When do I get my class schedule? Will I meet with an advisor?

A. During START you will meet for a group advising session with a faculty advisor from your academic school. You will also have an opportunity to get your questions answered by the staff of the Learning and Advising Center. At the conclusion of the START program, you will receive your class schedule along with your Philadelphia University student ID so you will be ready to begin classes on August 24!

Q. Is there a program for parents and family members?

A. Parents and family members of our new students are welcome to attend August START. Sessions are designed specifically for the parent and family program. Students who are planning to attend START with a parent or family member should inform Student Development Programs through the registration form in order to better prepare for their arrival on campus.

Q. Why do I have to take placement exams?

A. Writing is a major part of your college education. Placing you in the right course helps to assure that you will have a positive educational experience instead of a frustrating struggle or a boring revisit to material you have already mastered. Our placement exams are designed to provide you and your advisor with the best options for you to satisfy these important degree requirements.

Q. Will food be provided? Do I have to pay?

A. All of your meals throughout the START program will be provided for you and your guest (if applicable) at no additional cost.

Q. Will I be able to stay overnight?

A. Residential students will have the opportunity to move into their assigned housing for the 2009-2010 academic year before START begins. Move-in for START students will occur on Tuesday, August 18th (please refer to your letter from Residence Life for further move-in instructions and information). With the timing of this program, commuter students' START experience will not include an overnight component, nor will parents and guests be able to stay on campus. Included with this letter, for your convenience, is a list of nearby hotels.

Q. Where can I park?

A. The majority of the START program will occur on the main campus. Accordingly, commuting students and visiting guests can park in any available student parking near the Kanbar Campus Center, Archer Hall, or the Learning and Advising Center. Please refer to the campus map for specific directions.

Q. Which orientation program is for international students?

A. International students who use the F-1 visa to attend Philadelphia University participate in 2 orientation programs. Summer Orientation is open to any international students who will arrive in the U.S. over the summer. After attending the Summer program, international students then attend International Student Orientation on Monday, August 17, 2009. This session offers information about the student visa, obtaining work authorization and adjusting to U.S. culture. International students with specific questions should contact Hannah Bar-Giora, Director of International Student Programs at (215) 951-2660 or bargiorah@philau.edu.

Quick Phone Reference

<i>Questions about? ...</i>	<i>Call ...</i>	<i>At the following number ...</i>
Financial Assistance	Financial Aid	(215) 951-2940
On-Campus Housing	Residence Life	(215) 951-2741
Off-Campus Housing (basic info)	Residence Life	(215) 951-2741
Bill Payment	Student Accounts/Bursar	(215) 951-5988
Commuter Programs	Student Activities	(215) 951-2744
Disability Resources	Disability Services	(215) 951-6830
Admission Requirements and Transfer Records/Transcripts	Office of Undergraduate Admissions	(215) 951-2800
Health Records/Immunizations and Health Insurance	Health Services	(215) 951-2986
General START Questions?	Student Development	(215) 951-2634