



NEW LUTE GUIDE

2021-22 / PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY



Welcome to the Class of **2025!**

Every student chooses PLU for different reasons, and **we hope that you will decide 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.**

We are currently planning for a full return to in-person learning and campus life for Fall 2021.

Like every action we've undertaken as a community during the pandemic, this decision is being made in full consideration of public-health guidelines and community safety measures.

Stay up-to-date on details & FAQs as they become available about this return to in-person at plu.edu/coronavirus.



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Note: Group photos with students unmasked were taken prior to March 2020



NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

New 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 2021 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** Complete your **Online Payment Agreement** at 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.)
- 3** Take the required **Math Placement Evaluation***
- 4** Complete the New Student Registration digital form*

**You'll find directions to complete these steps at plu.edu/nsr*

Once you have completed the above steps, your advisor will email you to schedule your individual meeting. Please note that **you must complete all of the steps** before we can schedule your registration appointment!

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





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 2021 classes.

1 Complete the Meningococcal Release Acknowledgment*

*This step **MUST** be done before your appointment or your student account will be put on hold and we can't register you for your Fall 2021 classes.*

2 Complete the Learning Community Application at **plu.edu/residential-life/protected/housing-application**

The Learning Community Application must be completed by all students - you'll share your Learning Community (housing) preferences, and indicate where you plan to live (on- or off-campus)

3 Take the Language Placement Evaluation* if you plan to take language courses or are planning to major in English.

You'll find directions to complete these steps at **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 and select "Textbooks" from the menu at the top. When you reach the order page, select the term (Fall 2021), 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 required 2021 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.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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.

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 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



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 have the opportunity to opt-into 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

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Hinderlie Community for Creative Expression

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Hong International Hall

Language Wings: Chinese, French, German,

Norwegian, Spanish

International Honors Wing

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Lavender Community

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Wellness House

• • •

STEM House

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Diversity, Justice & Sustainability
comprising three themes:

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

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The CAVE for Commuter Students

A THEMED LEARNING COMMUNITY!

Apply at
plu.edu/residential-life/protected/housing-application

STUDY AWAY AT PLU

It's not too early to start thinking about and planning for a study away experience! 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 and Community Engaged Education to help you plan the best experiences for your interests.

PLU is a globally focused university that remains committed to providing safe and high quality study away programs. The COVID-19 global pandemic has disrupted domestic and global travel, which has impacted the ability of PLU students to study away, yet we are hopeful conditions will improve allowing study away to resume safely in the near future.

At this time, the PLU Wang Center for Global and Community Engaged Education is accepting study away applications for J-Term 2022. The Wang Center, in partnership with university officials, will continue to assess risk to health, safety, wellbeing, and impact of PLU programs on local communities related to COVID-19 in PLU program locations.

Want to study away as early as your first year?

Think about a J-Term 2022 class!

J-Term 2022 Offerings:

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

Tropical Marine Biology (BIOL 226) in the **Bahamas**

Psychology of Expertise (PSYC 483) in **England**

IHON-Oxford J-Term Program (IHON 250) in **England**

Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean (RELI 215) in **Greece**

Religious Diversity in Southern Mexico (RELI 230) in **Mexico***

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

Public Memory & Social Identity (ENGL 387 or SOCI 387) in **Northern Ireland**

Genocide Memorialization & the future of Rwanda (HGST 387 or SOCW 387) in **Rwanda**

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

Intensive Spanish & Culture (HISP 201, 202, 301 or 401) in **Uruguay***

Makah Culture Past & Present (ANTH 192 or 491) in **Neah Bay, WA***

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

LUTE WELCOME: NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Sep. 3-6

Your LUTE Journey Begins Here

Get a Great Start

LUTE Welcome starts now! Check out your PLU email to chat with peers and explore clubs in the PLU LUTE Life app and PLU Digital Discord.

Experience LUTE Traditions

Join your JAM “Just Ask Me” group for LUTE Welcome Weekend experiences: LUTE scavenger hunts, Late Knight, games, and fun PLU traditions.

Build Your Network

Meet and get to know your fellow students, professors, Student Success Advisor, and student leaders who will help you prepare for your first week of classes and on your PLU journey.

2021-22 CALENDAR



SEP. 3
MOVE-IN DAY



SEP. 3-6
LUTE WELCOME: NEW STUDENT
ORIENTATION



SEP. 7
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES &
UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION



SEP. 17
ENGAGEMENT FAIR



SEP. 28-OCT. 3
HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND



OCT. 22
MID-SEMESTER BREAK



NOV. 24-28
THANKSGIVING BREAK



DEC. 13-17
FINALS WEEK



DEC. 18
WINTER BREAK BEGINS



JAN. 3
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/epass/claim-epass/
 - Signed up for New Student Registration at plu.edu/nsr
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BETWEEN NOW AND FALL SEMESTER

May

- Complete your annual online payment agreement at plu.edu/payment-agreement
- Complete the meningitis information survey and return your Medical History Record, found on the admitted student webpage (plu.edu/admit, and select “First-Year Students”)
- Complete your Math & Language Placement Evaluations (see pgs. 3-4)

June

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

July

- Last days of New Student Registration (see pgs. 3-4)
- Buy textbooks for your classes at lutelocker.com
- Register for New Student Orientation at plu.edu/new, then check your PLU email!
- If applicable, contact the Office of Accessibility & Accommodation (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/sports/2020/4/30/first-year-transfer-checklist)
- Bringing a car? Register your vehicle at 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.

ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Accessibility & Accommodation

Helps establish reasonable accommodations and services for equitable access
253-535-8242 or dss@plu.edu
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
plu.edu/student-success

Student Financial Services

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

Textbooks

Order online at lutelocker.com

STUDENT SUPPORT

Campus Safety

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

Center for Gender Equity

Education, support, advocacy
253-535-8759 or cge@plu.edu
plu.edu/cge

Counseling Center

Emotional support for personal challenges or personal academic issues
253-535-7206 or counseling@plu.edu
plu.edu/counseling

Diversity Center

Programs and initiatives that promote and enhance equity, agency and action
253-535-8750 or dcenter@plu.edu
plu.edu/dcenter

Health Center

Primary healthcare services for ALL students
253-535-7337 or health@plu.edu
plu.edu/health

EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER

Career Services

Career exploration and preparation
253-535-7459 or career@plu.edu
plu.edu/alumni-student-connections/career

Internships

Internship opportunities
253-535-7324
plu.edu/intern

Student Employment

On-campus and work study jobs
253-535-8786 or stuemp@plu.edu
plu.edu/studentemployment

GET INVOLVED

Clubs & Organizations - Student Engagement

Over 70 from which to choose
253-535-8319 or clubs@plu.edu
plu.edu/clubs

Community Engagement & Service

Service and volunteer in the local community
253-535-7652 or service@plu.edu
plu.edu/service

Recreation

Stay active through Intramurals, Outdoor Rec, club sports, and Group Exercise classes
253-535-7352 or thompsrw@plu.edu
plu.edu/recreations

Engaged and involved students succeed! Get your start at the **Engagement Fair on Friday, Sept. 17.**



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Tacoma, WA 98447-0003

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