

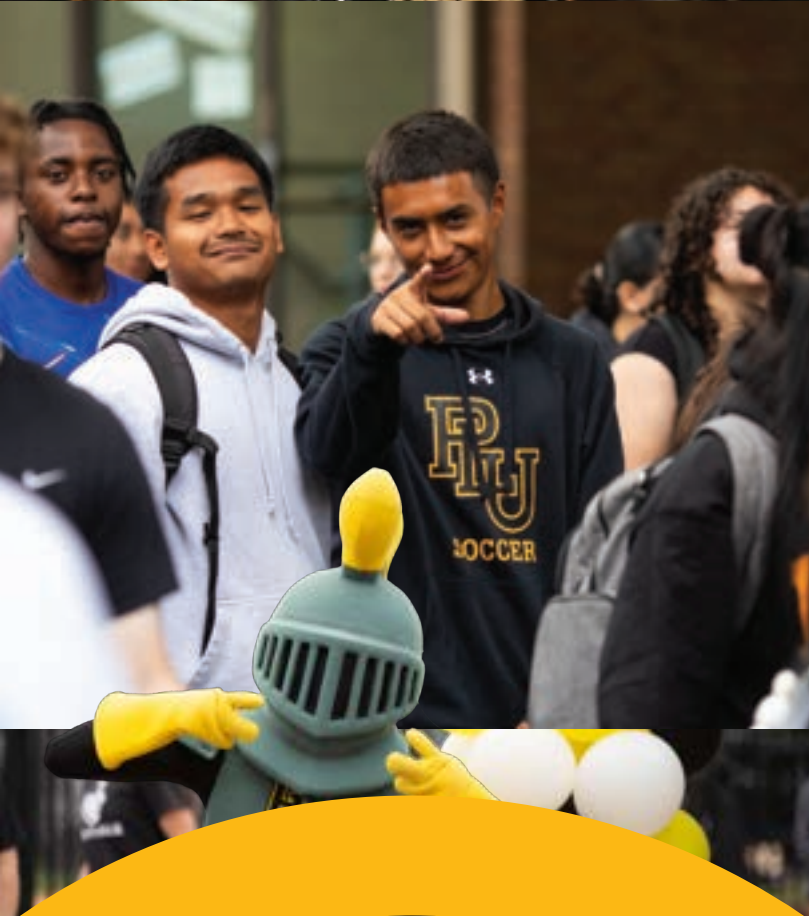
# NEW LUTE GUIDE

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

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# Welcome to the Class of 2029!

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!



## 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**.

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



### IN-PERSON DATES

JUNE  
26

JULY  
8

JULY  
10

JULY  
15

JULY  
17

JULY  
22

JULY  
24

### VIRTUAL DATES

JUNE  
25

JULY  
7

JULY  
9

JULY  
16

JULY  
21

JULY  
23

## HOW TO SIGN UP FOR NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

Before you can sign up for New Student Registration, you'll need to complete the online "Registration 101" modules. You'll receive access to the modules once you've claimed your PLU ePass (PLU email) – check the **'Next Steps'** checklist\* on your PLU student applicant portal at **[choose.plu.edu/portal/myapp](https://choose.plu.edu/portal/myapp)**.

*\*Note: Most of the items on your Next Steps checklist will need to be completed BEFORE your New Student Registration appointment, so it's important to work on those and keep track of your progress!*





# 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 (LCs)** 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!

- CAVE Commuter Community
- Community for Creative Expression
- Diversity, Justice & Sustainability:  
*First in the Family, Lavender Community, Students of Color, Environmental & Social Justice*
- Global Community:  
*Global Language & Culture, International Honors (IHON), International Students, LatinX Students,*
- Outdoor Experience
- STEM House
- Wellness House
- Women's Empowerment & Gender Equity



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 on the Opportunities Board at [plu.edu/studentemployment](https://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 reasonable 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 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](https://plu.edu/wsr)



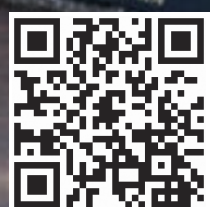
CHECK OUT THIS PLU BLOG  
POST, "10 WAYS TO TAKE CARE  
OF YOUR MENTAL HEALTH AS  
A COLLEGE STUDENT"





## 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



**AUG. 29**  
MOVE-IN DAY



**AUG. 29-SEPT. 1**  
LUTE WELCOME: NEW STUDENT  
ORIENTATION



**SEPT. 2**  
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES &  
UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION



**SEPT. 4**  
LUTE WELCOME: ENGAGEMENT  
FAIR



**OCT. 1-5**  
HOMECOMING &  
FAMILY WEEKEND



**OCT. 17**  
MID-SEMESTER BREAK



**NOV. 26-DEC. 3**  
THANKSGIVING BREAK



**DEC. 8-12**  
FINALS WEEK



**DEC. 12**  
WINTER BREAK BEGINS



**JAN. 5**  
J-TERM CLASSES BEGIN



# Important campus resources

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

## ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

**Accessibility & Accommodation**  
Helps establish reasonable accommodations and services for equitable access  
253-535-7073  
[aaa@plu.edu](mailto:aaa@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/aaa](https://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  
[aaa@plu.edu](mailto:aaa@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/student-success](https://plu.edu/student-success)

**Student Financial Services**  
Financial aid process, payment options, billing questions  
253-535-7161  
[sfs@plu.edu](mailto:sfs@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/sfs](https://plu.edu/sfs)

**Textbooks & Course Materials**  
Find & order at  
[plu.edu/textbooks](https://plu.edu/textbooks)

## STUDENT SUPPORT

**Campus Safety**  
Parking and safety information  
253-535-7441  
[campussafety@plu.edu](mailto:campussafety@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/campus-safety](https://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](mailto:dcenter@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/diversity-justice-sustainability](https://plu.edu/diversity-justice-sustainability)

**Wellbeing Services & Resources**  
Promotes holistic wellbeing across various facets of the student experience.  
[plu.edu/wsr](https://plu.edu/wsr)

## EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER

**Career Services**  
Career exploration and preparation  
253-535-7415  
[career@plu.edu](mailto:career@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/career](https://plu.edu/career)

**Student Employment**  
On-campus and work study jobs  
253-535-7415  
[studentjobs@plu.edu](mailto:studentjobs@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/studentemployment](https://plu.edu/studentemployment)

## GET INVOLVED

**Clubs & Organizations**  
Over 50 from which to choose  
253-535-7200  
[engage@plu.edu](mailto:engage@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/clubs](https://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](mailto:rlif@plu.edu) (housing)  
[engage@plu.edu](mailto:engage@plu.edu) (other questions)  
[plu.edu/campus-life](https://plu.edu/campus-life)

**Recreations**  
Stay active through intramurals, outdoor rec, club sports and group exercise classes  
253-535-7495  
[thompsrw@plu.edu](mailto:thompsrw@plu.edu)  
[plu.edu/recreations](https://plu.edu/recreations)

**Engaged and involved students succeed!** Get your start at the **ENGAGEMENT FAIR** on **Thursday, Sept. 4.**

# LUTE Welcome: New Student Orientation Aug. 30-Sept. 1

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

New Student Orientation is 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. Remember to check your PLU student email (using your PLU ePass) throughout the summer for messages about New Student Orientation, and head to [plu.edu/nso](https://plu.edu/nso) for more details!



SEE THE  
SCHEDULE



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