

# **Transfer student orientation**



**College of Arts & Sciences**

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# **College Office**

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[www.college.upenn.edu](http://www.college.upenn.edu)

Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Walk-in hours Monday-Friday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

# **College website - transfer students**

Transfer student page

[www.college.upenn.edu/transfer-students](http://www.college.upenn.edu/transfer-students)

# Plan for the session

- Useful information
- Questions!

# Summer wrap-up

- XCAT credit evaluation
- Registration
- Meeting with pre-major advisor

# Curriculum

[www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum-majors](http://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum-majors)

General Education Curriculum		Major	Free Electives
Foundational Approaches Policies Governing All Foundational Approaches	Sectors Policies	Description Policies	Description Policies
<i>Communication</i> Writing Policies Foreign Language Policies <i>Analysis</i> Quantitative Data Analysis Policies Formal Reasoning and Analysis Policies <i>Perspectives</i> Cross-Cultural Analysis Policies Cultural Diversity in the U.S. Policies	I. Society II. History & Tradition III. Arts & Letters IV. Humanities & Social Sciences V. Living World VI. Physical World VII. Natural Sciences & Mathematics		

# Academic Calendar

[www.college.upenn.edu/academic-calendar](http://www.college.upenn.edu/academic-calendar)

- Course Selection Period: approx. 2.5 weeks (add writing seminar or language by end of 1st full week)
- Drop deadline: end of 5th full week
- Withdrawal deadline: end of 10th full week



# Registration

[www.college.upenn.edu/registration-process](http://www.college.upenn.edu/registration-process)

2 phases:

- Advance Registration
- Course Selection Period (add/drop)

# **Advance Registration**

- **2-week period in the middle of every semester for the next semester (Oct./Nov. for spring, Mar./Apr. for the fall)**
- **Consult with advisors, plan courses, submit course requests**
- **Course requests processed after period ends**
- **Registration tutorial on the Transfer student page with more details**

# Course Selection Period

- Begins 1-2 weeks after close of Advance Registration; allows schedule adjustment
- Continues into new semester
- First-come, first-served; some courses may fill up and close
- Permits

# Major declaration

- **Sophomore transfers: ideally, declare by end of March in spring semester**
- **Junior transfers: declare as soon as possible, depending on coursework and major**

# **Majors: Informing yourself**

[www.college.upenn.edu/majors](http://www.college.upenn.edu/majors)

- Familiarize yourself with major's web page, major requirements, pre-requirements
- Discuss with pre-major advisor, advisor in major department
- Major Advising Program (MAP) - advice from peers in the major

# How to declare your major

[www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum-majors/about-college-majors/declaring-major](http://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum-majors/about-college-majors/declaring-major)

- Update your Penn InTouch worksheet
- Meet with your pre-major advisor
- Follow up with major department (may involve more than one meeting)
- You will be assigned a major advisor

# **Making the most of your time at Penn**

- **Meet regularly with your pre-major advisor**
- **Seek advice and information from as many people as you can**
- **Get involved - student organizations, research**
- **Don't hesitate to ask for help!**
- **Get to know Philadelphia**

# **Asking for help: Support services**

- Weingarten Learning Resources Center
- Tutoring Center
- Writing Center
- Counseling and Psychological Services
- Student Health Service
- Greenfield Intercultural Center
- LGBT Center



# Philadelphia

- SEPTA [www.septa.org](http://www.septa.org)
- Indego bike share [www.rideindego.com](http://www.rideindego.com)
- What's going on around town [www.uwishunu.com](http://www.uwishunu.com)

***Your questions...***