



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 21
9 am-1 pm

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

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Early Arrival Check-in Dates

Early Arrivals

- New fall athletes (cross country, field hockey, women's volleyball, women's soccer, men's soccer): August 16, 2:30-4 pm
- New international students: August 18 (specific times to be coordinated with Maria Petty, international student programs advisor) | New international student orientation: August 19-21
- New students in the Momentum or Bonner programs: August 19, 9-11 am | Program orientations: August 19-21
- New students in the Honors programs: August 19, 11 am-1 pm | Program orientation: August 19-21

*Commuting students in an early arrival program listed above should check-in during the times listed above.

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 21 at 2:30 p.m.

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Check-In Procedures

All students must do a **pre-semester enrollment verification** via Jayweb beginning August 1. You will receive an email with instructions to complete this.

- 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.

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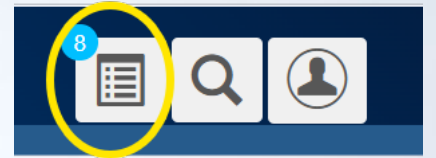
Check-In Procedures: Student Holds

- Please resolve your holds before check-in day.
- If you still have a Student Life hold for modules (i.e. you didn't complete your Student Life modules), you will not be allowed to check-in.
 - You will be asked to park your car, go into the Chapel, and complete the modules on a laptop
 - Once complete, you'll be able to check-in (get your room key & ID card)

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Personalized To-Do Checklist

Once you set up your Etown account, you'll have access to your personalized To-Do Checklist in [Jayweb](#) (our student portal)



Stacey's To-Do Checklist

i This checklist shows your current to-do items. A **checkmark** will appear once each item is complete — updates may take a moment as our systems sync. New items will appear here as they become available, and you'll receive an **email** when there's something new to complete. Questions? Contact orientation@etown.edu. **x**

≡ Category

● Status

👁 Optional

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Remaining

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Overdue

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Due Soon

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Complete

Incomplete

8 items

Jul 1

☐ Student Health forms: Submit Vaccination Records

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Jul 1

☐ Student Health forms: Complete Insurance & Confidentiality Form



Check-In Procedures

- Drive-through check-in at **Leffler Chapel** (in front of main doors)
- You'll be directed to drive on either side of the tent to check-in
- ID card, room key (if residential), welcome packet (with wifi instructions & NSO schedule)
 - Parking decals will be in student mailboxes
- **DO NOT go straight to Residence Hall** – you'll be directed back to Leffler
- Check-in hours = when the check-in tent is open; you can continue to unpack after those hours until your first meeting/session
 - If you arrive after the check-in hours, you'll be directed to Campus Safety to check-in.

[Check-in Day Campus Map](#)

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Check-In Procedures: Commuting Students

If you are part of an early arrival group:

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:

Check-in at the Check-in tent (Leffler Chapel) from 9 am-1 pm on 8/21

- Then explore campus, enjoy lunch, visit offices (Financial Aid, Business Office, Scheduling)
- Attend the **Commuter Meet & Greet from 1:15-2:15 pm on 8/21** (Commuter Lounge, Brossman Commons)

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 & sharpies work great for this. This will ensure your items get to your room.

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/follow each other 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 provide lunch for new students and families (at no cost to 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 21**, 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 21 and continues through the weekend. Peer mentors will lead new students through orientation.

For **early arrival programs**, families should plan to **depart 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 21 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.



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August New Student Orientation: August 21-23

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.

*There are **mandatory** sessions that all students must attend. If you don't attend these sessions, you will have to make them up.

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First day of classes: August 24

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.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Check out our FAQs website to learn important information
and find the answers to your questions

Academics
Housing
Meal Plans
Cars & Safety
IT & Computer Info
& more!

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Upcoming Dates

August 4 – housing assignments available (residence hall, room, roommate)

August – [textbook](#) information available

August – students-only Jay Chat series
(connect, set goals, prepare for day 1)

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Your Takeaways

Check your **email** often!

Refer to the **NSO site** for dates, schedules, FAQs, general To-Do List

Refer to your ***personalized To-Do List*** in **Jayweb** to see exactly what you've completed and what you still need to do

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