

**Student Development Programs**

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

about the 2009 Summer START Program for TRANSFER Students

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 sweatshirt for air-conditioned rooms, if desired,
4. Health forms if not already turned in (call 215-951-2986 if you have questions),
5. Most importantly - *a lot of questions and a lot of energy!*

Q. Where and when do I report for the Transfer START program?

A. Check-in for Transfer START is in the Kanbar Campus Center (see map) outside of the Performance Space 8:30 - 9:00 am on Thursday, July 16, 2009. The welcome will begin promptly at 9:00 am followed immediately by the Writing Placement so please be sure to arrive on time! Please refer to the directions included.

Q. Where can I park?

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

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

A. To confirm your space on Thursday, July 16, 2009, please complete online form accessible through www.PhilaU.edu/NSP by **Monday, July 6, 2009**.

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

A. Thursday, July 16 is the best summer opportunity for you to attend Transfer START. We offer a late August option for students who are unable to attend the summer sessions due to travel hardships and scheduling conflicts. However, we strongly encourage your participation in our summer program and ask that you utilize this late session only as a necessity.

Q. Is there an orientation program for parents and family members?

A. Parents and family members of our new students are also welcome to attend Transfer START. Some of the information session provided will be for both students and parents, and other sessions throughout the day will be separate. If you are planning to attend START with a parent or family member, please inform the Student Development Programs through the online registration form so that we can better prepare for their arrival on campus.

Q. Do I have to pay to participate in Orientation?

A. Student fees for the START program were included in the enrollment deposit (\$300 for commuters/\$550 for resident students) submitted to the Office of Admissions. This one-time New Student Deposit covers all your costs, including your meals, for START and will be reflected in your first bill.

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Q. Will I meet with an advisor and have my class schedule completed during START?

A. Yes, 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 and be ready to begin classes in August.

Q. Do I need to bring money to pay for my classes?

A. No, during the month of July you will receive a bill for fall semester tuition charges, as well as for room and meal plans (if applicable). However, you may want to bring money if you would like to buy something at the bookstore.

Q. Does everyone have to take the placement exams?

A. Those transfer students who have already fulfilled the Writing requirement at another institution and have received equivalent transfer credit awarded by Philadelphia University, may be exempt from taking the placement exam. If you did not receive this credit, you will need to take the Writing exam at START.

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 that is appropriate for your level of mastery. Our placement exams are designed to provide you and your advisor with the best options for you to satisfy these important degree requirements.

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
On-Campus Emergencies	Safety and Security	(215) 951-2999
General START Questions?	Student Development	(215) 951-2634