



Penn looks forward to welcoming you in August during New Student Orientation (NSO) – and we expect you'll have an enjoyable summer! By taking these ten key actions before you arrive, you'll be on top of everything you need to start your Penn experience.

1. Health Check

- o Review Penn's [coronavirus website](#) for COVID-19 vaccination, testing, and quarantine requirements
- o Review health [insurance and immunization](#) records

2. PennKey Setup

- o Receive Setup Code by email in May
- o Select PennKey username and password
- o Register security questions so you can quickly reset your PennKey and password
- o Test PennKey to ensure it is working properly by visiting <https://pennkeysupport.upenn.edu/> and clicking "Test my Pennkey" under Tools

3. Campus Express–[Penn Campus Express \(upenn.edu\)](#)

- o Apply for PennCard
- o Set up Penn email
- o Review housing assignment
- o Choose dining plan
- o Register bike, laptop, etc.
- o Review book & computer options
- o Review banking services
- o Review transportation services

4. Financial Aid Consultation

- o Consult with financial aid advisor
- o Complete all necessary forms
- o Complete all necessary steps through Student Financial Services
- o Give permission to share academic/financial information
- o Setup [PENN.PAY](#) users and payment accounts for your student bills
- o Sign up for direct deposit for your student account refund(s) and payroll
- o Review your personal profile
- o (Optional) Search for work-study opportunities

5. Academic Advising

- o The advising process differs among the four undergraduate schools, so look out for information from your specific school about the next steps for academic advising for the fall
- o Make sure to complete the tasks required by your school and/or program

6. Advance Registration for Courses

- o Prepare for the four-week Advance Registration window using Path@Penn under "Registration & Planning"
- o Search for courses
- o Create mock schedules
- o (Optional) Modify your academic planning worksheet using Path@Penn under "Degree Planning and audit"
- o When Advanced Registration is open, make sure you click "Register for courses" and input your course selections. Mock schedules are for planning only — you still need to register your preferences during the registration window, which will be automatically submitted at the end of advanced registration

7. Thrive at Penn (TAP) Modules

- o Complete TAP Modules through Canvas in August
- o Save PDFs and links from the modules to your computer for reference throughout your first year at Penn

8. Pre-Orientation Programs

- o (Optional) Penn offers six programs for incoming students in advance of New Student Orientation. Each program offers incoming new students opportunities to learn, engage with upperclass student leaders, make lasting friendships within their class, and have FUN! Applications are now closed for the 2022 summer and notifications will be sent out on July 6th at 5 pm EST for those who applied.

9. NSO Website

- o Check out the [New Student Orientation Website](#)
- o Contact NSO staff: provost-nso-ai@pobox.upenn.edu

10. Civic Engagement Discussion

- o Prepare for group discussions with fellow first-year students and members of the Penn community
- o Engage with group facilitators to develop ideas for active participation in an organization or specific project