Transfer student orientation

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

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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
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

## General Education Curriculum

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Academic Calendar

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

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

- 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

- 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...