



# NEW LUTE GUIDE



## Welcome to the Class of **2024!**

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 connect with a PLU advisor to receive and review your fall semester class schedule, and **kickstart your experience as a PLU student.**

This New Lute Guide includes important information about New Student Registration, 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 a vital step in the start of your journey as a PLU student! During New Student Registration, you'll meet virtually with a PLU advisor to review your Fall 2020 class schedule and learn more about academic expectations and your path to graduation. We'll also provide you opportunities to connect with Student Financial Services, the Office of Accessibility & Accommodation, Residential Life, Dining Services, and other PLU resources.



## How to sign up for New Student Registration

- 1 Register for your PLU ePass email account (The confirmation email for your appointment will be sent **only** to your PLU student email).
- 2 Share your info and select your date and time on the New Student Registration Form, found at [plu.edu/nsr](http://plu.edu/nsr).

**June 1 is the Priority Deadline to sign up for New Student Registration!**



## Choose your date and start time

**Monday**  
(9 a.m., 11 a.m.,  
1 p.m. or 3 p.m.)

**JUNE 1 • JUNE 8 • JUNE 15  
JUNE 22 • JUNE 29 • JULY 6**

**Tuesday**  
(9 a.m., 11 a.m.,  
1 p.m. or 3 p.m.)

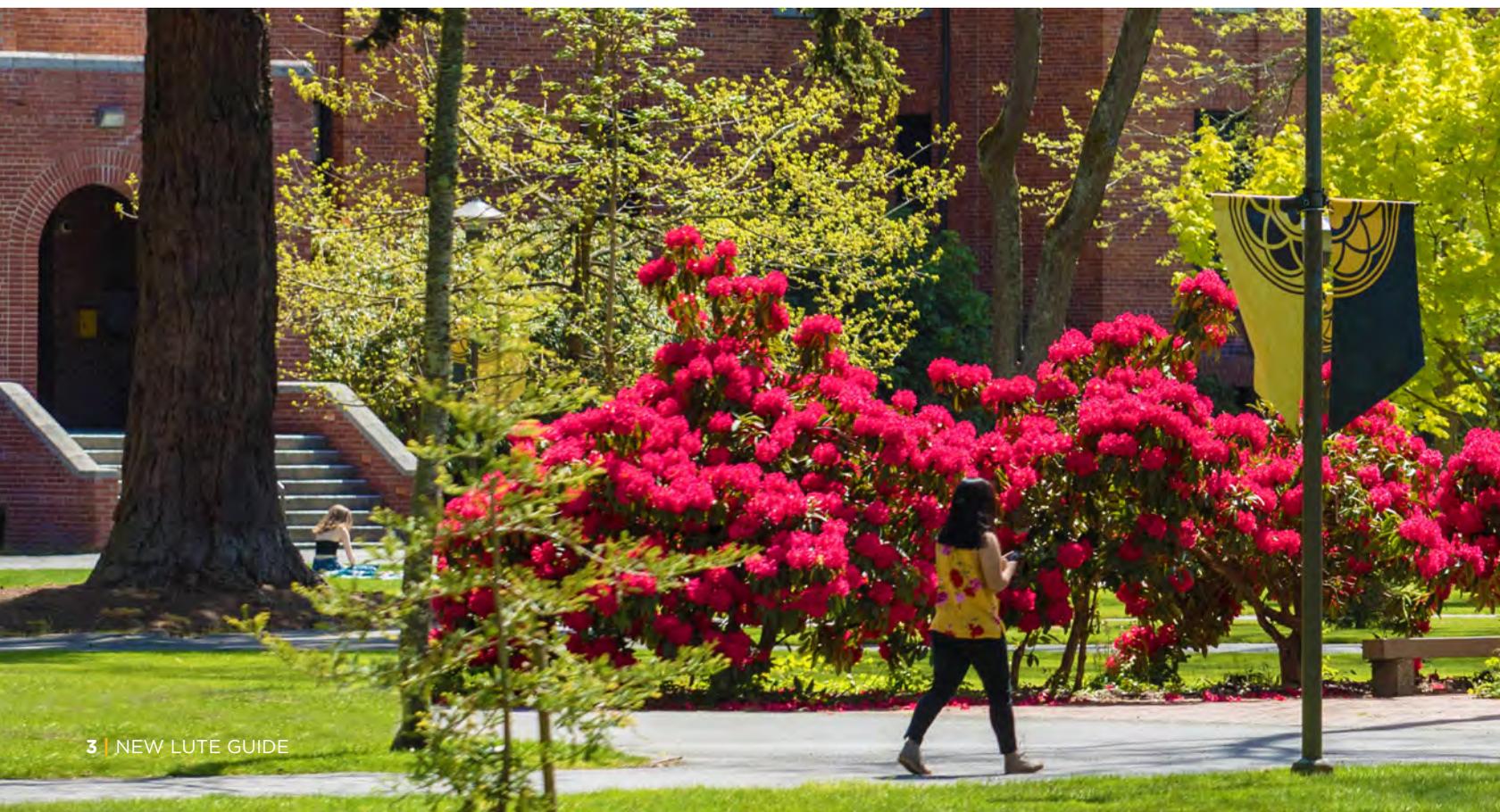
**JUNE 2 • JUNE 9 • JUNE 16  
JUNE 23 • JUNE 30 • JULY 7**

**Thursday**  
(9 a.m., 11 a.m.,  
1 p.m. or 3 p.m.)

**JUNE 4 • JUNE 11 • JUNE 18  
JUNE 25 • JULY 9**

**Saturday** (9 a.m.)

**JUNE 27**





## Prepare for your appointment

You **MUST** complete the following steps at least **one week before** your appointment. If these steps aren't complete, your student account is put on hold and we can't register you for your Fall 2020 classes.

**1** Complete your **Online Payment Agreement** at [plu.edu/payment-agreement](https://plu.edu/payment-agreement)

*\*Please note - the Online Payment Agreement is not where you pay your PLU bill, but rather lets us know how you plan to pay any net cost owed to the university (i.e. monthly payment plan; yearly payment plan; financial aid covers all cost; etc.)*

**2** Complete the **Housing and Learning Community Application** at [plu.edu/residential-life/protected/housing-application](https://plu.edu/residential-life/protected/housing-application)

*\*Please note - you must complete the Housing Application whether you plan to live on-campus or off-campus*

**3** Complete the **Meningococcal Release Acknowledgment\***

**4** Take the required **Math Placement Evaluation\***

**5** Take the **Language Placement Survey\***

Required if you intend to study one or more of the following languages: Chinese, French, German, Greek, Latin, Norwegian, Spanish, Southern Lushootsee

*\*You'll find directions to complete these steps at [plu.edu/nsr](https://plu.edu/nsr)*



# 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 2020), 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

The 2020 Common Reading book will be announced in late spring. Copies of the book will be available for you to purchase during New Student Registration, or online at [lutelocker.com](https://www.lutelocker.com).

# STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

**A**s 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).

## 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.

## Career Preparation Opportunities we offer to students every year

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

Still need to apply for housing? Go to [plu.edu/residential-life/protected/housing-application](https://plu.edu/residential-life/protected/housing-application)



## Learning Communities

Learning Communities (LCs) at PLU add to your learning in class and out. **Every student**, both those who **live on campus** and those who **commute**, is part of a Learning Community.

You'll get to take a course linked to your LC as part of the First Year Experience, and will have plenty of opportunities to participate in activities related to the theme(s) and communities that most interest you.

### YOU CAN STILL APPLY TO BE A PART OF

Harstad Women's Empowerment & Gender Equity



Hinderlie Community for Creative Expression



Hong International Hall

*Language Wings: Chinese, French, German,*

*Norwegian, Spanish*

*International Honors Wing*



Lavender Community



Wellness House



STEM House



Diversity, Justice & Sustainability  
comprising three themes:

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

### A THEMED LEARNING COMMUNITY!

Apply at  
[plu.edu/residential-life/protected/housing-application](https://plu.edu/residential-life/protected/housing-application)

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

Think about a J-Term 2021 class!

### J-Term 2021 Offerings:

Tropical Marine Biology (BIOL 369) in the **Bahamas**

Children's Literature from a Golden Age to a New Millennium (ENGL 253/IHON 257) in **England\***

Psychology of Expertise: London as a Case Study (PSYC 483) in **England**

Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean (RELI 213) in **Greece**

Comparative Education (EDUC 385) in **Namibia**

Non-Profit Internships (AICE 476/SOCI 495) in **Northern Ireland**

Genocide Memorialization and the Future of Rwanda (HGST/SOCW 387) in **Rwanda**

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

Trinidad Carnival Music (MUSI 120/491) in **Trinidad\***

Intensive Spanish and Culture w/ option of Tango (HISP 201/202/301/403 & PHED 276) in **Uruguay\***

The Presidency (POLS 287) in **Washington D.C.\***

***\*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. 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.

# WELCOME WEEKEND - NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

## Sep. 4-7

### *Your LUTE Journey Begins Here*

#### **Experience LUTE Traditions**

Learn about campus resources, attend student performances, and participate in fun community building and community service projects!

#### **Build Your Network**

Meet and get to know your fellow students, professors, Student Success Advisor, and your other Lute supporters.

#### **Get a Great Start**

Connect with your Learning Community LUTE Group to plan and prepare for your first week of PLU classes!

# 2020-21 CALENDAR



**SEP. 4**  
MOVE-IN DAY



**SEP. 4-7**  
WELCOME WEEKEND - NEW  
STUDENT ORIENTATION



**SEP. 8**  
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES &  
UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION



**SEP. 11**  
INVOLVEMENT FAIR



**OCT. 9-11**  
HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND



**OCT. 23**  
MID-SEMESTER BREAK



**NOV. 25-29**  
THANKSGIVING BREAK



**DEC. 14-18**  
FINALS WEEK



**DEC. 19**  
WINTER BREAK BEGINS



**JAN. 4**  
J-TERM CLASSES BEGIN



# HAVE YOU DONE THESE?

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- 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)
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# BETWEEN NOW AND FALL SEMESTER

## May

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- Complete your annual online payment agreement at [plu.edu/payment-agreement](http://plu.edu/payment-agreement)
- 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”)
- Complete your Math & Language Placement Evaluations (see pgs. 3-4)

## June

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- Purchase and begin reading the Common Reading book. This is required!
- New Student Registration (see pgs. 3-4)
- Send final high school (and college) transcripts to: Registrar, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA 98447

## July

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- Last days of New Student Registration (see pgs. 3-4)
- 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 the Office of Accessibility & Accommodation ([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

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- 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 August 25
- 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

### Accessibility & Accommodation

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)

### 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)

### 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 Services

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

### 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)

### Clubs & Organizations - Student Engagement

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

### Recreation

Stay active through Intramurals, Outdoor Rec, club sports, and Group Exercise classes  
253-535-7352 or [thompshr@plu.edu](mailto:thompshr@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/recreations](http://plu.edu/recreations)

Engaged and involved students succeed! Get your start at the **Involvement Fair on Friday, September 11.**

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