

NEW LUTE GUIDE

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AND DO
BEFORE YOU START THIS FALL

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& FAMILY WEEK

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Welcome to the Class of 2030!

You did it! You're part of the PLU community and we're so glad you're here. Lutes make it happen - and this guide will help you get started.

There's a lot to do between now and your first day of classes. Inside, you'll find key information about New Student Registration (aka getting your fall classes), Learning Communities, buying textbooks, applying for student jobs, and more.

Take some time to read through everything, check off each step, and get ready. We look forward to seeing you at New Student Registration!



To officially become an enrolled PLU student, you'll meet with a PLU advisor during **New Student Registration** this summer to **register for your fall classes**. You can come to campus for your New Student Registration appointment or choose a virtual appointment.

ACCESS YOUR PLU
STUDENT APPLICANT
PORTAL AND "NEXT
STEPS" CHECKLIST



NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION DATES:

JUNE
16

JUNE
17

JUNE
29

JUNE
30

JULY
14

JULY
15

JULY
16

JULY
21

JULY
22

AUGUST
5

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

The link to sign up for New Student Registration is on the **Next Steps Checklist** on your PLU student applicant portal (choose.plu.edu/portal/myapp).

**Note: Most of the items on your Next Steps checklist need to be done BEFORE you request your New Student Registration appointment!*



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 a place for you to settle in and make your own.





Learning Communities

Learning Communities at PLU add to your learning in and out of class. **Every student** is part of a Learning Community, whether you live on campus or commute!

Learning Communities give you 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 A THEMED LEARNING COMMUNITY!

Becoming a Lute Community

Community for Creative Expression

Diversity, Justice & Sustainability House:
*First in the Family, LatinX Students,
Lavender Community, Students of Color,
Environmental & Social Justice*

Gender Equity & Empowerment

Global Community:
*Global Language & Culture,
International Honors (IHON),
International Students*

Outdoor Experience

STEM House



WANT TO APPLY TO BE PART OF A THEMED LEARNING COMMUNITY?
STILL NEED TO APPLY FOR HOUSING?



Buying your textbooks

Once you've got your fall classes, it's time to start planning for the textbooks and materials needed for each class. The Center for Student Success has a super helpful "Textbook Resources" page that includes how to find the textbooks/materials for each of your classes and additional resources.



**TEXTBOOK
RESOURCES**



Student employment

Thinking about working as a college student? Consider on-campus jobs! As soon as you are registered for fall classes, you can apply for jobs on-campus during the academic year. Check listings for on-campus and off-campus jobs at plu.edu/studentemployment.

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.



**STUDENT
EMPLOYMENT**

Supporting your wellbeing

The **PLU Office of Accessibility and Accommodation (OAA)** is dedicated to ensuring equitable access and inclusion for all students. They serve students with either temporary or permanent physical, health, learning, sensory or psychological disabilities. You can partner with OAA, faculty, and staff to establish accommodations and services (at no cost) to receive equitable access to academic and co-curricular opportunities.



FIND DETAILS AND
GET CONNECTED AT
[PLU.EDU/OAA](https://plu.edu/OAA)

PLU's Wellbeing Services and Resources (WSR) include Health Services and Counseling Services, which offer compassionate and confidential **in-person** and **24/7** online mental health and medical care. plu.edu/wsr



CHECK OUT THIS PLU BLOG
POST, "10 WAYS TO TAKE CARE
OF YOUR MENTAL HEALTH AS
A COLLEGE STUDENT"



What's next? Your new student to-do's

After you're registered for your fall classes (and you're officially an enrolled PLU student!), you have some tasks that need to be completed over the summer to ensure a successful start as a Lute!



FIND MORE INFO
(& DEADLINES) AT
[PLU.EDU/SUMMER-CHECKLIST](https://plu.edu/summer-checklist)



Important dates



SEPT. 4
MOVE-IN DAY



SEPT. 4-8
LUTE WELCOME: NEW STUDENT
ORIENTATION



SEPT. 8
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES &
UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION



SEPT. 9
LUTE WELCOME: ENGAGEMENT
FAIR



OCT. 9-11
HOMECOMING &
FAMILY WEEKEND



OCT. 23
MID-SEMESTER BREAK



NOV. 25-29
THANKSGIVING BREAK



DEC. 14-18
FINALS WEEK



DEC. 18
WINTER BREAK BEGINS



JAN. 4
J-TERM CLASSES BEGIN

Important campus resources

You can find the on-campus location of all of these offices at plu.edu/map.

ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Accessibility & Accommodation

Helps establish reasonable accommodations and services for equitable access
253-535-7073
aaa@plu.edu
plu.edu/aaa

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
success@plu.edu
plu.edu/student-success

Student Financial Services

Financial aid process, payment options, billing questions
253-535-7161
sfs@plu.edu
plu.edu/sfs

Textbooks & Course Materials

Find & order at
plu.edu/textbooks

STUDENT SUPPORT

Campus Safety

Parking and safety information
253-535-7441
csin@plu.edu
plu.edu/campus-safety

Center for Diversity, Justice & Sustainability

Works to imagine and create equitable and thriving communities, and offers a network of advocacy resources
253-535-8750
dcenter@plu.edu
plu.edu/diversity-justice-sustainability

Wellbeing Services & Resources

Promotes holistic wellbeing across various facets of the student experience, including mental and physical health, academic support or basic needs.
plu.edu/wsr

EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER

Career Services

Career exploration and preparation
253-535-7415
career@plu.edu
plu.edu/career

Student Employment

On-campus and work study jobs
253-535-8283
stuemp@plu.edu
plu.edu/studentemployment

GET INVOLVED

Clubs & Organizations

Over 50 from which to choose
253-535-7200
engage@plu.edu
plu.edu/clubs

Campus Life

On-campus housing and commuter student services, Learning Communities, student leadership, LUTE Welcome and co-curricular events
253-535-7200
rlif@plu.edu (housing)
engage@plu.edu (other questions)
plu.edu/campus-life

Recreations

Stay active through intramurals, outdoor rec, club sports and group exercise classes
253-535-7495
thompsrw@plu.edu
plu.edu/recreations

Engaged and involved students **succeed!** Get your start at the **ENGAGEMENT FAIR** on **Wednesday, Sept. 9.**



CAMPUS MAP

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY
FOUNDED 1890

LUTE Welcome: New Student Orientation Sept. 4-8

New Student Orientation (NSO) is the kick-off to LUTE Welcome - your first few weeks as a new Lute!

NSO is a weekend jam-packed with events, sessions and fun traditions to help you connect with fellow students and the PLU community, learn about the many resources available to you, and successfully transition to your PLU journey. All students are required to attend NSO on Saturday, Sept. 5.

Remember to check your PLU student email (using your PLU ePass) throughout the summer for messages about NSO, and head to plu.edu/nso for more details!



SEE THE
SCHEDULE





OFFICE OF ADMISSION

12180 Park Ave South
Tacoma, WA 98447-0003

ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

PLU ADMISSION GUIDE