



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

about the January 12, 2010 Winter START Program

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

A. To confirm your space for the START session on Tues., Jan., 12 2010, please complete the online form at PhilaU.edu/NSP by **Wed., Jan. 7, 2010**.

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 warm clothes,
 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 START?

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

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

A. Parents and family members of our new students are welcome to attend January 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 Student Development Programs through the online registration form so that we can better prepare for their arrival on campus.

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

A. This is the only opportunity for you to attend START for the Spring 2010 semester. START is required for all incoming first-year and transfer students. START is the sole opportunity for new students to receive their schedule for classes and meet with an advisor prior to the beginning of classes on Jan. 13, 2010.

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. Where can I park?

A. The bulk of the START program will occur on the main campus. Accordingly, commuting 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. 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. 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 have a completed class schedule for the Spring 2010 semester.

Q. Will overnight accommodations be provided?

A. Unfortunately, because of the timing of this program at the middle of the academic year, we are unable to provide housing for new students participating in the one-day Winter START program unless they are residential students. A list of nearby hotels is enclosed for your convenience.

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. Does everyone have to take the placement exams?

A. All incoming first year students must take the writing assessment. However, 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.

Q. Which START program is for international students?

A. International students who use the F-1 or J-1 visa to attend Philadelphia University participate in 2 orientation programs. International Students first attend International Student Orientation on Mon., Jan. 11, 2010. This Monday session offers information about the student visa, obtaining work authorization and adjusting to U.S. culture. This session is required for all new international students. Following the International program, students then complete the University wide program on Jan 12, 2010.

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
On-Campus Emergencies	Safety and Security	(215) 951-2999