New Student Orientation

New Student Orientation at Drexel University is an opportunity for new students and families to become connected to the Drexel community. Orientation is a comprehensive overview of the Drexel experience that equips new students and families with the tools necessary to make a successful transition into Drexel. Please take note of the following:

- Orientation is required for all new full-time undergraduate students.
- Parents and family members are encouraged to attend Orientation with their student.
- Students will be contacted by email with specific information about Orientation.
- Pre-registration opens in May for summer and fall Orienation.
- Do not make travel plans until you have registered for Orientation.

Visit **www.drexel.edu/orientation** for specific information about Orientation dates and important information about preparing for your Orientation session.

Pre-Orientation Checklist

• *Submit Your DragonCard Photo*

www.drexel.edu/dragoncard

The DragonCard is the official University ID card, which also provides access to many buildings and services on campus. For up-to-date information, including instructions on how to submit a photo online, please visit the DragonCard website. DragonCards will be distributed during New Student Orientation.

• *Understand Your Health and Immunization Requirements*

www.drexel.edu/studentaffairs/hii

Representatives from the Office of Health Insurance and Immunizations will be on hand during Orientation to answer your questions. However, please visit the Health Insurance and Immunizations website to get specific information before Orientation begins.

• *Complete Your Placement Examinations*

www.drexel.edu/provost/aard/placement_exams

In order to ensure that students are placed into courses for which they are well prepared, Drexel's faculty has developed a set of placement examinations. These examinations reflect the proficiency that is expected of students to be ready for the curriculum presented in mathematics, chemistry, and modern language courses. Please visit the placement exams website for more information.

Domestic Freshman Students

Domestic freshman students should attend one summer Orientation session based on the college/school of their major. Each college hosts two or three Orientation sessions between July 7 and August 8. College-specific Orientation dates will be available on the Orientation website in March.

Transfer Students

www.drexel.edu/studentaffairs/ctse

While many transfer students have a basic understanding of college, attending Orientation gives you the tools necessary to be successful at Drexel. Transfer students have the opportunity to attend a one-day Orientation session in August or a two-day Orientation session in September. Specific Orientation dates will be available on the Orientation website in March.

Contact Your Academic Advisor

www.drexel.edu/drexelcentral/advising

Drexel views academic advising as integral to fulfilling the University's commitment to individual student growth and development. Every Drexel student is provided with a professional academic advisor dedicated to fostering autonomy and informed decision-making. Transfer students should contact their academic advisor prior to attending Orientation to ensure transfer credits have been processed and other requirements are satisfied. Please visit the Academic Planning and Advising website for more information about your advisor.

Veteran Students

www.drexel.edu/veterans

The Office of Veteran Student Services is a campus-wide effort that unifies services and support and provides mentorship for veterans. The information covered during Orientation and online will help you make the transition from military to academic life. Whether you're signing up for your first term or returning to school, Drexel resources are available to help address your questions and concerns.

International Students

www.drexel.edu/isss

International students should attend fall Orientation in September. Specific Orientation dates will be available on the Orientation website in March. Dates can also be found on the SEVIS form I-20 or DS-2019. Important information will be communicated about immigration policies, classroom culture in the United States, and how the Office of International Students and Scholars Services (ISSS) can help you adjust to life at Drexel.

International Pre-Arrival Handbook

Please read the Pre-Arrival handbook found on the ISSS website before attending Orientation. This handbook contains important information to help you arrive in the U.S. and begin your life at Drexel.

University Housing

www.drexel.edu/housing

On-campus housing will not be available during Orientation. Please apply for housing through the Office of University Housing.

New Student Days

www.drexel.edu/newstudentdays
Monday, September 15 – Sunday, September 21, 2014

New Student Days is the official welcome week for new students entering Drexel in the fall term. All new students are required to attend specific events throughout the week. Please visit the New Student Days website for more information about when to arrive on campus. Below is a list of events that occur during New Student Days:

- Residence hall move-in
- Commuter Connection Day
- Community meetings
- First-year book program discussions
- College/school welcome events
- New Student Induction Ceremony
- Experience Philadelphia city excursions
- Nightly events (Casino Night, Movie on the Lawn, etc.)
- Class schedule tours

Getting Started

Academic Calendars

www.drexel.edu/provost/calendars

Fall classes begin on Monday, September 22, 2014. View Drexel's academic calendar online for a list of University holidays, final exam periods, and academic deadlines.

Class Schedules

http://one.drexel.edu

View your class schedule online in DrexelOne and familiarize yourself with where your classes are by attending a class schedule tour the Sunday before fall classes begin.

Campus Involvement

www.drexel.edu/studentaffairs/get_involved

Get involved! Attend Welcome Back Week events throughout the first week of classes to meet new students and to learn about the variety of clubs, organizations, and other opportunities to become connected to Drexel.