“Meeting my OL and getting to spend a few days on campus made me feel like New Paltz was the right choice for me”

~ Amanda Maldonado
Welcome to New Paltz!

Dear Member of the Class of 2021,

On behalf of the State University of New York at New Paltz, I congratulate you on your acceptance for Fall 2017! We have received your orientation reservation form and recently sent you a confirmation email which identified the session and dates of your visit.

This confirmation packet will help you prepare for your visit, providing a complete ‘checklist’ of things to do before you arrive. The details in this packet are very important, so be sure to review them carefully. We also encourage you to prepare for a full two and a half day program, which will end with you finalizing your fall class schedule and taking the next step to receiving your fall housing assignment! Don’t forget… you will be staying in a traditional residence hall, which means shared bathrooms and no-frills accommodations!

If you have any questions regarding orientation, call the Center for Student Development at (845) 257-3088. We look forward to seeing you at orientation!

Sincerely,

Michelle Combs
Director of Student Development

Director of EOP
**What You Will Accomplish at Orientation**

- Get to know your new campus, make new friends, meet your EOP Liaisons and Orientation Leader
- Meet with an advisor and finalize your fall classes
- Get your College I.D. Card
- Complete housing survey for fall housing

**What You Need to Do to Prepare**

- Know your Banner number (it begins with NØ)
- Fill out your incoming college course information online
  1. Log into my.newpaltz.edu
  2. Click on the Applicants tab
  3. Click “New Student Academic Placement Sheet”
- Complete your practice sessions of the ALEKS-PPL Math Assessment (see p. 7)
- Read the Housing Handbook at www.newpaltz.edu/reslife/housing-handbook
- Please print out the parking permit, map and directions, found online at www.newpaltz.edu/orientation and bring them with you to orientation.

**Checklist of Things to Bring**

- $20.00 for your College I.D. Card (Please bring a valid ID with you — Driver’s License, Passport, Birth Certificate, etc.)
- Sheets, pillow, towels & a blanket
- Water bottle
- Alarm clock
- Hair dryer
- Fan
- Handsoap for your bathroom, Soap, toiletries & bath caddy
- Shower sandals/flip-flops
- Casual clothes and comfortable walking shoes
- Spending money for vending machine & snacks
- Favorite songs for group lip sync
- White clothing items for tie-dye
- Umbrella
- Know your housing key code. (Found in your my.newpaltz.edu)
- Immunization Record (if you have not already provided it to Student Health Service)
Where to Check-in When You Arrive

Check-in takes place from 1 – 2:15 p.m. on the first day of your scheduled session. (Please make every effort to arrive before 2:15 p.m.!) Please follow the enclosed directions to get to Dubois Hall and, once parked, follow signs to Dubois Hall where the student will check-in first. Once the student is at Dubois Hall, parents and guests should go to 62/63 for an EOP Welcome Session. After the EOP Welcome, all participating parents & guests in the program can walk or drive to Lenape Hall to check-in by 6:30 p.m.!

Parent Orientation *

What parents and family members will accomplish at orientation:

- Meet the EOP Family
- Learn about residence life and academic issues
- See classrooms and other campus facilities
- Meet parents and family members who are attending with other students
- Discuss student life issues
- Visit Mohonk Mountain House¹ (a national historic landmark), Robibero Winery or Historic Huguenot Street
- Karaoke Night! (Cash bar available)
- Enjoy a mini-vacation!

* Remember! You will overlap with your student for one dinner only, and attend an EOP BBQ on the last day of Orientation.

¹ If you are interested in booking a spa service at Mohonk (at your own expense) please visit www.mohonk.com to view a list of services and schedule it to start at 2 p.m. and end no later than 4 p.m. (Sorry, individual cars are not allowed).

*PLEASE NOTE: Parents and family members who pay for orientation will receive a nametag to enter each session of the program. Wireless login information will be provided upon arrival.
FOR FAMILY MEMBERS STAYING ON CAMPUS

We suggest you bring the following items with you:

- Twin Sheets, pillow, pillowcase, towels and a blanket (Residence Hall may be chilly)
- Water bottle (bottled water is not sold on campus)
- Alarm clock
- Hand towel
- Hair dryer
- Soap/toiletries
- Robe, slippers, bath caddy and shower sandals
- Casual clothes and comfortable walking shoes
- Hiking boots and attire for Mohonk (optional)
- Pens/pencils/paper
- Change for vending machine
- $10 per person for optional wine tasting
- Optional fitness attire/equipment for workout room, tennis courts, track
- Umbrella

(Please leave your valuables home)

Please call The Center For Student Development if there is someone you would like to share a room with (who is not a family member)

Family members who are making their own housing arrangements with no meals, please note: Although your fee does not include meals, you can pay the following prices for meals at Hasbrouck Dining Hall, plus tax, at the door if you choose to eat on campus at any time during orientation:

Breakfast: $6.25  /  Lunch: $9.75  /  Dinner: $11.85

DAY GUESTS

Family members who are unable to attend the entire program can pay a “day rate” of $55 per person for either of the two full days of the program and pay cash for meals. Please call our office at (845) 257-3088 and make a reservation. If you are checking-in after 11 a.m. on Day 2 or after 8 a.m. on Day 1, come to Student Union Building 301 to pick up your name tag, schedule and family packet.
Parents and guests with disabilities needing accommodations can contact the Center for Student Development at (845) 257-3088. If you use a disability hang tag, please remember to bring it with you. Please be advised that programs are in various buildings and WALKING throughout the day is required. Transportation assistance is not available.

Any student needing accommodations (accessible housing, sign language interpretation, materials in alternate format, etc) due to a disability may contact the Disability Resource Center at (845) 257-3020. All students who will be attending classes in the fall semester are encouraged to voluntarily submit disability documentation to the DRC. This documentation will be kept confidential and be used to determine reasonable accommodations for the fall semester. The DRC will host an Open House in the Student Union Building on the last day of each session from 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

• Check-out takes place at approximately 4:30 p.m. on the last day of your session.
• The payment due date for tuition, housing, meal plan and other fees will be noted on the on-line bill you will find at my.newpaltz.edu under My Student Account after you have attended orientation.
• First-year students cannot have cars on campus in the fall.
• Commuter students will learn about commuter services while at orientation.
• Sorry, no refunds for any orientation fees can be issued unless we are contacted at least 72 hours before your session begins.
Important Dates

- New Student Moving-In Day is Thursday, August 24. First-year students living on campus will move into their residence hall rooms between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Commuter students will receive special info about Commuter Orientation on August 24.
- Orientation Part II begins that evening and runs through Friday with important academic programs and Fall Convocation.
- The first day of Fall classes is Monday, August 28.
- Parent & Family Weekend is September 23 & 24. Look for your invitation at the end of August! For more information on lodging accommodations please visit www.newpaltz.edu/parentsweekend.

If you have any questions or need to make changes/additions to your reservation, call us at (845) 257-3088 Monday – Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
**Academic Placement Assessment**

**Composition Placement**
EOP first-year students will complete a 60 minute writing assessment to determine the appropriate English composition course. *(Please note: All EOP first-year students are required to take the English Placement Exam even though some students have taken AP English or college English during high school).* Official transcripts and/or scores must be received in order for credit to be awarded at New Paltz.

**Mathematics Placement Levels**
All incoming first-year students will receive a Math Placement Level (MPL) based on their ALEKS PPL assessment.

Practice assessments must be completed by **June 15. Your final ALEKS PPL assessment will be taken on your first day of orientation.** You can access ALEKS PPL through your my.newpaltz.edu account. Simply click on the link “Math Placement/ALEKS PPL” and follow the instructions.

See www.newpaltz.edu/math/placement.html for more information.

**Foreign Language Placement**
Students who wish to meet the foreign language requirement at New Paltz by continuing with the same language studied in high school will be placed according to the number of years the language was studied, grades, and the time elapsed since a course was last taken.

*Note:* Students who are bringing in college credit, whether through Advanced Placement, CLEP, or transfer credit from another college, should consult with an academic advisor during orientation regarding placement.

*It is important that you bring an updated copy of your high school transcripts to your orientation Session so that we can make the most accurate English, math and foreign language placement decisions.*
**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

To reach a participant in the Student Program please call (845) 257-5100 (Dubois Hall).

To reach a participant in the Parent and Family Program please call (845) 257-4300 (Lenape Hall).

The Center for Student Development can also be reached at (845) 257-3088 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Friday.

The Educational Opportunity Program (845) 257-3226 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Friday.