

Jay Chat: You've Deposited, Now What?

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This presentation contains many helpful links; it will be posted to etown.edu/orientation – Jay Chats so you can access it directly.

Enjoy every moment

The end-of-high school moments:

Write a thank you note to teachers, coaches, mentors who have made a difference

Acknowledge the great work that you've done – maybe that work is in the classroom, on the stage, on the field, at your church, in your community – or maybe that great work is inside of you

The summer moments:

Enjoy time with family & friends

Tell your friends that you are grateful for them & their influence in your life
Talk with your family about a goal you have for your first semester of college


New Blue Jay To-Do List

Check out the [New Blue Jay To-Do List](#) to keep track of all of the items you need to complete.



New Blue Jay To-Do List: Fall 2024

Welcome Blue Jays! Use this checklist to know what you need to do & when. www.etown.edu/orientation



February-June

- Complete required forms in your [applicant portal](#) (listed under your Checklist)
- Register to attend June Orientation in your [applicant portal](#)
- Complete and submit your [student health forms](#) by **July 1** – but get started today!



March-May

- Complete your scheduling forms in your [applicant portal](#) by **May 24** (so we can build your fall schedule)



May

- Activate your Etown account/email (you'll receive an email from our IT team on **May 6**)



June

- Submit your [student health forms](#) by **July 1**
- Residential students*, complete your Housing forms by **July 1** (you'll receive an email from Residence Life)
- Attend June New Student Orientation on June 28 or 29



July

- Complete the [financial aid process](#) by **July 15**



Summer Communication

From now until classes start, it is our goal to support you and answer any questions you have.

Be sure to regularly check your email for our *2 Tips on 2sday* emails with helpful info.

During the summer, we will send emails to:

student's personal email & Etown email
family member's email (if student provided)

If you didn't provide your family's email on your application, you can add it in the Contact & Demographic Info Form in your status portal.

Status Portal Forms

Log into your [status portal](#) & scroll down to your Checklist to complete forms

ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST:

Status	Details	Date
✘ Awaiting	<u>Summer Orientation Registration</u>	
✘ Awaiting	<u>Contact & Demographic Info Form</u>	← Add family email here
✘ Awaiting	<u>Health Form</u>	
✘ Awaiting	<u>FERPA Form</u>	
✘ Awaiting	<u>High School Course Information Form</u>	← Complete by May 24 (or fall schedule impacted)
✘ Awaiting	<u>First-Year Seminar Preferences Form</u>	← Complete by May 24 (or fall schedule impacted)



First Year Seminar

You will take a First Year Seminar class during your first semester. Each Seminar has a different topic and will assist you in your transition from high school to college.

You'll rank your Seminar choices on the form I just mentioned.

Your First Year Seminar faculty member is your academic advisor for your first semester.

You will transition to an advisor in your major during your second semester.

You will have a peer mentor who works with your First Year Seminar. Peer mentors are upperclass students who serve as a guide and mentor to you during your first year at Etown.

You will meet your peer mentor and First Year Seminar faculty member at June Orientation.

If you can't attend, then your peer mentor will contact you via email the following week & will set up a group chat for the summer.

Math Placement Assessment

Students in certain majors will have a Math Placement Assessment on their [status portal](#) Checklist
Please follow those instructions to complete the assessment.


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✘ Awaiting	<u>Summer Orientation Registration</u>	
✘ Awaiting	<u>First-Year Seminar Preferences Form</u>	
✘ Awaiting	<u>Math Placement Assessment</u> ←	
Optional	<u>Modern Language Placement Exam</u>	

Modern Language Placement Exam

All students will see the Modern Language Placement Exam on their [status portal](#) Checklist
Please read those instructions and complete the assessment if necessary

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✘ Awaiting	<u>Math Placement Assessment</u>	
Optional	<u>Modern Language Placement Exam</u> 	

Modern Language Placement Exam

All students are required to complete one modern or ancient language course as part of the [Elizabethtown College core program](#).

Students who studied Spanish, French or German in high school and wish to continue studying at Etown MUST complete the Modern Language Placement Exam for that language. Students are not allowed to take the first entry-level course of a language if they completed level 3 or higher in high school, regardless of placement exam results.

Students who are accepted to the International Business program MUST take the Modern Language Placement Exam.

You will need **your Etown Student ID: 111111**

[PLACEMENT EXAM INSTRUCTIONS & ACCESS EXAM](#)

- **Please take this online assessment by May 24** if possible so that we can use your results to build your fall schedule.
- You *can* take this assessment through August. When we receive your results, we will update your fall schedule if needed.

If you wish to take a new language that wasn't taken in high school, then you do not need to take the placement exam. You can enroll in one of those classes during your time at Etown.


If you want to study Japanese, you MUST meet with a member of the Japanese Faculty for placement. To arrange an appointment, please contact Dr. Bhattacharya (bhattacharm@etown.edu) or Dr. Takahashi (takahashin@etown.edu).

Student Health Forms

Due July 1

[Instructions](#) can be found on the New Blue Jay To-Do List and your [status portal](#) Checklist
Completed forms are uploaded to our health records portal

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Status	Details	Date
✘ Awaiting	<u>Summer Orientation Registration</u>	
✘ Awaiting	<u>Contact & Demographic Info Form</u>	
✘ Awaiting	<u>Health Form</u>	 Due 7/1 – schedule dr appt ASAP
✘ Awaiting	<u>FERPA Form</u>	



Etown Email

You should have received an email from our IT department today (May 6) with instructions to set up your **Etown account/email**.

Please set this up as soon as possible

Summer emails (from Orientation) will be sent to your personal email and Etown email

Summer emails from Etown offices will be sent to your Etown email only

Once classes start in August, all email will be sent to your Etown email only



Housing (residential students)

Early June, you will receive an email from our Residence Life team with instructions on how to complete your housing forms and request a roommate.

If you don't have a roommate in mind, that's okay!
Every residential student completes a housing questionnaire and our Res Life team matches students with a roommate.

You may meet a student you'd like to room with at June Orientation. We'll have a sticker for your name tag if you're still looking for a roommate. You can complete your roommate request after orientation.

Housing forms are due July 1

June Orientation: June 28 & 29

You will get your fall schedule, meet your Seminar faculty, peer mentor and peers, tour residence halls, learn more about Etown, and get your questions answered

Pick one day to attend (both are identical); parking is at Leffler Chapel

[View the schedule](#)





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July & August: New Blue Jay To-Do List

July

- Complete the [financial aid process](#) by **July 15**
- Enroll in or waive our [student health insurance](#)
- Understand [meal plans](#) for eating on campus
- Submit your [tuition payment](#) by **August 1** ([Learn how to set up your online payment account](#))
- Complete the Student Life required online modules (you'll receive an email with instructions)
- [Register your vehicle](#) by **August 15**, if you're bringing one to campus ([Parking Regulations](#))

August

- Complete your [ITS Orientation](#)
- Residential students*, check out our [packing list](#)
- Commuting students*, learn more about [commuter student services](#)
- Complete your Preliminary Check-in process (you'll receive an email with instructions)
- Purchase your [textbooks](#)
- Share your Etown [mailing address](#) with family & friends (mailbox number found in [Jayweb](#))



Jay Chat: July 22 from 8-9 pm
What to expect on move-in day

Jay Chats are intended to help new students and their families during their transition to and first year at Etown. They are hosted via Zoom and are interactive sessions where you'll be able to ask questions and hear from others.

www.etown.edu/programs/orientation/JayChats.aspx

Check-in / Move-in Day: August 23

New students will check-in on this day (both residential and commuting students)

[Early arrival dates](#)



Convocation Ceremony: August 23 at 3:00 pm

A beloved Etown tradition, our Convocation Ceremony kicks off our academic year. Faculty, staff, and student leaders welcome our newest Etown students to the Blue Jay community. Families are invited to attend.



August New Student Orientation: August 23-25

You will learn about Etown resources and student expectations, get to know your peers, learn to navigate the campus and the local community, and have a lot of fun! [Schedule](#)





First day of classes: August 26

During August Orientation, your peer mentor will give you a tour of campus. Part of that tour will include finding all of your classrooms for your classes. We want to ensure you know where you're going on your first day!

Be sure to bookmark our [Academic Calendars](#) website. This is where you'll find semester dates, breaks, and other important information.

Frequently Asked Questions

You may have more questions over the next few months - be sure to check out our [FAQs site](#) where you can find answers to many common questions.

Keep checking your email this summer

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You Belong Here

We are so excited to have you join the Blue Jay family! We know that you will continue doing great things, and we want a front row seat so that we can help you grow and cheer you on.

