

WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 2020201

Now that you're a Lute, you will experience all sorts of individual attention and it starts with New Student Registration.

It is very important to us that you have an excellent start to your academic experience at PLU and that's why we spend one-on-one time with you during New Student Registration to discuss your academic background, your ideas about possible majors, and your hopes for college. This conversation will help us guide you in choosing a great set of classes for your fall semester.

Use this workbook to learn more about scheduling your registration appointment, what it's like to be a first-year student at PLU, living on campus, how our Career Connections can help you get started right away on next steps on your path, and more.



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STEP ONE SCHEDULE YOUR REGISTRATION APPOINTMENT

CHOOSE A DAY:













DO THIS FIRST!



Pay your Enrollment Deposit online at *www.plu.edu/bealute*

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Register for your PLU ePass email account at *www.plu.edu/myepass*



Complete your Online Payment Contract at *www.plu.edu/student-services*

Request your appointment date/time at *www.plu.edu/academic-advising*

ABLE TO COME TO CAMPUS?

We have a half-day experience planned for you (family and friends welcome). This includes an Academic Overview Session, a Financial Planning Consultation, an Orientation Session, and a one-hour Individual Registration Appointment.

JOINING US VIA PHONE OR SKYPE?

We will email you Academic Overview information prior to your Registration Appointment for you to review. Financial Planning information will be mailed to you.

TAKE NOTE



Check your PLU email (from the PLU homepage, click on ePass and then on Gmail) and write the date and time of your Registration Appointment here:

STEP TWO

COMPLETE YOUR PLACEMENT EVALUATIONS BEFORE JUNE 1



MATH PLACEMENT

The Math Placement Evaluation is

REQUIRED if you are interested in studying any of the following subjects at PLU:

- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Education
- 3-2 Engineering
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Pre-med/Health Sciences

Just to be safe, we encourage ALL students to take the Math Placement Evaluation now (while your math knowledge is fresh). It is required before you may enroll in any math course at PLU.

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COMPLETE THE MATH AND/OR LANGUAGE PLACEMENT EVALUATION:

www.plu.edu/academic-advising

in order to be on track in your first semester.

LANGUAGE PLACEMENT

The Language Placement Evaluation is REQUIRED if you intend to CONTINUE the

study of the following languages at PLU:

- Chinese
- French
- German
- Greek
- Latin
- Norwegian
- Spanish



LEARN MORE www.plu.edu/majors

STEPTHREE **EXPLORE POSSIBLE MAJORS**

DIVISION OF HUMANITIES

Classical Languages Emphases: Greek, Latin **Classical Studies** English Emphases: Literature, Writing French German Norwegian Philosophy Religion Spanish (Hispanic Studies)

+ ADDITIONAL MINORS

Children's Literature and Culture, Chinese Language, Classical Studies (emphases: Greek, Latin), Publishing & Printing Arts, Religion-Teacher Education

DIVISION OF NATURAL SCIENCES Biology Chemistry Emphases: General Chemistry, Biochemistry, Chemical Physics **Computer Science Engineering Dual Degree** Geosciences **Mathematics** Emphases: General Mathematics, Mathematics Education, Financial Mathematics

Physics Emphasis: Applied Physics

+ ADDITIONAL MINORS Actuarial Science, Electrical Engineering, Statistics

DIVISION OF SOCIAL

SCIENCES Anthropology Economics History **Politics & Government** Psychology Social Work Sociology

+ ADDITIONAL MINORS Conflict Resolution, Public Affairs

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND COMMUNICATION Art & Design Art History (BA) Studio Arts (BA) Studio Arts (BFA)

Concentrations: Ceramics, Graphic Design, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture

Communication & Theatre Communication (BAC) Concentrations: Communication Studies, Conflict & Global Peacebuilding, Journalism, Public Relations & Advertising Theatre: Acting/Directing (BA/BFA) Theatre: Design/Technical (BA/BFA)

Music Music (BA)

Music Composition Music Performance Concentrations: Instrumental, Organ, Piano, Vocal

Music Education Concentrations: K-12 Choral (emphases: Elementary, Secondary), K-12 Instrumental (emphases: Band, Orchestra)

Musical Arts

+ ADDITIONAL MINORS Art History, Studio Arts, Publishing & Printing Arts, Communication, Theatre, Dance Performance, Music - General, Music - Specialized

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS **Business Administration**

Concentrations: Accounting, Finance Individualized Management & Human Resources, Marketing

+ ADDITIONAL MINORS Business Administration, Business Marketing, Nonprofit Leadership

+ CERTIFICATE PROGRAM Accounting

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND KINESIOLOGY Education

Elementary Education

Specializations: Early Childhood Education, English Language Learners, Reading, Special Education Outreach Education Focused on educational careers

outside the K-12 classroom. If you're interested in teaching middle and high school (secondary

education), we recommend you major in the area you hope to teach and then earn your educational certification as part of a Master's program.

Kinesiology **Kinesiology (BAK)**

Concentrations: Health and Fitness Education, Health and Fitness Promotion **Kinesiology (BSK)**

Concentrations: Pre-Physical Therapy, Exercise Science

+ ADDITIONAL MINORS Coaching, Exercise and Sport Psychology, Personal Training, Pre-Athletic Training

SCHOOL OF NURSING **Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS **Chinese Studies Environmental Studies* Global Studies***

Concentrations: Development & Social Justice, International Affairs, Transnational Interaction. Integration & Diversity

Scandinavian Area Studies Women's and Gender Studies*

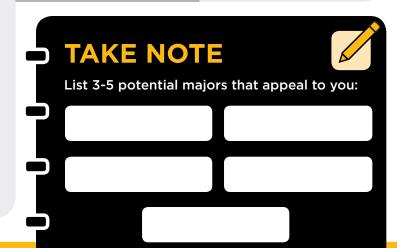
+ ADDITIONAL MINORS

Children's Literature & Culture, Holocaust & Genocide Studies, Printing and Publishing Arts

*These majors require a complementary major or minor.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL **ADVISING PROGRAMS** Military Science (ROTC) Pre-Law⁺ Pre-Professional Health Sciences[†] Theological Studies[†]

*Pre-professional advising. Students participate in an advising program that helps them select a major and build an individual course schedule that best prepares them for their future career.



STEP FOUR GENERAL EDUCATION

PLU's General Education Program, grounded in liberal arts, Lutheran education and scientific perspectives, prepares you for a courageous life of thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership and care—for other people, communities and the Earth. Through a wide range of topical and engaging classes, we welcome you into ongoing conversations about nature and the human condition—challenging you to think critically, discern and formulate values, express yourself effectively and creatively, interact with others respectfully, and understand the world from various perspectives.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics: Two years of college-prep math, with a C average or better. Foreign Language: Two years of one foreign language, with a C average or better.

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

You must complete 128 credits to graduate from PLU. To stay on track to graduate in four years, students typically take 32 credits each academic year. Most students take 12-13 credits their first semester, four credits in January and 16 credits their second semester. You must complete 30 credits to become a sophomore.

INTERNATIONAL HONORS PROGRAM

IHON is a rigorous alternative to PLU's General Education Program, offering interdisciplinary courses that explore contemporary issues and their historical foundations through an integrated, multinational approach. More information: *www.plu.edu/honors*.

PLU CORNERSTONES PROGRAM



Interested in an alternative route to fulfill your general education requirements? For your incoming class only, PLU is launching a pilot program called the PLU Cornerstones Program, a different approach to a liberal arts education at PLU. For nearly all majors, this program has an intentional focus on PLU's mission. Learn more and opt-in at *www.plu.edu/cornerstones*.

GEN ED

FYEP 101 - Writing Seminar FYEP 190 - Inquiry Seminar	
Arts Literature Philosophy Christian Traditions Global Religious Traditions Social Sciences	LT (4 credits) PH (4 credits) RC (4 credits) RG (4 credits)
Mathematical Reasoning Scientific Method Natural Sciences	SM (4 credits)
Alternative Perspectives Cross-Cultural Perspectives PHED 100. PHED Activity Courses College of Arts and Sciences Senior Seminar	C (4 credits) PE (1 credit) . (3 credits total) CAS

IHON

FYEP 101 - Writing Seminar	
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STEPFIVE FIRST-YEAR CLASSES FOR COLLEGE SUCCESS



FALL SEMESTER:

FYEP 101: First-Year Writing Seminar This four-credit course will allow you to improve

your writing skills within the context of an interesting topic or theme that encourages reflection, dialogue, debate and effective writing, alongside 15 fellow first-year students. This course is required for all students entering PLU with fewer than 30 completed college credits, but strongly recommended for all new students.

Student Success Course This one-credit course assists in the transition from high school to university academics. The Office of Academic Advising will email more information to eligible students prior to New Student Registration.



JANUARY TERM:

FYEP 190: First Year Inquiry Seminar This 4-credit course may be taken during January

Term or Spring Semester. The inquiry seminar will introduce you to methods and topics of study within a particular discipline and help you build critical thinking, reading, and discussion skills. Class size is limited to 20-25 students. This course is required for all students entering PLU with fewer than 30 completed college credits.



SPRING SEMESTER:

FYEP 190: First Year Inquiry Seminar This 4-credit course may be taken during January

Term or Spring Semester. The inquiry seminar will introduce you to methods and topics of study within a particular discipline and help you build critical thinking, reading, and discussion skills. Class size is limited to 20-25 students. This course is required for all students entering PLU with fewer than 30 completed college credits.

Career & Educational Planning This onecredit course assists students in their personal decisions regarding major and career opportunities. Students will engage in self-assessment, exploration of the worlds of work, educational planning, reality testing, and building career-related experience. This course is highly recommended for students who have not yet decided on a PLU major.

RESIDENTIAL LINKED COURSES

There are many links between First-Year Classes and Residential Communities.

See page 12 for more information.

TAKE NOTE



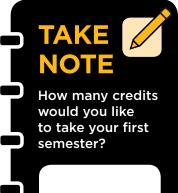
See FYEP 101 topics at *www.plu.edu/first-year* and list all the topics that interest you:

STEP SIX CRAFTING A COURSE SCHEDULE

Most students take 12-13 credits during their first semester at PLU (full-time enrollment is 12-17 credits per semester). Since most classes are four credits, a 12-credit load would include three classes. To put together a complete (and manageable) first-semester schedule, consider FYEP 101 (see page 7), one General Education course (see page 6) and one course that explores your potential major (see page 5).

CONSIDERING A SPRING SPORT?

Athletes with competitive seasons in the spring are advised to take a heavier course load (16 credits) in the fall.



SAMPLE FALL SCHEDULES

INTEREST AREA: NURSING

COURSE	CREDIT	WHAT DOES THIS COURSE FULFILL?
PSYC 101	4	Major and General Education
BIOL 205	4	Major and General Education
BIOL 205 lab	0	
FYEP 101	4	First-Year Writing Seminar
12 total credits		

INTEREST AREA: BUSINESS

COURSE	CREDIT	WHAT DOES THIS COURSE FULFILL?
MATH 128	4	Major and General Education
FYEP 101	4	First-Year Writing Seminar
ECON 101	4	Major and General Education
ARTD 101	4	General Education
16 total credits		

INTEREST AREA: BIOLOGY OR CHEMISTRY

COURSE	CREDIT	WHAT DOES THIS COURSE FULFILL?
MATH 140	4	Major and General Education
CHEM 115	4	Major and General Education
CHEM 115 lab	0	
FYEP 101	4	First-Year Writing Seminar
12 total credits		

INTEREST AREA: UNDECIDED IHON

COURSE	CREDIT	WHAT DOES THIS COURSE FULFILL?
FYEP 101	4	First-Year Writing Seminar
IHON 111	4	General Education
MATH 151	4	General Education
SOCI 101	4	General Education, Exploring Major
PHED 100	1	General Education
17 total credits		

INTEREST AREA: UNDECIDED		
COURSE	CREDIT	WHAT DOES THIS COURSE FULFILL?
FYEP 101	4	First-Year Writing Seminar
HIST 108	4	General Education, Exploring Major
MATH 105	4	General Education
PHED 100	1	General Education
13 total credits		

THE FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE

Everyone at PLU works together to ensure that your first year at PLU is a success on every level from introducing you to university life to providing challenge and support throughout the year. Here are just some of the ways we help make your first year as a Lute successful:

COMMON READING

www.plu.edu/first-year/common-reading So every student starts at PLU with at least one shared academic experience, students, faculty and staff read the same book over the summer in preparation for book discussions during New Student Orientation. The 2016 Common Reading book is *We Need New Names* by NoViolet Bulawayo, which you can purchase during New Student Registration.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

www.plu.edu/new

All new students attend New Student Orientation this is your official welcome to PLU! See pages 15-16 for more information.

FYEP 101 and 190

www.plu.edu/first-year

In your first year you will take two First-Year Experience Program courses, Writing 101 and Inquiry 190. These small learning communities emphasize three foundational skills and values: literacy, critical reflection and learning in community. See page 7 for more information on these courses.



FIRST-YEAR WING COMMUNITIES AND RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

www.plu.edu/residential-life

First Year Communities help you get to know PLU and the Parkland/Tacoma community better. You'll meet friends and build community to support your transition to PLU. Residential Learning Communities are designed living/learning communities for students who share a special interest area, adding to the learning that happens in the classroom and beyond.

If you're not living on campus, the CAVE community is intentionally designed with commuting student needs and interests in mind, including study spaces, kitchen facilities, access to lockers and opportunities to connect with other PLU students.

EMERGING LEADERS

www.plu.edu/sil/emerging-leaders This program is designed to help first-year students connect to involvement opportunities and is built upon three core principles: lead, link and learn.

EXPLORE!

www.plu.edu/explore

In early January, first-year students gather off campus to examine vocation, "big enough" questions and character strengths that support student success. The Explore! Retreat will help you discern your calling and see connections between your studies and your purpose in life. Understanding and connecting with your vocation is part of what it means to be a Lute.



RESIDENTIAL LIFE

WELCOME HOME TO PLU!

Living on campus is an integral component of the PLU Experience—85 percent of first-year students live on campus. At PLU, we call our living facilities "residence halls" because they are SO much more than a "dorm." Our nine dynamic on-campus living and learning environments are fun, supportive and convenient—a terrific value on many levels.



All PLU students are encouraged to live on campus for t please contact Commuter and Transfer Stu

VALUE + COST

We understand that cost is a part of your decision making process...

- In an effort to keep on campus housing as affordable as possible, there is a 0 percent increase in room and board for 2016-17
- ★ Commuting costs more than you might think: consider gas, parking, food ... and your valuable time
- If you live on campus you may be eligible for more financial aid—up to \$3,500 off the "sticker price" of room and board

THE BASICS OF CAMPUS LIVING

- All first-year students are guaranteed housing
- Trained professional staff—not computers!—hand-match roommates

APPLY FOR HOUSING

To secure your room at PLU, pay your Enrollment Deposit and apply for housing at *www.plu.edu/bealute*

RESIDENTIAL LINKED COURSES

There are multiple opportunities to link your in-classroom and out-of-classroom living and learning experiences:

- Students who live in first-year wings in the Hinderlie Community for Creative Expression Residential Learning Community (RLC) will be co-enrolled in a First-Year Experience Program (FYEP) Writing 101 course on the topic of creativity
- Students who live in first-year wings in the Harstad Women's Empowerment and Gender Equity RLC will have the opportunity to opt in for a linked FYEP Writing 101 course on the topic of gender equity
- ★ Students who live in the First in the Family RLC in Ordal Hall will be co-enrolled in a linked one-credit student success course
- NEW for fall 2016 First-year residents of Social Action and Leadership in Stuen Hall will be co-enrolled in a FYEP Writing 101 course on the topic of social justice
- NEW for fall 2016 First-year residents of Hong International Hall, who are not also in the International Honors program, will be coenrolled in a FYEP Writing 101 course on the topic of global engagement

HIGHER GRADUATION RATES

Since fall 2005, first-year students who lived on campus for four or more semesters graduated from PLU at a higher rate than students who never lived on campus.



HIGHER GPAs

At PLU from 2011-15, first-year students

3.1 GPA, compared to 2.87 for students

who lived on campus earned an average

RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES (RLCs)

Students who participate in RLCs, especially those that have a residential linked course, have increased:

- Critical thinking & academic outcomes
- Faculty and peer interactions
- Sense of belonging and satisfaction
- Diversity awareness and openness to new ideas

hese value-added outcomes; however, if living on-campus is not possible, dent Connections (*ctcs@plu.edu*) for resources and support.

LEARN MORE

FIND YOUR WAY FORWARD

Opportunities for on-campus jobs, academic internships, part-time work and other forms of experiential learning (go to *plu.edu/career* and click on the Opportunities Board tab)



STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Student employees are valued in every department on campus. Jobs for work study and non-work study in those departments, as well as off campus, are open to all students. The end of each semester is the best time to search for open positions. Incoming first-year students may apply now. Student employment at PLU is capped at 20 hours per week; jobs that offer five to ten hours per week are often available.

A VARIETY OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ARE OFFERED

Job Shadowing | Employer Panels and Site Visits | Alumni Connections | Career Fairs | Volunteering | Interest Surveys and other Career Exploration Tools | Professional Skill-Building Activities and Training—Résumé Writing, Networking, LinkedIn, etc.

INTERNSHIPS

PLU has a robust network of employers who offer paid and unpaid internships, allowing PLU students to gain valuable insight into a career or field of study, build professional skills, and network. Internship opportunities exist during the academic year and during the summer and offer the opportunity to receive academic credit.

While most students seek internships their junior year, first- and second-year students may also begin working with Career Connections to identify experience-building strategies early on to put them on the right track for meaningful internship opportunities.



of interns are converted to fulltime employees



of employers prefer hiring candidates with work experience gained through internships

NEW LUTE INFORMATION

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE CENTER

Tutors, study skills, study groups (More than one-third of PLU students use these!) 253-535-7518 www.plu.edu/aac

ACADEMIC ADVISING OFFICE

Assistance with advising; resources for selecting classes 253-535-7459 www.plu.edu/academic-advising

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Anderson University Center 300 253-535-7206 *www.plu.edu/dss*

BOOK STORE - GARFIELD BOOK COMPANY AT PLU

Textbooks, supplies, Lute gear 208 Garfield St. S. #101 252-535-7665 *luteworld.plu.edu*

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Scholarship, grant and loan information Hauge 102 253-535-7134 www.plu.edu/financial-aid

STUDENT SERVICES CENTER

Add or drop classes, transcripts, payment options, financial aid, billing questions Hauge 102 253-535-7161 www.plu.edu/student-services

STUDENT SUPPORT

COUNSELING CENTER

Assistance with personal challenges or personal academic issues Anderson University Center 300 253-535-7206 www.plu.edu/counseling

HEALTH CENTER

On-campus healthcare for all students (Corner of Park and 121st) 253-535-7337 www.plu.edu/health

CAMPUS SAFETY

Parking and safety information Harstad G-28 253-535-7441 *www.plu.edu/campus-safety*

DIVERSITY CENTER

Anderson University Center 150 253-535-8750 www.plu.edu/dcenter

CENTER FOR GENDER EQUITY

Education, support, advocacy (801 121st St. S.) 253-535-8759 www.plu.edu/womenscenter

EQUIPPING STUDENTS FOR CAREERS

CAREER CONNECTIONS

Career exploration and opportunities Ramstad 112 253-535-7459 *www.plu.edu/career*

INTERNSHIPS

Internship opportunities Ramstad 112 253-535-7324 www.plu.edu/intern

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

Postings for jobs, including work-study 253-535-7459 www.plu.edu/ studentemployment

LEARN MORE

NSO: SEPTEMBER 2-5, 2016

Join us at this fun and exciting event designed to welcome new students to PLU's vibrant community. Get connected, be involved and stay informed. At this five-day immersion program, you'll meet new people, make new friends, go on tours and attend a series of fun activities designed to make PLU your new home.





MEET FELLOW LUTES

All students are assigned a Lute Group that is led by a current student leader and meets throughout the NSO. Throughout NSO you will have many opportunities to meet new and continuing Lutes.

LUTE FAMILY SCHEDULE Sept. 2, 2016



Family members are anyone who supports our new students, including parents, grandparents, partners, spouses, children, siblings, cousins, friends, etc. You are an integral part of your new student's transition to PLU. With this in mind, we have created a schedule for you as well.

We look forward to seeing you in September!

LEARN HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THE CLASSROOM

College courses are difficult, but PLU has many wonderful resources to support you. Learn about the ways you will be supported while at PLU.

GET TO KNOW FACULTY AND STAFF

Start your PLU career right. Meet those individuals that will help you while at PLU.

TAKE PART IN TIMELESS LUTE TRADITIONS

One of these timeless Lute traditions is the President's Garden Party. Each Lute is invited to the President's House twice during their time at PLU, once during NSO and again during commencement weekend.





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www.plu.edu/new

2016-17 CALENDAR



ON THE ROAD

Introduce yourself to "Tacoma and Pierce County." On The Road is a fun, exciting activity that takes you off campus to learn about your community and your fellow Lutes. Trips are designed around service, cultural experiences, and exploration.



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New Student Orientation

First Day of Classes and University Convocation

Involvement Fair

16 Homecoming and Family Weekend

Mid-Semester Break

Thanksgiving Break 27

12 16 Finals Week Winter Break Begins

January Term Begins

Explore! Retreat



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• Apply to live on campus or register your housing plans (see links in your Enrollment Deposit confirmation email)

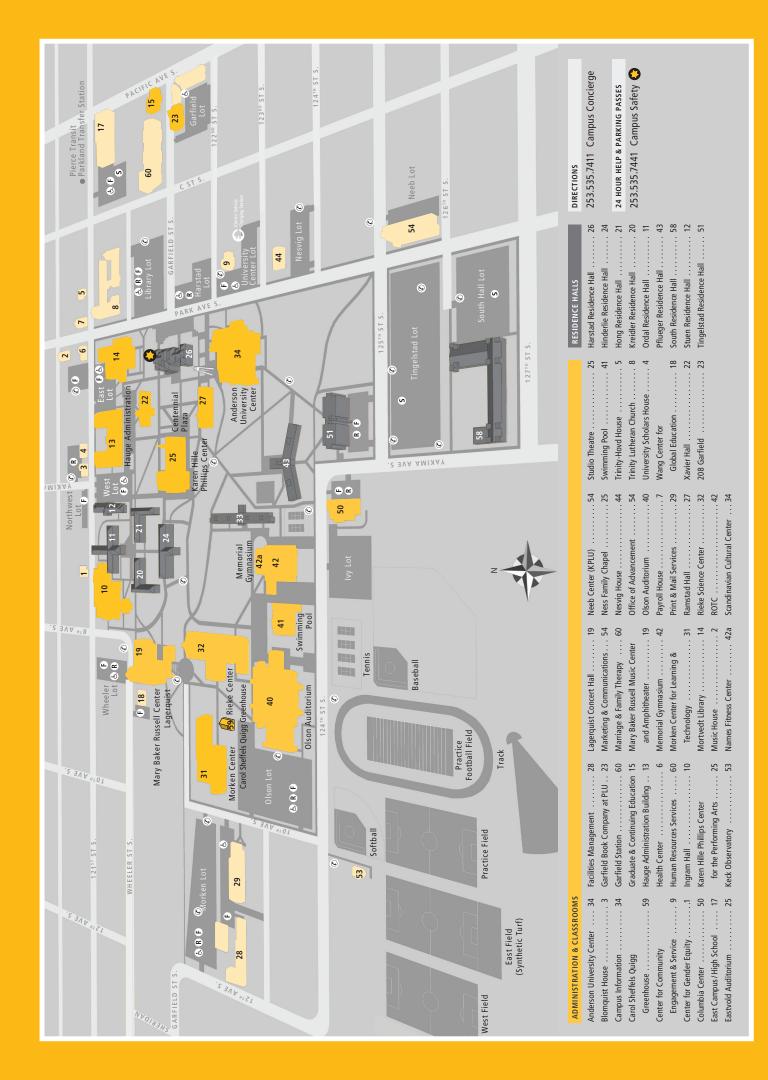
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- Activate your PLU email account at www.plu.edu/myepass
- Complete your Online Payment Contract at www.plu.edu/studentservices
- Q Request your New Student Registration Appointment
- Check your Financial Aid folder and complete the New Student Checklist

BETWEEN NOW AND FALL SEMESTER:

- Return your Medical History Record and New Student Information form, found on the admitted student webpage (www.plu.edu/admit, then select "First-Year")
- Complete your Math and Language Placement Evaluations (see page 2)
- O Start reading *We Need New Names* by NoViolet Bulawayo. This is our Summer Common Reading book!
- New Student Registration: June 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22
- Send final high school (and college) transcripts to: Registrar, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma WA 98477
- You'll receive more information about New Student Orientation
- You'll receive your first billing statement. (Pay your balance owed by July 25 and you'll get a \$100 Early Payment Lute Discount!). Contact Student Services with any questions (253-535-7161).
- If applicable, contact our Disability Support Services to start the documentation and accommodation process
- If living on campus, you'll receive roommate information at the end of July!
- O Athlete? Submit your Athletic Medical Clearance Form (golutes.com/information/sportsmedicine)
- Have a car? Register your vehicle (plu.edu/campus-safety/parking)
- You'll receive your next student account statement. Contact Student Services with any questions (253-535-7161).
- **O** First tuition payment is due Aug. 25
- You'll receive information about your Academic Advisor at the end of August!

LEARN MORE www.plu.edu/admit





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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED