

WELCOME

DEAR TRANSFER STUDENTS,

Welcome to Penn—our home, and now yours, too! We haven't met you yet, but we already have one (extremely exciting) thing in common... Being a transfer student is a huge point of pride and a keystone to our identities here at Penn. As transfers, we all have a truly unique perspective on the college experience, coming from all walks of life — and we're proud to say that as a community we have truly shaped each others' lives at Penn. We hope you'll come to love being a transfer as much as we do.

Like you, we transferred from schools all across the country (Macalester, Irvine Valley College, Villanova) and understand how exciting and nerve-wracking this transition is. Starting over is never easy, but know that you belong here and we are here for you every step of the way.

Before NSO gets started, we thought we'd tell you a little about who we are as an organization. Founded in 2011, the Transfer Student Organization (TSO) is a resource and community for all who transfer to Penn. Everything we do as an organization is with these two goals in mind: to bring transfer students together and to help transfers fully integrate into the Penn community!

Over the past few years, TSO has played an increasingly central role in transfer New Student Orientation (NSO). This year, we've worked directly with NSOAI to create a week of events designed just for you. By the end of the week, we hope you feel a little more at home here. Each event is tailored to help you get to know each other, Penn, and our wonderful city of Philadelphia overall. We've got a lot on the books for y'all — GET EXCITED! The NSO website is a great place to get a detailed picture of the entire week. We know NSO is going to be a blast, but it's only the beginning. After orientation, TSO will continue to

host academic, mentorship, wellness, and social events throughout the school year.

The best way to stay in touch with TSO is by joining our GroupMe and following us on Instagram, both of which can be found on our website (tsopenn.org). GroupMe will serve as a vital source of information during orientation and beyond, connecting you to all Penn transfers new and old. By joining the NSO specific group, you will also have direct contact with your rPHINS, who will help guide you throughout NSO. Our website contains a wide variety of resources that will help you not only in this transitional period, but throughout your time at Penn as well!

Congratulations once again; please don't hesitate to reach out and talk to us. We can't wait to meet you and as always... Go Quakers!

Best,

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TRANSFER CALENDAR 2024

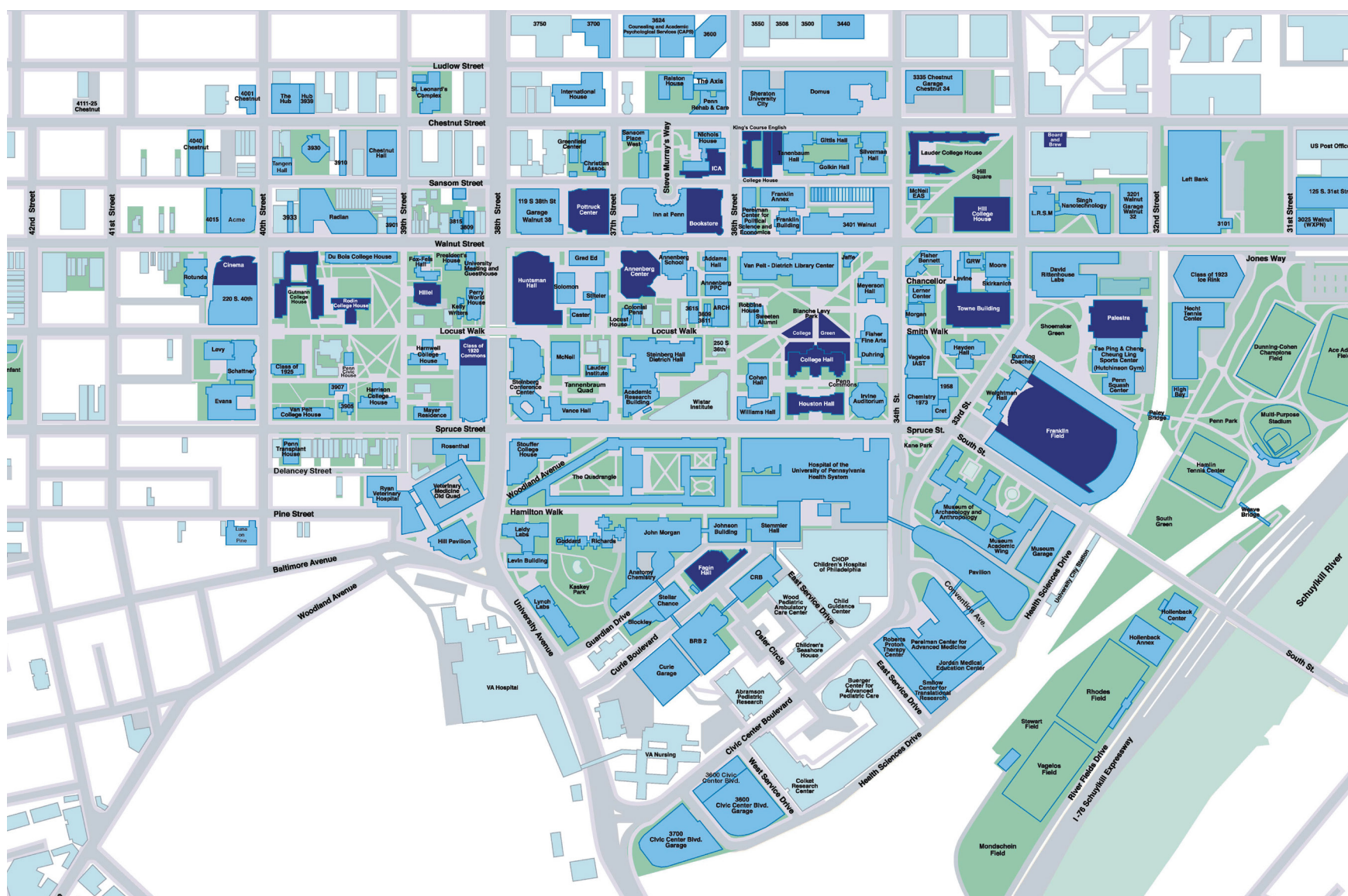
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CAMPUS MAP

TSO Event Locations

Penn Buildings

To view and search the complete interactive campus map, see www.facilities.upenn.edu/maps.



Calendar of Events

August 19 – August 30, 2024



EVENTS

M MANDATORY EVENTS

T TRANSFER STUDENT ORGANIZATION EVENTS

MONDAY AUGUST 19

T 3pm-4:30pm

PENN PARENTS & FAMILIES WELCOME

Drop-in event for transfer families and students to mingle and learn about resources that can be important. Light refreshments will be provided.
Location: Gutmann MPR

T 6pm-8pm

WELCOME PICNIC & DESSERT RECEPTION

Join us after move-in to share catered food and desserts. Let the fun of NSO begin!
Location: Gutmann Lawn
Rain Location: Gutmann MPR

TUESDAY AUGUST 20

11 am

LUNCH FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Location: Hill, Kings Court English House (Halal available), Lauder, & 1920 Commons dining cafés are open 11am-8pm.
Location: Falk Hillel (Kosher available) is open 11am-2pm.

M T 1:30pm-2:30pm

TRANSFER STUDENT INFO SESSION I

An overview of the upcoming transfer orientation schedule. Receive your NSO Wristband.
Location: College Hall 200

T 3pm-5pm

TPHIN GUIDED TOURS

The TPHINS will lead a tour of important buildings and landmarks on Penn's campus.
Location: Meet at the Ben Franklin statue outside of College Hall

T 6:30pm-9pm

SMALL GROUP DINNERS

Enjoy a wonderful introduction to local restaurants and cuisines. Chat with new friends and TPHINS in a relaxing, exciting atmosphere. Dinner provided.
Location: Meet in front of Rodin

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21

7:30am-10am

BREAKFAST

Locations: Hill, & 1920 Commons dining cafés.

M T 10am-11:30am

TRANSFER STUDENT INFO SESSION II

Upper-level transfers will let you know essential information all Penn students should know about Penn and Philly.
Location: College Hall 200

T 11:30am-1pm

TPHIN-LED LUNCH

Chat with friends and meet new transfer students while trying Penn dining cafés.
Location: Meet in front of Rodin

T 2pm-4pm

UNIVERSITY CITY DISTRICT & WEST PHILADELPHIA WALKING TOURS

Join transfers for a tour throughout the University City District and West Philly.
Location: Meet in front of Rodin

5pm

DINNER FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Location: Hill, Kings Court English House (Halal available), Lauder, & 1920 Commons dining cafés are open 11am-8pm.
Location: Falk Hillel (Kosher available) is open 4pm-7pm.

THURSDAY AUGUST 22

PENN SPIRIT DAY PROUDLY WEAR RED & BLUE ATTIRE

7:30am-10am

BREAKFAST

Locations: Hill, Kings Court English House (Halal available), & 1920 Commons dining cafés.

M 9:30am-11am

WELCOME TO PENN

The Welcome to Penn session offers transfer students a chance to hear from campus resources who provide support services throughout their undergraduate career. Speakers include representatives from New Student Orientation & Academic Initiatives, University Life, College Houses & Academic Services, Penn ID is required for entry.
Location: The Palestra

T 11am-2pm

TPHIN-LED LUNCH

Chat with friends and meet new transfer students while trying Penn dining cafés.
Location: Meet outside of Palestra

M 2pm

BUILDING THE PENN COMMUNITY

Penn is more than a university—it's a community that values citizenship, inclusion, respect, and thoughtful communication. In this session, members of our community will offer perspectives on what our community is all about, countering hate and growing through our differences, and supporting ourselves and each other. Penn ID is required for entry.
Location: Meet outside the Palestra

4pm-6pm

PENN TRADITIONS: HIGHBALL TO HEY DAY

Join Penn's Alumni Relations at an outdoor carnival for snacks, games, prizes for everyone, and fun! Learn Penn songs and traditions and sign your class banner!
Location: College Green

5pm-8pm

DINNER

Locations: Hill, Kings Court English House, Lauder, & 1920 Commons dining cafés. Kosher dining is available at Falk Hillel 4pm-7pm. Halal is available at Kings Court English House.

7pm-9pm

AN EVENING AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

A new evening event that reinforces and strengthens Penn's sense of community through education and engagement. The full-facility rental event brings Penn students to America's leading platform for constitutional education and debate. Students will engage with their dynamic, interactive experiences including immersive exhibits, live performances, and presentations/lectures from Penn faculty and NCC staff.
Bus Locations: 37th and Spruce streets & 34th and Walnut streets

FRIDAY AUGUST 23

7:30am-10am

BREAKFAST

Location: Hill, Kings Court English House, & 1920 Commons

M T 11am-12pm

TRANSFER ADVISING SESSION: THE COLLEGE

Get instructions on The College's procedures, policies, requirements, and curricular options.
Location: College Hall 200

M T 11am-12pm

TRANSFER ADVISING SESSION: NURSING

Have your transfer credit and plan of study questions answered during this advising session with Penn Nursing.
Locations: Fagin Hall 209

11am-2pm

LUNCH

Locations: Hill, Kings Court English House, Lauder, & 1920 Commons dining cafés. Kosher dining is available at Falk Hillel. Halal is available at Kings Court English House.

T 1pm-3:30pm

TRANSFER AFTERNOON COFFEE & BOARD GAMES

Relax and take some time to enjoy one of Penn students' favorite coffee shops. Games and light refreshments provided. Sign up required.
Location: The Board and Brew: 33rd & Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, PA

5pm-8pm

DINNER

Location: Hill, Kings Court English House, Lauder, & 1920 Commons dining cafés. Shabbat service and dinner at Hillel, 7:30pm. Halal is available at Kings Court English House.

5pm-7pm

BOOKSTORE SOCIAL

Welcome to Penn's comprehensive and comfortable bookstore—a great place to shop and hang out. Enjoy music, desserts, and raffles!
Location: Penn Bookstore

7pm-9pm

NIGHT AT THE REC

Join Penn Campus Recreation for a fun Night at the Rec! Tour the recreation spaces with many activities to learn and engage in Campus Recreation. Jump into some fitness demos, try the Rock-Climbing Wall, visit the Sport Club Expo, and so much more! Talk with Campus Rec staff about how to stay healthy and active with your friends on campus. Enjoy a live DJ, a photobooth, and a chance to get a t-shirt!
Location: Pattruck Health and Fitness Center

T 8pm-10pm

WAFFLES & ICE CREAM NIGHT

Join TSO and the Class Boards for a night filled with waffles, ice cream, and a selection of tasty toppings... a TSO tradition!
Location: 1920 Commons Pergola
Rain Location: Starbucks Dining Room

SATURDAY AUGUST 24

10am-2pm

BRUNCH

Locations: Hill, Kings Court English House, Lauder, & 1920 Commons dining cafés. Halal is available at Kings Court English House.

T 10am-11:30am

FARMER'S MARKET @ CLARK PARK

Visit and explore the notable Clark Park Farmer's Market with TSO.
Location: Meet in front of Rodin

T 2pm-3:30pm

MENTORSHIP MINGLE

Learn about pre-major, pre-professional, mentorship, and extracurricular resources.
Location: Houston Hall, Bodek Lounge

6:30pm-9pm

AN EVENING AT THE PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

This is the gala event of NSO that everyone talks about! Enjoy music, dancing, and free admission to world-class galleries! Dinner served at the museum.
Bus Locations: 37th and Spruce streets & 34th and Walnut streets

SUNDAY AUGUST 25

10am-2pm

BRUNCH

Locations: Hill, Kings Court English House, Lauder, & 1920 Commons dining cafés. Kosher dining is available at Falk Hillel 11am-2pm. Halal is available at Kings Court English House.

11am-2pm

PENNTRACKS WALKING TOURS OF PHILADELPHIA

Join your fellow classmates for free guided tours throughout Philly and discover more about your new home.
Location: See NSO website for details.

T 3pm-4pm

BOBA & BROCHURES

Join TSO to learn about affinity organizations, extracurriculars on campus, and other wellness opportunities for transfer students.
Location: Rodin Rooftop Lounge

T 4pm-6pm

NEW & OLD TRANSFER STUDENT MIXER

Join TSO to socialize with transfers throughout Penn. Soft pretzels, cookies, brownies & more will be served.
Location: Gutmann Lawn
Rain Location: Rodin Rooftop Lounge

5pm-8pm

DINNER

Location: Hill, Kings Court English House, Lauder, & 1920 Commons dining cafés. Kosher dining is available at Falk Hillel 4pm-7pm. Halal is available in Kings Court English House.

6:30pm-9pm

SECOND-YEAR CELEBRATION: THE MASQUERADE AT PAFA

Put on your fancy masks and enjoy a night full of desserts, mystery, fun, and celebration to mark your second year in style! Please do not bring any large bags. Wristbands and Penn IDs required for entry. Buses depart at 6:30 pm.
Bus Locations: 40th & Walnut streets and 39th & Spruce streets

MONDAY AUGUST 26

7:30am-10am

BREAKFAST

Locations: Hill, Kings Court English House, & 1920 Commons dining cafés. Halal is available at Kings Court English House.

M T 10am-11:15am

WHARTON TRANSFER EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW AND UPPER-LEVEL STUDENT PANEL

Learn about Wharton resources. Hear about upper-level transfer students' experiences.
Location: Huntsman Hall G95

11am-2pm

LUNCH

Locations: Hill, Kings Court English House, & 1920 Commons dining cafés. Kosher dining is available at Falk Hillel. Halal is available at Kings Court English House.

M T 2pm-3pm

MANDATORY TRANSFER CONSENT CIRCLES

PVP Consent Circles build community, share resources, & normalize conversations on supporting individuals who have experienced interpersonal violence.
Location: Speak to your PHINS Orientation Group Leader for details.

M T 3:30-4pm

TRANSFER ADVISING SESSION: ENGINEERING

Learn about transferring credits, registration, and course selection for the School of Engineering.
Location: Towne Building, Raisler Lounge Room 225

7pm-9:30pm

CONVOCATION & CONVOCATION DESSERT RECEPTION

This formal ceremony inducts incoming classes to the Penn community. After convocation, mingle and enjoy a delicious dessert reception to celebrate. Penn ID and NSO wristband required. No bags permitted. For additional information, visit convocation.upenn.edu.
Location: Franklin Field

6pm-9pm

SYO: PHILLIES GAME

Class Board presents: Root for the Philadelphia Phillies as they take on the Houston Astros.

TUESDAY AUGUST 27

12pm-1:30pm

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME BACK RECEPTION

Join Interim President J. Larry Jameson and your fellow classmates for free food, live music, giveaways and more! Registration and Penn ID required. Register by emailing: prespic@pobox.upenn.edu
Location: Shoemaker Green

4pm-7pm

FALL ACTIVITIES FAIR

Be re-introduced to the amazing student-run clubs, activities, and resources Penn has to offer. Each day is dedicated to highlighting different club categories.
Location: Locust Walk & College Green

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28

4pm-7pm

FALL ACTIVITIES FAIR

See Tuesday event description.
Location: Locust Walk & College Green

5pm-9pm

ORIGIN SCREENING & FACULTY TALKBACK

See Tuesday event description. Join your classmates for a private screening of Ava Duvernay's Origin. At 8pm, distinguished Penn faculty lead an engaging conversation about the film and how it relates to being a Penn citizen and global community member. First 50 guests receive a \$10 Cinemark voucher.
Location: Cinemark University City Penn 6

THURSDAY AUGUST 29

4pm-7pm

FALL ACTIVITIES FAIR

See Tuesday event description.
Location: Locust Walk & College Green

7pm

STUDENT PERFORMING ARTS NIGHT (SPAN)

Student Performing Arts Night (SPAN) is a performance that features 50+ performing arts groups. It is designed to give students a taste of the wide variety of performing clubs on campus ahead of auditions season.
Location: Zellerbach Theatre at the Annenberg Center

FRIDAY AUGUST 30

8pm

MASK & WIG AND BLOOMERS PRESENT: FREE SHOW!

Penn's two premier comedy groups will be performing some of their best sketches and musical numbers!
Location: Zellerbach Theatre at the Annenberg Center

SATURDAY AUGUST 31

9:30am-10pm

SIX FLAGS TRIP

Class Board presents: Join your classmates for a trip to Six Flags. Enjoy the rides, amusements, and more!
Location: See NSO website for details

TO FIND A CAMPUS MAP, MEAL TIMES/ LOCATIONS, FAMILY PROGRAMS, AND OTHER EVENTS, PLEASE REFER TO THE NSO CALENDAR.