



Jay Chat: What to Expect on Check-In Day

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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.

Check-in Day: August 22
9 am-1 pm

All details can be found on the [August Orientation website](#).

Early Arrivals

- New fall athletes (cross country, field hockey, women's volleyball, women's soccer, men's soccer): August 15, 10:15 am-12 pm
- New international students: August 19 (specific times to be coordinated with Maria Petty, international student programs advisor) | New international student orientation: August 21-22
- New students in the Momentum or Bonner programs: August 20, 9-11 am | Program orientation: August 20-22
- New students in the Honors program: August 20, 1-3 pm | Program orientation: August 20-22

Your program director or coach will communicate your program orientation or preseason schedule directly with you. New students in these programs are expected to participate in Convocation and New Student Orientation beginning August 22 at 2:30 pm.

Check-In Procedures

All students must do a **preliminary check-in** via Jayweb beginning August 1.

- If students have any outstanding items, there will be a hold on your account which you will see during the preliminary check-in. Please resolve all holds before Check-in Day.
- You will also confirm your emergency contact information at this time.



Check-In Procedures

Students will **check-in at Leffler Chapel at our drive-through check-in tent** to get their ID card, room key, and welcome packet. Parking decals will be in student mailboxes the first week of class.

- If you have not had your ID picture taken yet, you'll be directed to do so at check-in.

You must come through the drive-through check-in tent **BEFORE** going to your Residence Hall (because you need your room key!)

The check-in hours indicate when the check-in tent is open. You can continue to unpack after those hours (until your first meeting/session).

- If you arrive after those hours, you'll be directed to Campus Safety to check-in.

[Check-in Day Campus Map](#)

Check-In Procedures: Commuting Students

If you are part of an early arrival group, then check-in at Leffler Chapel during that time frame and enjoy lunch with your family in the Marketplace. Your program will begin after lunch.

If you are not part of an early arrival group, on August 22:

Check-in at the Check-in tent (Leffler Chapel) from 9 am-1 pm

- Then explore campus, enjoy lunch, visit offices (Financial Aid, Business Office, Scheduling)
- Attend the Commuter Meet & Greet from 2-2:30 pm (Jay Lounge, Brossman Commons)

OR Check-in from 1:30-2 pm in the Jay Lounge (Brossman Commons)

- Then attend the Commuter Meet & Greet from 2-2:30 pm

Check-In Procedures: Residential Students

After going through check-in:

- Drive to your Residence Hall and park in the Unloading Zone
- Unload your items to the sidewalk
- Move your vehicle to the Parking area
- Volunteers will help carry your items to your room

After unpacking/checking in:

- All students and families are invited to enjoy lunch in the Marketplace (10 am-2 pm)
- The Business Office and Financial Aid Office will be open to help you with any questions.
- If you have Schedule questions or changes, the Academic Advising office will be open to help.



Move-in Tips

Label all of the items you are bringing with your room number –
Duct tape works great for this. This will ensure your items get to your room.

If you're bringing a U-Haul (for only 1 student), then you're probably bringing too much!
You can always purchase items online and have them sent to your student at Etown

If you have a rubber mallet, bring it along to help with lofting your bed.
We'll have some available for use, as well.

Bring water & a positive attitude!
It's a day full of emotions – we are here to support you through it all.

Important Note: none of our Residence Halls have elevators. We will have volunteers to help you.



What time should I arrive during my check-in window?

Whenever it works best for you to arrive!

If you think you'll need a lot of time to set up your room (and you want to do everything before family leaves), then aim for earlier in the check-in window.

If you're happy to get the car unloaded and have your family take off (and gradually set up your room over the next few days), then aim for later in the check-in window.

It's a good idea to coordinate move in times with your roommate and not move in at the same time. Trust me, it's much easier to move in at different times!

We work hard to keep you moving through check-in, but please be patient with us.

We are bringing more than 1 vehicle –
should all vehicles go through the check-in line?

Yes, you can stay together through the check-in line.

We'll talk to the student in whichever vehicle they're in,
and then you can all travel to the residence hall together.



Will we be fed on check-in day?

Absolutely!

We will have lunch available for new students and families.

Students, you will use your campus ID to swipe into the Marketplace, so be sure to carry your ID and room key with you at all times.

When do families leave?

On August 22, families should plan to depart after Convocation (if planning to stay for the ceremony), which will be around 4 pm.

New Student Orientation begins with our Blue Jay Carnival at 4 pm on August 22 and continues through the weekend. Peer mentors will lead new students through orientation.

For early arrival programs, families should leave after lunch as those program orientations begin in the early afternoon.



What is the Convocation Ceremony?

Our Convocation Ceremony is a tradition at Etown that officially opens our academic year and welcomes our new students to Etown.

It takes place in the Bowers Center on August 22 at 3:00 pm.
Dress code is...come as you are! Families are invited to attend.

Students will meet their peer mentor and First Year Seminar group at 2:30 pm in Thompson Gym and will walk into the ceremony together.

Families who plan to attend should enter the Bowers Center by 2:50 pm.

This event will be livestreamed at etown.edu for all family members to join us from home.



August New Student Orientation: August 22-24

August Orientation is a time to learn more about Etown's expectations and resources, meet new friends, and explore our community – *while having a lot of fun!*

Another one of our Etown traditions will happen on Saturday – the Blue Jay Walk.

The August Orientation schedule is posted on the website and you'll get a detailed schedule at check-in.

<https://www.etown.edu/programs/orientation/august-nso.aspx>







First day of classes: August 25

During August Orientation, your peer mentor will give you a tour of campus. Part of that tour will be 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.

New Blue Jay To-Do List

Don't forget this to-do list to keep track of all of the items you need to complete.

www.etown.edu/orientation

July

- ☐ Apply for [Parent Plus Loan](#) or [Private Loan](#) if additional Financial Aid is needed for your student bill
- ☐ 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 by **August 1** (you'll receive an email with instructions)
- ☐ [Register your vehicle](#) by **August 10**, if you're bringing one to campus ([Parking Regulations](#))

August

- ☐ Complete your [New Student Tech 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)
- ☐ Understand [Inclusive Access course materials](#) (online textbooks) & check your email for your course materials
- ☐ Share your [mailing address](#) with friends (mailbox number found in [Jayweb](#): Housing-Campus Mailbox Info)



Frequently Asked Questions

Our website (www.etown.edu/orientation) contains lots of helpful information:

Frequently Asked Questions

what should I bring to campus, can I bring my car, is there cable, what laptop should I buy, etc

Campus Resources

printing on campus, LiveSafe app, academic resources

Need Accommodations?

Contact Disability Services (disabilityservices@etown.edu)

Transfer Credits / Credits by Exam

Registration & Records information

Keep checking your email this summer!



Questions?

orientation@etown.edu

www.etown.edu/orientation

