

Summer 2009

# get STARTed

**Late Session:** Wednesday, Aug 19  
*(preferred for students who must travel more than 250 miles to campus)*

**Transfer Session:** Thursday, July 16

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## A fresh START...

### Student

The essence of Philadelphia University lies with its community of students. START is a time for meeting future lab partners, teammates, club leaders, hallmates and lifelong friends.

### Transition

START is designed to make the transition from high school to college as seamless as possible. Incoming students get to know our returning students, staff and faculty, participate in our programs, and learn about our services for the first time. By the end of their second day, participants make connections and become better acquainted with many aspects of their new environment-- everything from the residence halls and dining services to student groups, classes and the City of Philadelphia.

### Advising

New Students will meet with faculty academic advisors and have an opportunity to ask questions about their first year course work and academic expectations. Academic advisors are members of the teaching faculty representing each of the University's areas of study.

### Registration

Following their advising session, new students will receive class schedules for the fall semester.

### Testing

First-year students will participate in a writing placement test that will assist in placing them in appropriate College Studies courses.

## Arriving in the Fall

Incoming students will receive information about arrival in August through a later mailing. On August 20, 2009 residential student move in. Commuting students should arrive by 3:00p.m. on August 20.

All new students officially begin their Philadelphia University experience at Convocation, 4 p.m. on August 20, 2009. This is a ceremony rich in academic tradition to welcome students and family members into our University community. Following Convocation and a family picnic, we begin New Student Orientation (NSO) -- a required four-day program to introduce students to the academic culture, community standards and campus life of Philadelphia University. Fall semester classes begin on Monday, August 25.

## Student Schedule

### Morning

-Arrival, ID Photos and Check-in

-Welcome Address

-Small Group Meeting

-Writing Placement

-Career Services  
(for those not in placement)

-Safety & Security

-Dean/Faculty Panel

### Afternoon

-Lunch/IDs/Bookstore

-Health, Wellness & Counseling

-Residential and Campus Life

-Commuting and Campus Life

- Advising & Registration Overview

-Portfolio Review, Advising,  
Schedule Review

## New Student Orientation (NSO)

NSO consists of a series of programs designed to start your time at PhilaU in a positive manner.

### NSO HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Convocation Ceremony
- Entering Class Picture
- Academic School Orientation
- Meet Your Advisor
- Dinner at the President's House
- Comedy Night
- Summer Reading Discussion Groups
- Community Service Plunge
- Shopping Excursions
- Activities Fair

.. and much more!

# START Parent Orientation *(optional)*

The University also provides an optional program for parents and family members has designed an orientation program that familiarizes family members of transfer students during each transfer START session, free of charge. This program familiarizes family members with Philadelphia University's academic, social and physical environment. Upon arrival to campus, participants will receive a complete schedule that includes session times and locations. When you register for the transfer session, please indicate the name(s) of family members who will be attending so that we can best prepare for your time with us on campus.

## Local Accommodations

The University has worked with local hotels to offer discounts to parents and families participating in START, if desired. Accommodations may be made at one of the following locations:

Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue  
4200 City Line Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA  
Contact: Kirsten Bryant  
215.879.3399 x2016  
Kirsten.Bryant@Hilton.com

ACE Conference Center  
800 Ridge Pike  
Lafayette Hill, PA  
Contact: Brian Shields  
610.940.4783  
brian.shields@acegroup.com

Visit our online Visitor's Center to obtain additional information about nearby accommodations at:

<http://www.philau.edu/admissions/visitorscenter/>

## Confirming your START Registration...

For your convenience, reservations for START are available online at [www.PhilaU.edu/NSP](http://www.PhilaU.edu/NSP). To register to attend, you will need your username and password which is sent to you from the Office of Information Resources. If you have not yet received this information, please contact the Philadelphia University Help Desk by calling (215) 951-4648 or via email at [HelpDesk@PhilaU.edu](mailto:HelpDesk@PhilaU.edu). Following receipt of your reservation, you will receive:

- \* Confirmation of your reservation
- \* Directions and Campus Map
- \* More details about the program schedule

## Parent Schedule

### Morning

- Arrival and Check-in
- Welcome Address
- Millennial Student
- Dean/Faculty Panel

### Afternoon

- Lunch
- Health, Wellness & Counseling
- Residential and Campus Life
- Commuting and Campus Life
- Business Office & Student Accounts
- Student Panel/ Q&A

## Family Information...

The support of parents and families play an integral role in the successful transition of their son or daughter to college, and we offer several programs for family members to learn about Philadelphia University. A family resource webpage has been recently developed and we encourage you to visit it at [www.philau.edu/parents/](http://www.philau.edu/parents/)