



NEW LUTE GUIDE

2024-25 / PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY



Welcome to the Class of 2028!

Every student chooses PLU for different reasons, and we are so glad you decided to be a Lute this fall.

There's a lot to do between now and your first day of classes, and this New Lute Guide will help you get started! This guide includes important information about New Student Registration (getting your classes), Learning Communities, how to buy textbooks, apply for student jobs, and more.

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



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



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**.

IN-PERSON DATES

JULY
9

JULY
11

JULY
16

JULY
18

JULY
30

AUGUST
1

VIRTUAL DATES

JULY
8

JULY
10

JULY
12

JULY
15

JULY
17

JULY
19

JULY
29

JULY
31

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

Before you can register for New Student Registration and fall classes, there are crucial steps you **MUST COMPLETE**.

Check out the 'Next Steps' checklist on your PLU student applicant portal at choose.plu.edu/portal/myapp. Log in and click on the 'Next Steps' button to track your progress and see what's left to do!



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.



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!

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,
Native American & Indigenous Students*

Outdoor Experience - **NEW** this year!

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, you can start buying the textbooks and 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/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.



FIND MORE

Supporting your well-being

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



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

Now that you're registered for your fall classes (and 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

MI

AUG. 30

MOVE-IN DAY

LW

AUG. 30-SEPT. 1

LUTE WELCOME: NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

FD

SEPT. 3

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES & UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION

LW

SEPT. 5

LUTE WELCOME: ENGAGEMENT FAIR

HF

OCT. 1-6

HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND

MS

OCT. 18

MID-SEMESTER BREAK

TB

NOV. 27-DEC. 1

THANKSGIVING BREAK

FW

DEC. 9-13

FINALS WEEK

WB

DEC. 13

WINTER BREAK BEGINS

JT

JAN. 6

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

Order online at lutelocker.com

STUDENT SUPPORT

Campus Safety

Parking and safety information
253-535-7441
campussafety@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.
plu.edu/wsr

EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER

Career Services

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

Internships

Internship opportunities
253-535-7186
plu.edu/intern

Student Employment

On-campus and work study jobs
253-535-7415
studentjobs@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 **Thursday, Sept. 5.**



CAMPUS MAP

FOUNDED 1890

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

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 for more details!



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SEE THE
SCHEDULE





OFFICE OF ADMISSION

12180 Park Ave South
Tacoma, WA 98447-0003

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