Transfer student orientation
College of Arts & Sciences
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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
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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### Communication
- Writing: Policies
- Foreign Language: Policies

### Analysis
- Quantitative Data Analysis: Policies
- Formal Reasoning and Analysis: Policies

### Perspectives
- Cross-Cultural Analysis: Policies
- Cultural Diversity in the U.S.: Policies

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- I. Society
- II. History & Tradition
- III. Arts & Letters
- IV. Humanities & Social Sciences
- V. Living World
- VI. Physical World
- VII. Natural Sciences & Mathematics
Course Selection Period: approx. 2.5 weeks
(add writing seminar or language by end of 1st week)
Drop deadline: end of week 5
Withdrawal deadline: end of week 10
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 in production 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)
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
Advising

www.college.upenn.edu/support

- Pre-major advisor: meet before Advance Registration (sophomores); recommended semesterly meetings for Juniors & Seniors
- Major advisor: once you declare
- Other advising relationships (e.g. research, honors in the major)
Asking for help: Support services

- Weingarten Learning Resources Center
- Tutoring Center
- Writing Center
- Counseling and Psychological Services
- Greenfield Intercultural Center
- LGBT Center
Philadelphia

- SEPTA www.septa.org
- Indego bike share www.rideindego.com
- What’s going on around town
  www.uwishunu.com
Your questions...