



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 23, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Leffler Chapel – drive-through check-in & then go to residence hall
[Campus map & driving directions](#)

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 16, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- New international students: August 20 (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 21, 8-11 a.m. | Program orientation: August 21-23
- New students in the Honors program: August 22, 8-11 a.m. | Program orientation: August 22-23

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 23 at 3 p.m.

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

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.
- 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.
 - You will also confirm your emergency contact information at this time.
- Students will be directed to their residence hall to unload their vehicle, move their vehicle, and then unpack and set up their room.
- Commuting students can explore campus or just check-in and return later for Convocation.

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



At your Residence Hall

After going through check-in, you'll drive to your Residence Hall and park in the Unloading Zone.

Volunteers will help you carry your items to your room.

You'll move your car to the nearest parking lot & then return to set up your room.

After unpacking/checking in

All students and families are invited to enjoy lunch with us in the Marketplace (10 a.m.-2 p.m.).

The Business Office and Financial Aid Office will be open to help you with any questions.

If you have schedule questions or want to make changes, the Academic Advising team will be available.



Commuting Students

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

If you are checking in on August 23 (and not part of an early arrival group), then you can check in at any time during 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Leffler Chapel.



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 Etown for student pick up at Mail Services.

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.

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 (and meal plan) to eat, so be sure to carry your ID and room key with you at all times.

When do families leave?

On August 23, families should plan to depart after Convocation (if planning to stay for the ceremony).

New Student Orientation begins with dinner on August 23.
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 23 at 3:00 pm. Dress code is...come as you are! (you do not need to dress up). Families are invited to attend.

Students will meet their peer mentor and First Year Seminar group at 2:30 pm on Wolf Field and will process 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 23-25

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 26

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

- 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)
- Check out your [course materials](#) (be sure to understand [Inclusive Access course materials](#))
- Share your Etown [mailing address](#) with family & friends (mailbox number found in [Jayweb](#))

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, Jays app, academic resources

[Need Accommodations?](#)

Contact Disability Services

[Transfer Credits / Credits by Exam](#)

Registration & Records information

Keep checking your email this summer!



Questions?

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www.etown.edu/orientation

