To learn more about the options for dining, shopping, and more in the city of Newark, we encourage you to visit: www.enjoydowntownnewark.com

Stay in Newark!

We strongly recommend staying in Newark either the night before or after your orientation date, especially if you’re traveling one hour or more to get to campus. There are several hotels conveniently located on or near campus. Additional accommodation options are listed at www.udel.edu/aboutus.

- The Courtyard by Marriott at the University of Delaware, (302) 737-0900, www.udel.edu/hotel (call for a discounted NSO rate)
- The Embassy Suites Newark, (302) 368-8000, www.newark.embassysuites.com

To ease your transition to UD, we require that all new students attend New Student Orientation (NSO). NSO is a one-day program that will introduce you and your family to our campus community, allow you to meet with an academic advisor, provide opportunities to connect with your new classmates and current UD students, and, most importantly, welcome you to UD!

This newsletter details the important information you need to know about NSO and a checklist of tasks to complete prior to your arrival on campus. In addition, there is information about a variety of campus resources and how to make travel arrangements for NSO.

We look forward to meeting you this summer, and we encourage you to contact us at newstudentorientation@udel.edu or (302) 831-3313 if you have any questions prior to NSO. You can also visit our website at www.udel.edu/students/nso.

Sincerely,
Heather A. Maginnis
Director of NSO

Registering for NSO

Once you’ve submitted your deposit, log into your My Blue Hen Home portal (www.udel.edu/myblueshenhome) and click on the “Register for New Student Orientation” link. Once the registration form opens, read the instructions, and most importantly, select one of the listed dates for your College and major. You may change your date up to three business days prior to your selected date.

You must select one of the listed dates as they are specific to your College.

If you have questions about these dates, contact the NSO Office at newstudentorientation@udel.edu.

NSO Dates

NSO for first year students is offered weekdays beginning Tuesday, June 20 through Wednesday, July 19 (excluding July 3, 4, 13, 17). Please note that while some Colleges advise new students each day of NSO, others only have a few dates available for particular majors.
Your NSO begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Trabant University Center, located at 17 West Main Street, Newark, DE 19716 (be sure to enter the correct city and zip code when using a GPS device or mobile app). The Welcome Session will start promptly at 8:30 a.m. so plan to arrive at the Trabant University Center between 7:45 and 8:15 a.m. to check in at the NSO registration table for your days materials and to enjoy a light breakfast (i.e., bagels, muffins, fruit and coffee/tea) before the program begins. Your NSO will end by 4:30 p.m. Plan to stay until this time to ensure you get the most out of your day at NSO!

At NSO, you will:

Meet and connect with other Blue Hens!
Meet with an academic advisor to begin creating your first semester class schedule.
Attend sessions about student life at UD facilitated by the Orientation Leaders, providing answers to your questions about topics such as technology, housing, student activities, and safety.
Obtain your official OneCard (UD’s student ID card)
Experience campus dining by eating in the Trabant Food Court.
Learn about UD’s mission and values, and most importantly, what it means to be a Blue Hen!
While you’re on campus, you can set up a bank account with PNC Bank and buy UD gear from the bookstore.

In order to attend NSO, your student must register each family member by completing the New Student Orientation (NSO) Registration Form, accessed through your student’s My Blue Hen Home portal at www.udel.edu/mybluehenhome. The non-refundable event fee per guest is $35, payable by credit card or online check through the NSO Registration Form. There is a $35 event fee per family member or guest, payable by credit card or online check through the NSO Registration Form.

NSO Details

NSO Family Members & Guests
As family members or guests of a new student, we recognize that the transition to the University of Delaware can be both exciting and stressful. We invite you to attend our Family Orientation, designed to put your mind at ease and support a successful student experience. Quest takes place in August 2017, and there is space for 12 students on each trip. There are 4 Summit trips, which take place in August 2017, and there is space for 12 students on each trip. If you or your guests should need special assistance during NSO due to a disability, please contact the Office of Disability Support Services at least 10 days in advance of your date at (302) 831-4643 (voice) or (302) 831-4563 (TDD). Campus Resources

Admissions • www.udel.edu/admissions
Computing • www.it.udel.edu
First Year Experience • www.udel.edu/fye
Honors Program • www.udel.edu/honors
PNC Bank • www.pnc.com/ud

The NSO Registration Form allows your student to select an orientation date based on their College and major, and we recommend that families review this form together before submitting the reservation. Your student may also use this form to change their date up to three business days prior to the originally selected date. While some Colleges advise new students every day of NSO, others only have a few dates available for particular majors so students must select one of the listed dates.

NSO Fee
Each new student is billed a one-time $145 fee for NSO, regardless of program attendance. This fee will appear on your first semester bill. There is a $35 event fee per family member or guest, payable by credit card or online check through the NSO Registration Form.

Other Opportunities

SUMMIT is an optional outdoor orientation experience for freshmen that allows you to make meaningful connections with your peers and learn about yourself, all while backpacking on the Appalachian Trail. There are 4 Summit trips, which take place in August 2017, and there is space for 12 students on each trip. To learn more about this program, visit the UD Bookstore and buy UD gear from the

QUEST is an optional opportunity for freshmen to get an early start on a journey of self-discovery and personal leadership development and to gain the confidence that will support a successful student experience. Quest takes place August 22-26, 2017.

1743 WELCOME DAYS, serves as all new student’s extended orientation to campus, and there are a variety of major events that will further welcome you as a new Blue Hen! 1743 takes place August 26-28, 2017 - you don’t want to miss it!

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Student Veterans - www.udel.edu/student_veterans
Student Financial Services - www.udel.edu/sfs
Transfer Credit - www.udel.edu/registrations/transfer
UD Bookstore - www.udel.edu/bookstore

NSO takes place in the Trabant University Center garage. Parking for NSO is available in the Trabant University Center garage.