

NEW LUTE GUIDE

2022-23 / PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY



Welcome to the Class of 2026!

You've made it happen! Every student chooses PLU for different reasons, and **we are so glad that you have decided to be a Lute this fall.**

There's a lot to get done between now and your first day of class in September (including getting registered for your classes!) to **successfully start your journey as a Lute, and we're here to help.**

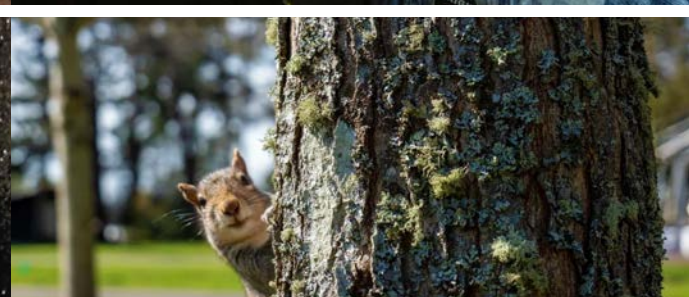
This New Lute Guide includes important info about New Student Registration (getting your classes), residence halls and learning communities, how to buy your textbooks and apply for student jobs, planning for study away and more.

Read through carefully, and **we look forward to seeing you at New Student Registration!**





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NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

IN-PERSON (ON CAMPUS)

**June 13, June 20,
June 24, June 27,
July 11, July 15**

VIRTUAL

**June 6, June 10,
June 17, July 18,
July 22**

New Student Registration (NSR) is where you **get your fall class schedule** and officially become an enrolled PLU student!

During NSR (choose from an in-person or virtual appointment), you'll meet with a PLU advisor to register for classes, review your class schedule, and learn more about academic expectations and your path to graduation.

We'll also connect you with other campus departments to help you with additional next steps:

- Student Financial Services
- Residential Life
- Dining
- Office of Accessibility & Accommodations

Priority deadline to sign up: JUNE 1



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HOW TO SIGN UP FOR NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

There are some **important steps** you **MUST COMPLETE** before you can sign up for NSR and register for fall classes.

We've put them all on a 'Next Steps' checklist on your PLU student applicant portal (**choose.plu.edu/portal/myapp**), which includes your link to sign up for NSR.

Once you log in, click on the 'Next Steps' button to see what you've already got done and what you still need to do!



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

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.

A young woman with long, wavy reddish-brown hair is sitting on a wooden chair, smiling and looking towards the right. She is wearing a red patterned cardigan over a black top, dark purple leggings, and white sneakers. The room is a dormitory with a large window in the background showing trees. To the right, there is a wooden desk with a blue mini-fridge, a lamp, and a bulletin board. A guitar is leaning against the desk. In the foreground on the right, the legs and feet of another person are visible, wearing blue jeans and white sneakers with colorful designs. A small rug is on the floor near the window.

85%

OF FIRST-YEAR
STUDENTS **LIVE**
ON CAMPUS



LEARNING COMMUNITIES

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

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 A THEMED LEARNING COMMUNITY!

Harstad Women's Empowerment & Gender Equity

Hinderlie Community for Creative Expression

Hong Global Community:
*Chinese, French, Global Studies,
Indigenous Studies,
International Honors, Spanish*

Lavender Community

Wellness House

STEM House

Diversity, Justice & Sustainability
comprising three themes:
*First in the Family, Students of Color,
Environmental & Social Justice*

The CAVE for Commuter Students



**STILL NEED TO APPLY
FOR HOUSING AND/OR A
LEARNING COMMUNITY?**

BUYING YOUR TEXTBOOKS

Once you've got your fall classes, you can start buying the textbooks and/or materials needed for each class. Go to **lutelocker.com** and select "Course Materials" from the menu at the top, which will direct you to the online resource to order what you need.

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.



LUTE LOCKER

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.



FIND MORE

OFFICE OF ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCOMMODATIONS

The Office of Accessibility and Accommodations (OAA) is dedicated to ensuring equitable access and inclusion for all PLU students and serves students with either temporary or permanent physical, health, learning, sensory or psychological disabilities to establish reasonable accommodations and services. Reasonable accommodation is provided at no cost to the student on a case-by-case.



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

SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH



“ I think it’s important that people know that they’re not alone. That sounds cliché, but it’s so true. I feel like a lot of people are still living in isolation because that’s what they’re used to and that’s what they’ve been accustomed to. I’m hoping that through our care packages and through all the work the university is doing, they’re able to see that they have a community here and that people care about them. ”

KOA B. '23
SOCIAL WORK MAJOR
AND PHI ALPHA HONOR
SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Mental health care has long been a topic of importance at PLU, even before the COVID-19 pandemic. PLU was one of the first universities to adopt 24/7 telehealth and virtual medical and mental health services with Lute Telehealth in early 2020. The program ensures students have access to providers—mental health and health—who share their identities and ensures that mental health resources are available to students at any time, whether they are on campus or in another location.

READ MORE



STUDY AWAY AT PLU

It's not too early to start thinking about and planning for a study away experience! Visit 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.

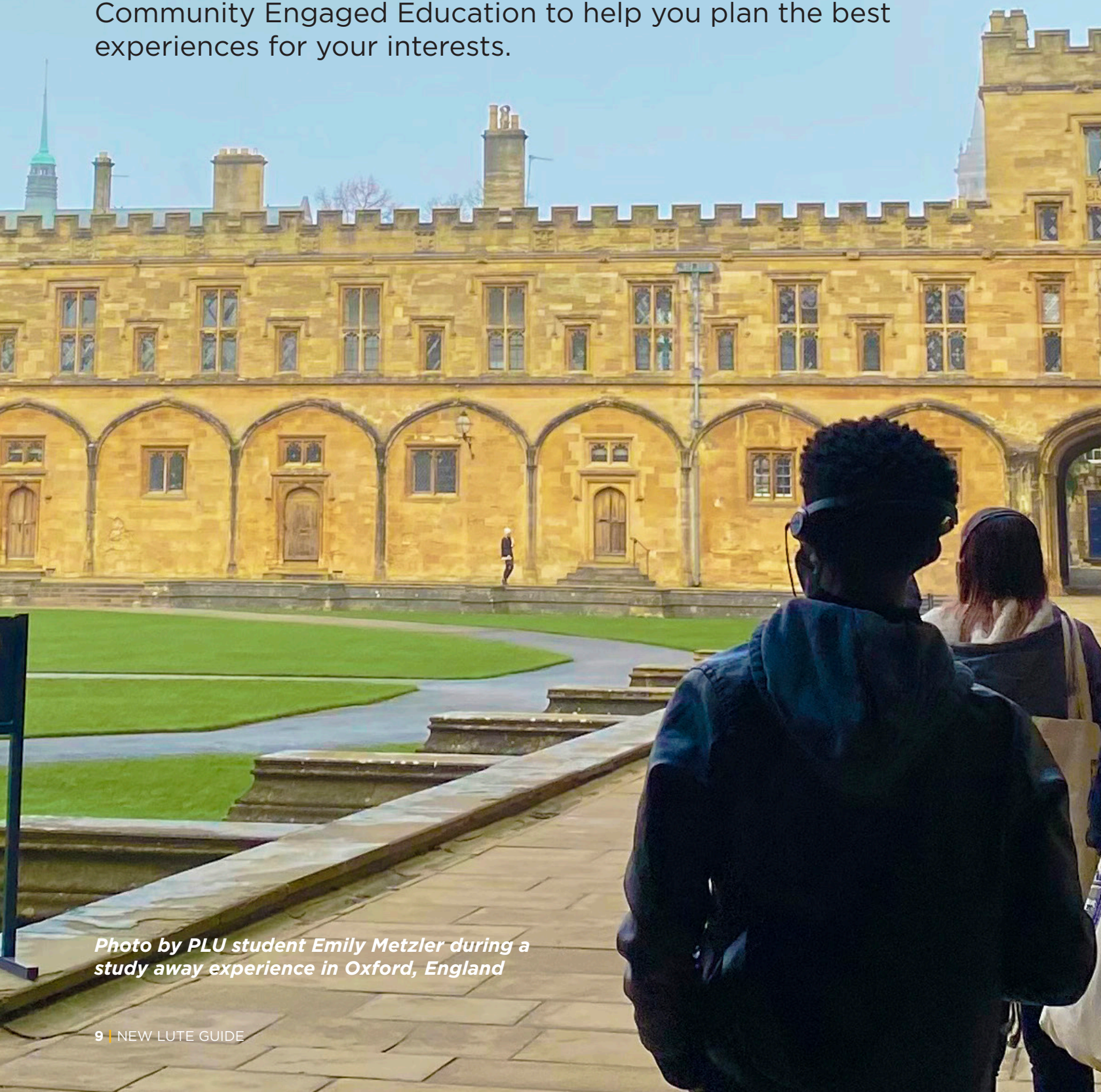


Photo by PLU student Emily Metzler during a study away experience in Oxford, England

Want to study away as early as your first year?

Think about a J-Term 2023 class!

J-TERM 2023 OFFERINGS:

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

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

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

Psychology of Good & Evil
(PSYC 387 or HGST 387) in
Germany

Leading Lives that Matter –
Exploring Vocation (PLUS 387)
in **Holden Village, WA**

Social Determinants of Health in
Oaxaca (NURS 487) in **Mexico**

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

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

Social, Educational & Health
Service (GSRS 387 or SOCW 325)
in **Tobago***

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

****First-year students are
welcome to apply for these
specific J-Term courses.
Email wang.center@plu.edu
for details***

PLU is a globally focused university committed to providing safe and high-quality study away programs. The COVID-19 global pandemic disrupted domestic and global travel, but we were able to resume some study away programs for the 2021-22 academic year. In fact, over 200 PLU students studied away!

The Wang Center, in partnership with university officials, will continue to monitor risk to health, safety, wellbeing, and impact of PLU programs on local communities related to COVID-19 in PLU program locations.

WHAT'S NEXT? YOUR SUMMER TO-DO'S

Now that you're registered for your fall classes (and officially an enrolled PLU student!), you've got 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



SEP. 2
MOVE-IN DAY



SEP. 2-5
LUTE WELCOME: NEW STUDENT
ORIENTATION



SEP. 6
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES &
UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION



SEP. 16
LUTE WELCOME: ENGAGEMENT
FAIR



OCT. 4-9
HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND



OCT. 21
MID-SEMESTER BREAK



NOV. 23-27
THANKSGIVING BREAK



DEC. 12-16
FINALS WEEK



DEC. 17
WINTER BREAK BEGINS



JAN. 3
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

253-535-8242 or

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 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/sfs

Textbooks

Order online at lutelocker.com

STUDENT SUPPORT

Campus Safety

Parking and safety information

253-535-7441 or

campussafety@plu.edu

plu.edu/campus-safety

Center for Gender Equity

Education, support, advocacy

253-535-8759 or

cge@plu.edu

plu.edu/cge

Counseling, Health & Wellness Services

Provides integrated medical, mental health and wellness care to ALL students to enable overall well-being

253-535-7838 or

chws@plu.edu

plu.edu/chws

Diversity Center

Programs and initiatives that promote and enhance equity, agency and action

253-535-8750 or

dcenter@plu.edu

plu.edu/dcenter

EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER

Career Services

Career exploration and preparation

253-535-7415 or

career@plu.edu

plu.edu/alumni-student-connections/career

Internships

Internship opportunities

253-535-7186

plu.edu/intern

Student Employment

On-campus and work study jobs

253-535-7415 or

studentjobs@plu.edu

plu.edu/studentemployment

GET INVOLVED

Clubs & Organizations

Over 70 from which to choose

253-535-7200 or

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 or

rlif@plu.edu (housing)

engage@plu.edu (other questions)

plu.edu/campus-life

Recreation

Stay active through Intramurals, Outdoor Rec, club sports, and Group Exercise classes

253-535-7495 or

thompsrw@plu.edu

plu.edu/recreations

Engaged and involved students succeed! Get your start at the

ENGAGEMENT FAIR on **Friday, Sept. 16.**



CAMPUS MAP



LUTE WELCOME: NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Sep. 2-5

SEE THE
SCHEDULE



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

NSO 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 NSO, and head to plu.edu/nso for more details!



OFFICE OF ADMISSION

12180 Park Ave South
Tacoma, WA 98447-0003

ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED