



## 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](http://etown.edu/orientation) – Jay Chats so you can access it directly.*



## Check-in Day: Commuting Students

**Saturday, January 11, 12-2 pm**  
Campus Safety office  
615 S. Mt. Joy Street, Elizabethtown

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**Sunday, January 12, 2 pm**  
Hoover 110 (mandatory orientation sessions)

[Campus map & driving directions](#)

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



## Check-in Day: Residential Students

**Saturday, January 11, 12-2 pm**

Campus Safety office  
615 S. Mt. Joy Street, Elizabethtown

Park at Campus Safety, check-in (you'll get your room key & ID card),  
and then go to residence hall to unload and unpack.

We will have volunteers available to help you carry your items to your room.

[Campus map & driving directions](#)

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## Check-In Procedures

- All students must do a **pre-semester enrollment verification** via Jayweb (our student system) in early January.
  - If you 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.
  - *You will receive an email with instructions to complete this.*
- At **check-in**, students will get their ID card, room key, and welcome packet. Parking decals will be in student mailboxes.
  - Be sure to submit your ID photo by email so we can have your ID card ready. If you don't do this in advance, you will have your photo taken at Campus Safety at check-in.
  - If you are bringing a vehicle to campus, please [register your vehicle](#) as soon as possible. Then, Campus Safety will provide you with a parking decal.

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

## 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.



## Campus Tour

**Saturday, January 11, 2025, at 3:30 pm**

Meet at Campus Safety; students and families are welcome to join us

## Welcome & Candle Lighting Ceremony

**Saturday, January 11, 2025, at 5:00 pm**

Brossman Commons, KAV

All new students and their families are invited to attend this dinner and ceremony.

Families should plan to depart after the ceremony (around 6:30 pm).



## January New Student Orientation: January 11 & 12

January 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!*

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

**\*Please note: there are mandatory sessions on Sunday, January 12, from 2-5 pm**  
If you can't attend, you will be able to make them up.

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



## First day of classes: January 13

During Orientation, your peer mentor will give you a tour of campus.  
Part of that tour will be finding your classrooms.  
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](http://www.etown.edu/orientation)

### New Blue Jay To-Do List: Spring 2025

Welcome Blue Jays! Use this checklist to know what you need to do & when. [www.etown.edu/orientation](http://www.etown.edu/orientation)

#### Now

- Complete required forms in your [applicant portal](#) (listed under your Checklist)
- Activate your Etown account/email (you'll receive an email from our IT team)
- TRANSFER STUDENTS: Work with your advisor to register for classes
- FIRST TIME IN COLLEGE STUDENTS: Look for an email from the Registrar's Office with your schedule
- Complete your [student health forms](#) by January 1 – but get started today!
- Complete your [FAFSA](#) and apply for [Outside Scholarships](#)
- Sign-in to your [Financial Aid – Student Aid Portal](#) and submit outstanding documents
- Apply for [Parent Plus Loan](#) or [Private Loan](#) if additional Financial Aid is needed for your student bill

#### By December 15

- Residential students*, complete your Housing forms (you'll receive an email with instructions)
- Commuting Students*, learn more about [commuter student services](#)

#### By January 1

- Review your Financial Aid offer in your [Financial Aid – Student Aid Portal](#) to accept or decline awards
- Complete and submit your [student health forms](#)
- Email a photo for your Campus ID to [williaja@etown.edu](mailto:williaja@etown.edu) (Photo must be a clear image of your head &

## Frequently Asked Questions

Our website ([www.etown.edu/orientation](http://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!





# Questions?

[orientation@etown.edu](mailto:orientation@etown.edu)

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