STUDENT ORIENTATION
AND
REGISTRATION 2016

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR VISIT...
Welcome to New Paltz!

Dear Member of the Class of 2020,

On behalf of the State University of New York at New Paltz, I congratulate you on your acceptance for Fall 2016! 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 receiving a printout of your fall class schedule and 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

P.S. Want more info? Check out www.newpaltz.edu/orientation
**What You Will Accomplish at Orientation**

- Get to know your new campus, meet new friends, and meet your Orientation Leader
- Meet with an advisor and register for fall classes
- Get your College I.D. Card
- Choose your fall housing assignment

**What You Need to Do to Prepare**

- Know your Banner number (it begins with NO)
- 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”
- Read the Housing Handbook at www.newpaltz.edu/reslife/housing-handbook
- Please print out the parking permit, map and directions, 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, pillowcase, towels and a blanket
- Water bottle
- Alarm clock
- Hair dryer
- Fan
- A few bottles of water or water bottle
- 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 newpaltz.edu

**Where to Check-In When You Arrive**

Check-in takes place from 9 – 10:30 a.m. on the first morning of your scheduled session. (Please make every effort to arrive before 10:30 a.m.!) Please follow the enclosed directions to get to Esopus Hall and once parked follow signs to Esopus Hall, where the student will check-in first. Once the student is at Esopus Hall, parents and guests participating in the program can walk or drive to Ridgeview Hall to check-in by 10:45 a.m.!

**Extra Night Housing Only - Monday Night or Tuesday July 5**

If you requested and paid for an extra night of housing for the evening before your session begins:

- Proceed directly to Esopus Hall between 7 – 8 p.m. on the evening before your session. Family members will then go to Ridgeview Hall. (Follow signs on Rt. 32 South; see separate directions sheet).
- Early or late check-in times are unavailable.
- A snack will be provided in the residence hall that evening.
- Although dinner is not provided on this evening, breakfast is provided the following morning as part of your Extra Night fee of $25.
- On the night of extra-night housing, if you decide not to come, or are running late, please call (845) 257-4100 from 7 – 8 p.m. to let us know. Fees are non-refundable.

**Parent Orientation**

What parents and family members will accomplish at Orientation:

- Hear 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.

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/Water bottle
- Alarm clock
- Hand towel
- Hair dryer
- Drinking cup/soap/toiletries
- Casual clothes and comfortable walking shoes
- Hiking boots and attire for Mohonk (optional)
- Robe, slippers, bath caddy and shower sandals
- 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: $6.18
- Lunch: $9.33
- Dinner: $11.44

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 1 or after 8 a.m. on Day 2, come to Student Union Building 301 to pick up your name tag, schedule and family packet.

PARENTS AND GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES

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.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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 provide materials in all student and family packets at Orientation, and will host an Open House in the Student Union Building on the last day of each session from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

The Composition Program has selected a collection of TED Talks (Technology, Entertainment and Design) and corresponding articles focused around the common theme of “Thinking like a Human.” Please visit the link below. A study guide and more information will be posted there soon!

www.newpaltz.edu/studentdevelopment/orientation/csr.html
**Just So You Know...**

- Check-out takes place approximately between 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. on the last day of your session, depending on when your group finishes registering. *Note:* Those students who are not leaving campus until after 2 p.m. will not be able to be supervised and will not be able to stay in Esopus Hall after that time. Please call (845) 257-3088 to discuss arrangements.
- 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.
- 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 25. 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 25.
- 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 29.
- Parent & Family Weekend is September 24 & 25. 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**

First-year students are assessed and placed into an appropriate section of Composition or Honors English based upon review of English course grades, Regents Exam scores, AP scores, and a review of SAT results.

**Mathematics Placement Levels**

First-year students are assigned a Math Placement Level (MPL) based on math courses taken, grades, Regents Exam scores, and AP scores. The MPL determines what course a student is prepared to take. The choice of math course will be partially determined by the student’s academic area of interest. Students will have an opportunity to take a placement exam if desired.

**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) 257-4100 (Esopus Hall).

To reach a participant in the Parent and Family Program please call (845) 257-4400 (Ridgeview Hall).

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