Calendar Preview

**August 2015**

26 Wednesday  
New Student Move-In  
First day of New Student Orientation for undergraduates

27 Thursday  
Second day of New Student Orientation

28 Friday  
Third day of New Student Orientation  
Freshman Advising Day  
Freshman Convocation

30 Sunday  
Check-in for undergraduate upperclassmen and re-entry students

31 Monday  
All undergraduate Main Campus classes begin

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7 Monday  
No classes—Labor Day observed

8 Tuesday  
Last day for dropping and/or adding classes
Things You Need

It's a good idea to check with your roommate prior to move in day to avoid duplicating certain items like a TV or microwave.

For Move-In Day:
- Cold drinks
- Hand cart
- This newsletter
- Towel

The Basics:
- Alarm clock
- Blanket, quilt, or comforter
- Cleaning products
- Desk lamp and light bulbs
- Desk supplies
- Clothes basket or bag, detergent
- Paper products
- Personal care products
- Pillows and linens for your bed
- Plates, mugs, glasses, and utensils
- Power cords with a multi-plug power strip and an internal circuit breaker
- Surge protectors for electronic equipment
- Shower shoes
- Small plastic bucket to carry supplies from room to shower
- Soap and soap dish
- Towels and washcloths
- Computer or laptop

Nice to Have
- Fan
- Flashlight
- Games and sports equipment
- Iron and ironing board

Things You Don’t Need

In order to reduce the risk of damage or injury to yourself or your fellow students, we do not allow you to have any of these items in your room:
- Alcohol containers (even those of a decorative nature—e.g., bottles, shot glasses, or paraphernalia)
- Appliances with open coils or burners
- Broilers
- Candles or incense (even those of a decorative nature)
- Cinder block bed risers (only plastic are permitted)
- Contact grills (e.g., George Foreman)
- Electric frying pans
- Extension cords
- Furniture without fire retardant material (items must meet California Technical Bulletin 133 standards for fire retardancy)
- Halogen lamps
- Heating coils
- Hot plates
- Immersion coils
- Live Christmas trees
- Nails, hooks, double-faced adhesive tape, or other items that will damage walls
- Power tools
- Power cords without a multi-plug power strip with an internal circuit breaker
- Space heaters
- Toaster ovens, toasters, griddles, or any open element appliances
- Waterbeds or lofts
- Weapons, firearms, knives, pepper spray, or explosive devices
- Window air conditioners

No Car? No Problem!

As a Widener Student, you’re just a short trip away from Philadelphia’s attractions, history, and nightlife—and you don’t even need a car to get there.

Two SEPTA bus routes—Route 109 on Providence Road and Route 113 on Melrose Avenue—connect you to the region-wide mass transit network. Both serve 69th Street Terminal and the Chester Transportation Center, where you can ride the regional rail train (R2) into Center City.

Everything you need to know about using SEPTA is online at www.septa.org or call 215-582-7800. Schedules are also available in University Center, and tokens are available for sale by the Student Government Association in the bookstore.

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Technology on Campus

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- Visit the Student Computing Office in the CampusCruiser portal to search for information and documentation online or to submit a HelpDesk request.
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Sometimes You Just Want to Have Fun

...On Campus

There are dozens of activities and organizations on campus that let you pursue any of your interests, even those less ordinary.

Here’s a taste of what Widener has to offer:
- Academic organizations for specific majors
- Commuter Student Association
- Residence Hall Association
- Student Government Association
- The Blue and Gold. Widener University’s student media site
- Pride Activities Council
- Widener University Honors Program

For a complete listing of Widener’s organizations and programs, visit www.widener.edu/clubsandorgs. You can also learn more during Fall Orientation and at the annual Involvement Fair during the second week of school in the University Center. Our campus calendar at www.widener.edu/experience offers a variety of events that are open to the Widener community.

For more information on how to connect with campus organizations, contact the Office of Student Life at 610-499-4411.

...And Off

There’s a wealth of things to do off campus, as Widener is located in one of the country’s largest metropolitan areas. From museums on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway to Ridley Creek State Park, from ball games at the South Philly stadiums to music under the stars, Greater Philadelphia offers places and events for every interest.

Check out www.campusphilly.org for tips on fun things to do for students by students.

A Few Last-Minute Reminders

☐ Complete your entrance interview. For first-time borrowers who have filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Federal Direct Loan Entrance Counseling is required. Please go to www.studentloans.gov to complete this necessary process as well your Master Promissory Note (MPN).

☐ Complete E-Check In. When you receive an email about E-Check In, be sure to complete all the steps mentioned. This is your opportunity to provide emergency contact information as well as indicate those to whom you authorize release of your financial and academic information.

☐ Assign an Authorized User to your student online account. Go to Widener.edu/BursarOffice and follow the steps in “How to Assign an Authorized Account User” to grant your parent access to view your e-Bill.

☐ Forward official final high school transcript, and if applicable, forward official Advanced Placement (AP) scores and/or official dual enrollment transcript to the Office of Admissions.

☐ Shop the bookstore early. As soon as you know what classes you will be taking, head to the bookstore. Not only will you avoid the lines of the first week of classes, you will have first pick of used texts at substantial savings.

Plan for Your Career

Although you are just beginning your college years, know that it is never too early to start planning for your career. Widener’s Career Services will help you navigate the world of career preparation and search. Students are encouraged to visit our office early and often to:
- Explore careers in your major
- Understand what is required to enter your preferred field
- Develop your network and learn how to parlay it into opportunities
- Gain valuable experience through co-ops and internships
- Create powerful cover letters, résumés, and personal statements
- Practice effective interviewing skills
- Research and apply to graduate schools
- Practice professional etiquette
- Connect with us via social media on Twitter @WidenerCareers and on our Widener Career Services Facebook page.

To learn more about Career Services and co-op/internship opportunities, visit our website at www.widener.edu/careers or contact us at (610) 499-4176.