



# NEW LUTE GUIDE





## Welcome to the Class of **2023!**

Every student chooses PLU for different reasons, and **we are so glad that you have decided to be a Lute this fall.**

One of the benefits of being a Lute is the individualized attention you'll get, which starts right off the bat with New Student Registration — your opportunity to come to campus to receive your fall semester class schedule, meet professors and Student Success Advisors, chat one on one with Student Financial Services, and **kickstart your experience as a PLU student.**

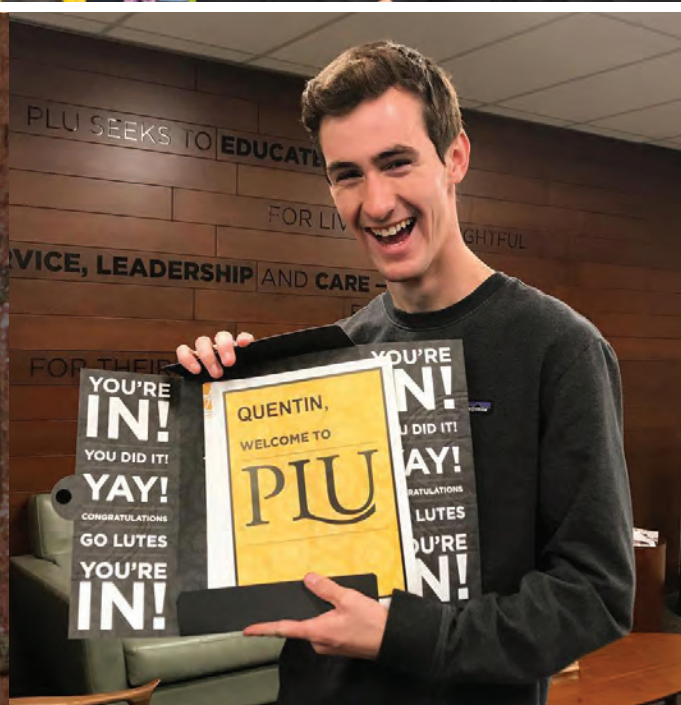
This New Lute Guide includes important information about New Student Registration, residential learning communities and linked courses, how to buy your textbooks and apply for student jobs, planning for study away **and more.**







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# NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

**N**ew Student Registration is an on-campus experience to kickstart your journey as a PLU student and support this important transition to college.

## During New Student Registration, you will:

- Receive your Fall 2019 class schedule and review it with a PLU advisor
- Learn more about academic expectations and the path to graduation
- Engage with a PLU professor during a “mini class”
- Meet individually with your Student Financial Services counselor to go over financial planning
- Attend a resource fair to meet with campus representatives from Campus Safety, Dining, Disability Support Services, Residential Life, the Wang Center for Global Education (Study Away), and more

*(Your family is welcome to join you for New Student Registration!)*

## How to sign up

- 1** Register for your PLU ePass email account at [plu.edu/myepass](http://plu.edu/myepass) (Your New Student Registration confirmation will be sent **only** to your PLU student email account)
- 2** Go to [plu.edu/academic-advising/new-student-registration](http://plu.edu/academic-advising/new-student-registration) to complete the form and request your date (June 24, 25, 26, 27 or 28) and session time (morning or afternoon)

\*If you cannot make it to campus, let us know on the sign-up form and we can schedule a virtual session to review your Fall 2019 class schedule with you.

## DID YOU KNOW

PLU's unique **First Year Experience Program** provides students with opportunities to develop their academic skills while engaging in meaningful conversations. FYEP courses and co-curricular programs stress critical inquiry, effective expression, and learning in and through community.





## Before June 1, you MUST:

- 1 Complete your Online Payment Agreement at [plu.edu/payment-agreement](https://plu.edu/payment-agreement)
- 2 Complete the Meningococcal Release Acknowledgment \*
- 3 Take the Math Placement Evaluation \*\*
- 4 If you intend to study any of the following languages, complete the Language Placement Survey \*\*\*
  - Chinese
  - French
  - German
  - Greek
  - Latin
  - Norwegian
  - Spanish
  - Southern Lushootsee

You cannot be registered for classes until you complete these steps (your student account will be put on hold), and if you do not complete them by the **June 1 deadline** you run the risk of forfeiting your New Student Registration appointment.

### \* PLU Meningococcal Release Acknowledgment Instructions

- Go to <https://banweb.plu.edu>
- Select “Banner Self Service”
- Sign in using your PLU ePass information
- On the “Personal Information” tab, select “Notifications and Preferences” from the menu
- Select “Meningococcal Release Information”
- Review the provided information, then click the acknowledgment button

### \*\* Math Placement Evaluation Instructions

- Go to <https://banweb.plu.edu>
- Select “Banner Self Service” and sign in using your PLU ePass information
- On the “Student Services” tab, select “Student Records” from the menu
- Select “Math Placement Exam” from the menu
  - Please note that this is not an official exam, but rather an evaluation to place you in the appropriate math course
  - Please set aside at least an hour to complete this evaluation

### \*\*\* Language Placement Survey Instructions

- Log in to “Banner Self Service” using your PLU ePass information
- On the “Student Services” tab, select “Student Records” from the menu
- Select “Language Placement”
  - Please set aside at least an hour to complete this survey







## BUYING YOUR TEXTBOOKS

Once you've got your fall classes, you can start buying the textbooks needed for each class. The easiest way to buy textbooks? Go to [lutelocker.com](https://www.lutelocker.com) and select "Textbooks" from the menu at the top. When you reach the order page, select the term (Fall 2019), subject, then the class title and section for each of your classes.

The Lute Locker is also where you get all of your black and gold Lute gear (hoodies, t-shirts, hats, accessories, etc.)! Order online or visit the Lute Locker when you're on campus.



## COMMON READING

You and your fellow new Lutes will read the same book over the summer to prepare for faculty-led discussions and a campus-wide panel conversation during your first week on campus.

The 2019 Common Reading book is "Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation" by Octavia E. Butler and adapted by Damian Duffy and John Jennings. Copies will be available for purchase during New Student Registration.

[plu.edu/common-reading](https://plu.edu/common-reading)



As soon as you are registered for fall classes, you can apply for on-campus jobs! Check listings for on-campus **and** off-campus jobs on the Opportunities Board at [plu.edu/career](http://plu.edu/career).

# STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

## Work Study FAQs

**Q** Where on campus can I use my work study?

**A** All on-campus jobs are work study eligible. There are off-campus options too.

**Q** I don't have work study. Can I still work on campus?

**A** Absolutely! On-campus jobs are open to all students.

**Q** If I don't work my first semester or even first year, will I lose my work study?

**A** You won't. You must, however, complete the FAFSA every year to be considered for work study eligibility.

**S**tudent 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.

"I really like my job on campus, I love the people I work with," said Chloe Ponce, an on-campus barista. "It also helps that they are very flexible with my schedule, which is very

nice, especially with ROTC and classes."

Student employment at PLU is capped at 20 hours per week; jobs that offer five to 10 hours per week are often available.

"If you're considering it, start working on your resume and cover letter now because that was what took me the longest when applying," Ponce said.

## Additional Experiential Learning Opportunities

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.



# LIVING ON CAMPUS

Our residence halls are so much more than dorms — each unique living and learning environment is set up to enhance your PLU college experience. It's where we want you to make a home.

# 85%

OF FIRST-YEAR  
STUDENTS LIVE  
ON CAMPUS







## Residential Learning Communities

Residential Learning Communities (RLCs) are living/learning communities on campus, which add to your learning in class and out.

Every student living on campus is part of an RLC, and you have the option to live in a **themed** RLC, which are communities for students who share a special interest area.

By living in a themed RLC, you'll **get to take a course linked to your community** as part of the First Year Experience.

**“I think one of the benefits is the courses relate to the communities. I got a course that’s related to what I care about because I picked a hall that’s related to what I care about.”**

**-JEREMY (DJS Community)**

### YOU CAN STILL APPLY TO LIVE IN

Harstad Women’s Empowerment & Gender Equity

Hinderlie Community for Creative Expression

Hong International Hall

Lavendar Community (Ordal)

Wellness House (two floors in Tingelstad)

STEM House (two floors in Tingelstad)

Diversity, Justice & Sustainability (Stuen)  
comprising three themed floors:

- *First in the Family*
- *Students of Color*
- *Environmental & Social Justice*

### A THEMED RLC!

#### DID YOU KNOW

**Commuter students** are also invited to be a part of a themed RLC and take a linked course.  
[plu.edu/commuter-students](http://plu.edu/commuter-students)

Apply at

[plu.edu/residential-life](http://plu.edu/residential-life)



## Want to study away as early as your first year?

Think about a J-Term 2020 class!

### J-Term 2020 Offerings:

Music Centers of the World (MUSI 101) in Austria, Czech Republic, Germany\*

Transition & Trauma (POLS 387/ PSYC 387) in Czech Republic & Poland

The Arts in Society (ARTD 383/ IHON 260) in England

Adapted Physical Activity (KINS 326) in England & Germany

Investigating Environmental & Economic Change in Europe (ECON 215) in Italy

Religion & Culture (RELI 230) in Mexico\*

Comparative Education (EDUC 385) in Namibia

Diversity, Conflict and Peace (GLST 387/SOCI 387) in Northern Ireland

Social, Educational, and Health Services (SOCW 325) in Tobago\*

Music of Trinidad Carnival (MUSI 120) in Trinidad

Intensive Spanish and Culture (HISP 201/202/301/403) in Uruguay\*

The Religions of East Asia (RELI 132) in Honolulu, HI

Environmental Philosophy (PHIL 226/ENVT) in Holden Village, WA\*

Makah Culture Past and Present (ANTH 192/491) in Neah Bay, WA\*

Sound Stories: Literatures of the Pacific Northwest (ENGL 214) in Port Townsend, WA\*

Engaging Christian Ethics (RELI 226) in Tacoma, WA\*

\*First-year students are welcome to apply for these specific J-Term courses.



# STUDY AWAY AT PLU

It's not too early to start thinking about and planning for a study away experience (or experiences)! Visit [plu.edu/studyaway](https://plu.edu/studyaway) to start exploring and once you're on campus, plan to meet with a Study Away Advisor in the Wang Center for Global Education to help you plan the best experiences for your interests.

We're offering **twelve \$500 need-based Map Your Future study away scholarships to first-year students.** Visit [plu.edu/studyaway/funding](https://plu.edu/studyaway/funding) for more information and to apply.

*photo by Katie McGregor*



# NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Sept. 6-8

**M**ark the beginning of your PLU journey at New Student Orientation — three fun days to connect with new classmates, returning students, faculty members and staff while learning more about PLU.

These three days are filled with opportunities: join a small “Lute Group” of other new students, facilitated by student Orientation Guides; attend student performances; learn your way around campus with scavenger hunts and tours; and meet with your Student Success Advisor, among many other activities.

Find more information and the New Student Orientation schedule at [plu.edu/new](https://plu.edu/new).





## 2019-20 CALENDAR

- MI**  
SEPT. 6  
MOVE-IN DAY
- NS**  
SEPT. 6-8  
NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
- FD**  
SEPT. 9  
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES &  
UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION
- IF**  
SEP. 13  
INVOLVEMENT FAIR
- HF**  
OCT. 4-6  
HOMECOMING & FAMILY  
WEEKEND
- MS**  
OCT. 25  
MID-SEMESTER BREAK
- TB**  
NOV. 27-DEC. 1  
THANKSGIVING BREAK
- FW**  
DEC. 16-20  
FINALS WEEK
- WB**  
DEC. 21  
WINTER BREAK BEGINS
- JT**  
JAN. 6  
J-TERM CLASSES BEGIN



# HAVE YOU DONE THESE?

- Applied to live on campus or registered your housing plans
- Activated your PLU email account at [plu.edu/myepass](http://plu.edu/myepass)
- Signed up for New Student Registration at [plu.edu/academic-advising/new-student-registration](http://plu.edu/academic-advising/new-student-registration)

## WE'RE ALL READING



## TOGETHER THIS SUMMER!

# BETWEEN NOW AND FALL SEMESTER

## May

- Complete your annual online payment agreement at [plu.edu/payment-agreement](http://plu.edu/payment-agreement) by June 1
- Complete the meningitis information survey and return your Medical History Record, found on the admitted student webpage ([plu.edu/admit](http://plu.edu/admit), and select “First-Year Students”) by June 1
- Complete your Math & Language Placement Evaluations by June 1

## June

- Purchase and begin reading the Common Reading book, “Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation” This is required!
- New Student Registration: June 24, 25, 26, 27 or 28
- Send final high school (and college) transcripts to: Registrar, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA 98447

## July

- Buy textbooks for your classes at [lutelocker.com](http://lutelocker.com)
- Register for New Student Orientation at [plu.edu/new](http://plu.edu/new), then check your PLU email!
- If applicable, contact Disability Support Services ([dss@plu.edu](mailto:dss@plu.edu) or 253-535-7206) to start the documentation and accommodation process
- If living on campus, you’ll receive roommate information at the end of the month (check your PLU email)!

## August

- Athlete? Complete your NCAA Athletics Pre-Participation packet ([golutes.com/information/about/sportsmedicine](http://golutes.com/information/about/sportsmedicine))
- Bringing a car? Register your vehicle at [plu.edu/campus-safety/parking](http://plu.edu/campus-safety/parking)
- You’ll receive your billing statement. First payment for any amount owed to PLU after financial aid is in August
- You’ll receive information from your Student Success Advisor at the end of the month (check your PLU email!)



# IMPORTANT CAMPUS RESOURCES

You can find the on-campus location of all of these offices at [plu.edu/map](http://plu.edu/map).

## ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

### Center for Student Success

Provides students with individualized academic and personal support and resources, including navigating academic requirements, major planning, tutoring, study skills and study groups  
253-535-7459 or [success@plu.edu](mailto:success@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/student-success](http://plu.edu/student-success)

### Disability Support Services

Helps establish reasonable accommodations and services for equitable access  
253-535-8242 or [dss@plu.edu](mailto:dss@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/dss](http://plu.edu/dss)

### Student Financial Services

Financial aid process, payment options, billing questions  
253-535-7161 or [sfs@plu.edu](mailto:sfs@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/student-financial-services](http://plu.edu/student-financial-services)

### Textbooks

Order online at [lutelocker.com](http://lutelocker.com)

## STUDENT SUPPORT

### Campus Safety

Parking and safety information  
253-535-7441 or [csin@plu.edu](mailto:csin@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/campus-safety](http://plu.edu/campus-safety)

### Center for Gender Equity

Education, support, advocacy  
253-535-8759 or [cge@plu.edu](mailto:cge@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/cge](http://plu.edu/cge)

### Counseling Center

Emotional support for personal challenges or personal academic issues  
253-535-7206 or [counseling@plu.edu](mailto:counseling@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/counseling](http://plu.edu/counseling)

### Diversity Center

Programs and initiatives that promote and enhance equity, agency and action  
253-535-8750 or [dcenter@plu.edu](mailto:dcenter@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/dcenter](http://plu.edu/dcenter)

### Health Center

Primary healthcare services for ALL students  
253-535-7337 or [health@plu.edu](mailto:health@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/health](http://plu.edu/health)

## EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER

### Career Connections

Career exploration and preparation  
253-535-7459 or [career@plu.edu](mailto:career@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/career](http://plu.edu/career)

### Internships

Internship opportunities  
253-535-7324  
[plu.edu/intern](http://plu.edu/intern)

### Student Employment

On-campus and work study jobs  
253-535-8786 or [stuemp@plu.edu](mailto:stuemp@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/studentemployment](http://plu.edu/studentemployment)

## GET INVOLVED

### Clubs & Organizations

Over 70 from which to choose  
253-535-8319 or [clubs@plu.edu](mailto:clubs@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/clubs](http://plu.edu/clubs)

### Center for Community Engagement & Service

Service and volunteer in the local community  
253-535-7652 or [service@plu.edu](mailto:service@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/service](http://plu.edu/service)

### Student Engagement

Student leadership and programming  
253-535-7195 or [engage@plu.edu](mailto:engage@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/student-engagement](http://plu.edu/student-engagement)

Engaged and involved students succeed! Get your start at the **Involvement Fair on Friday, September 13.**





**OFFICE OF ADMISSION**  
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Tacoma, WA 98447-0003

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