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# Orientation at TUA

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## Welcome to Temple University Ambler!

Congratulations on your acceptance to Temple University Ambler!

Get ready, get ready, get ready for the next phase of your life as a new student at a major university! The campus is excited about your decision to matriculate at Temple and the Office of Student Life is eager to help you begin this process with your New Student Orientation.

This brochure serves as a guide to assist you through Orientation scheduling and to answer questions you may have about your new beginning at Temple University Ambler.

New Student Orientation provides a glimpse of campus life before you begin classes. At Orientation you will:

- Meet fellow Temple students
- Have the opportunity to gather information about various offices
- Talk with student organization leaders
- Learn your way around campus
- Learn more about your major or, if undecided, how to choose a major
- Meet with your Academic Advisor
- Register for classes
- Receive your Temple ID and Temple e-mail address
- Have fun!

The Owl Team Student Orientation Leaders are active and involved campus leaders who will answer any questions you have about the University. They will guide you through the Orientation experience and assist with your course selections. Their main goal is to give you all the information you need to make your time at Temple University Ambler successful.



You may schedule your Orientation by visiting <http://tuportal.temple.edu> (for detailed instructions, see Page 3). Hurry and schedule your Orientation session today. **The sooner you get in, the better opportunity you have to get the courses you want at the times you want!** Read this booklet carefully prior to reserving your spot at Orientation. It will tell you

everything you need to know when scheduling your Orientation date.

The fun is just beginning and we look forward to having you as a member of the Temple University Ambler community. See you at Orientation!

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## Resources to help navigate your transition

The *Undergraduate Bulletin* ([www.temple.edu/bulletin](http://www.temple.edu/bulletin)) is a listing of courses, a description of academic programs and degree requirements, and general information about the services and programs Temple offers.

*Undergraduate Course Descriptions* ([www.temple.edu/bulletin/ugradbulletin/ucd/ucdtoc.html](http://www.temple.edu/bulletin/ugradbulletin/ucd/ucdtoc.html)) contain descriptions of undergraduate courses likely to be taught at Temple University in the upcoming semesters.

*Academic Advisors* will help you determine which courses to sign up for, explain departmental requirements, and help you establish a degree plan. To contact the Office of Academic Advising and Career Development at Temple University Ambler, call 267-468-8200. Students enrolled in the Fox School of Business and Management may call 267-468-8350.

Remember, a member of the Orientation Owl Team will be with you every step of the way! These leaders are involved in activities on Temple's campuses as well as within the community. They will give you all the information you need, answer any questions you have about Temple, and guide you through the registration process.

# Orientation Highlights

The Office of Student Life at Temple University Ambler offers two types of programs to better accommodate the varying needs of incoming students.

The type of Orientation you will attend is determined by where you live in relation to campus.

- Students who live *greater than 70 miles* from campus will attend a three-day Orientation designed specifically for out-of-town students. This program combines an introduction to the campus and the Borough of Ambler and includes a full day for your placement tests.
- Students who live locally, less than 70 miles, will attend a two-day Orientation designed for local students. Placement Testing will occur at least one week prior to your Orientation date. (See Page 3 for information on scheduling Placement Tests.)

**Overnight Orientation — two-day and three-day overnight program:** Students check in at the East Residence Hall located at the Ambler campus, 580 Meetinghouse Road, Ambler. You will meet your Owl Team Leader and your roommates for Orientation! Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. for the two-day Orientation and 9:30 a.m. for the three-day Orientation. Orientation will end no later than 2:00 p.m. on Day Two or Day Three.

## Two-Day (local) Overnight Orientation (June 23 and 24)

Day One: <i>Check-in 9:30 a.m. in Bright Hall Lounge</i>	Day Two: <i>Depart 2 p.m.</i>
University Welcome! Academic Preview Lunch Individual Registraton Appointments with Academic and Peer Advisors Ice Breakers Orientation Dinner Educational Sessions House Cleaning: The Do's and Don'ts Evening Social Events Overnight in the East Residence Hall	Breakfast Student Success Break "Hooter's Hunt" "Showtime at TU Ambler" Diamond Dollars Schedule Distribution Schedule Revisions Lunch/Campus Tours Evaluations and Check-Out



## Three-Day Overnight Orientation for Out-of-Town Students (July 7 to 9)

Day One: <i>Check-in 9:30 a.m. in the Learning Center</i>	Day Two: <i>Check-in 9:30 a.m. in Bright Hall Lounge</i>	Day Three: <i>Depart 2 p.m.</i>
Placement Testing <b>Please note: For all Placement Tests students should bring a snack and a sweater, as the room may be cold.</b>  Dinner  Evening Social Activites	University Welcome! Academic Preview Lunch Individual Registraton Appointments with Academic and Peer Advisors Ice Breakers Orientation Dinner Educational Sessions House Cleaning: The Do's and Don'ts Evening Social Events Overnight in the East Residence Hall	Breakfast Student Success Break "Hooter's Hunt" "Showtime at TU Ambler" Diamond Dollars Schedule Distribution Schedule Revisions Lunch/Campus Tours Evaluations and Check-Out

# Scheduling your New Student Orientation

Registration for orientation is simple and convenient!

Based on the address information provided by you for admission, you will automatically be prompted for an Orientation considerate of your traveling distance!

Schedule your Orientation session at **TUportal** (<http://tuportal.temple.edu>). Enter your AccessNet Username and Password.\* Then select **OWLnet** from the Menu Tab listed at the left of the screen. You will then be directed to OWLnet.

## On the Welcome Page of OWLnet:

- Click tab marked “Click here to schedule your Orientation” at top of the screen.
- Click link for “Orientation Scheduling” (the calendar to the left of your academic program) to schedule your ) orientation.
- You will automatically be prompted with *the first available* dates to schedule your **New Student Orientation AND Placement Testing**.

\*Your AccessNet Username and Password were sent to you by the Admissions Office. If you do not have your AccessNet Username and Password, please call the Computer Services help desk at 215-204-8000 and they will provide you this information.

## Dates to Remember:

### Two-Day (Local) Overnight Orientation

Tuesday, June 23 and Wednesday, June 24, 9:30 a.m.

### Three-Day (Out-of-Town) Overnight Orientation

Tuesday, July 7, Wednesday, July 8, and Thursday, July 9, 9:30 a.m.

# Placement Testing



As an incoming freshman, you must take Placement Tests prior to New Student Orientation. If you live locally and are attending a two-day Orientation, your Placement Test must be taken **at least one week prior** to your orientation date. If you are an out-of-town student attending a three-day Orientation, Placement Testing will occur during the first day of your Orientation.

Placement Tests are designed to assess your mastery of certain basic skills, to point out particular strengths and weaknesses, and to assist in designing a program of study for you. The results of these tests will not affect your admission to Temple, but are very important in determining which courses you will take during your first semester at Temple. Your test results will be available when you meet with your academic advisor during New Student Orientation.

## English Placement Exam (2 hours, 15 minutes)

The English Placement Exam is required for all freshmen, and consists of a multiple-choice portion and a written essay for which you are encouraged to prepare in advance.

- The multiple-choice component tests skills related to sentence structure, conventions of written English, and reading comprehension.
- The essay section requires you to write about one of two topics. On the day of the exam, the proctor will designate the two topics you may choose. Please read the exam directions carefully and, with these in mind, look over the topics. **VISIT THIS SITE FOR THE ESSAY TOPICS AND INFORMATION ABOUT ENGLISH SKILLS: [www.temple.edu/marc/placements.html](http://www.temple.edu/marc/placements.html)**.
- This preparation will allow you to get right to work on the day of the exam. You will be instructed to bring this sheet to the placement test.

Remember, your job is to help the exam readers understand both the writer’s ideas and your own ideas on a particular issue. In this test, readers are not interested in whether you have the “correct” position on an issue. To place you properly in the First-Year Writing Program, readers need to see how well you read a passage, explain the writer’s argument, and present your own argument in an organized essay with relatively few grammatical errors.

The exam readers will use the results of the essay that you write to help place you into one of the First-Year Writing courses at Temple. Students who write exceptional essays will be exempt from First-Year Writing courses.

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# Where will I stay?

Students will be staying overnight in the East Residence Hall at the Ambler campus. All meals are provided during the Overnight Orientation sessions. Towels and linens will be provided for each student.

## East Residence Hall

At Ambler, the East Residence Hall accommodates incoming freshmen, upperclassmen, and transfer students. Residence hall facilities at Ambler can house up to 209 students in traditional-style accommodations - double rooms with community bathrooms. The Ambler Dining Center is right next to East Hall.

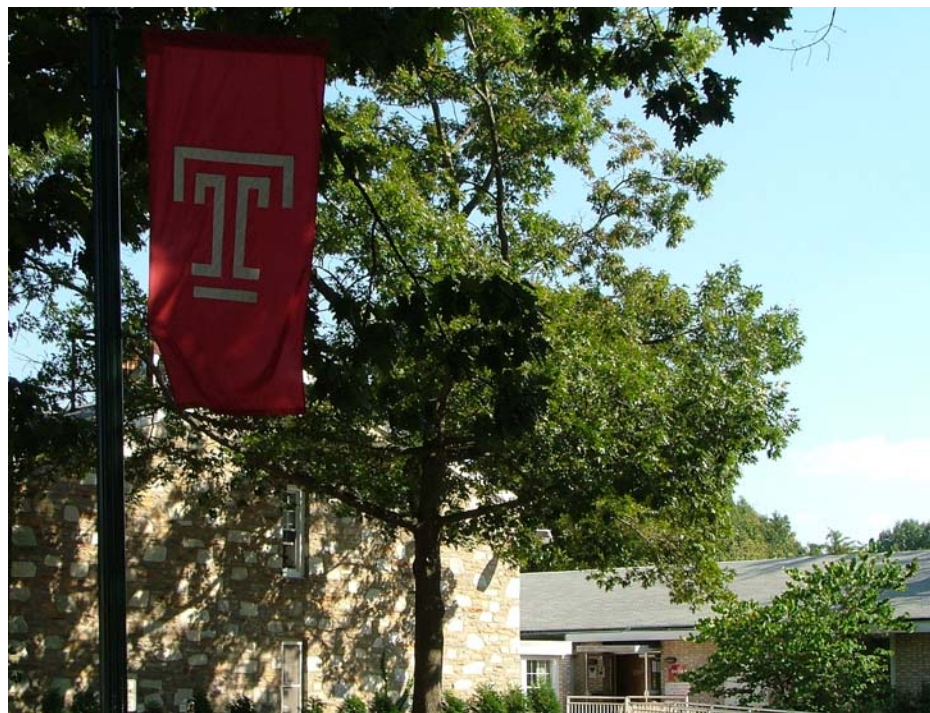
### Ambler's East Residence Hall includes:

- Single sex and coed floors.
- Social and Study Lounges located in each wing.
- A Fitness Room and Recreation/Television Lounge.
- T1 Internet connections in every room.
- Convenient laundry facilities located throughout the building.
- 24-hour Security coverage at the building entrance.
- A Meal Plan is required when living in East Hall.

# What should I bring?

## All Orientation students need:

- A New Student Orientation Booklet
- Photo ID and your User Name and Password
- Comfortable Clothing and Shoes
- Financial Aid information, if applicable
- Personal toiletries
- Alarm Clock
- Money for personal expenses
- Swimsuit
- Portable Fan (optional)
- Please note: Linens are provided



# Placement Testing (con't.)

## Mathematics Placement Exam (1 hour, 15 minutes)

The Mathematics Placement Exam is a multiple-choice examination, and is required for all freshmen. The items range in difficulty, from arithmetic and algebra to calculus readiness. The results of the Mathematics Placement Exam will be used to place you into the appropriate mathematics course.

**You will not be allowed to use calculators during this exam.** We encourage you to review basic arithmetic and algebra skills so your test scores accurately reflect your ability and enable your advisor to determine the appropriate course. Information about the **Mathematics Placement Exam** is available at [www.temple.edu/marc/placements.html](http://www.temple.edu/marc/placements.html).

## Foreign Language Placement Exam (1 hour)

Exams are offered in French, German, Modern Greek, Italian, and Spanish, and are required for freshmen who have previously studied one of these languages. Each exam is multiple-choice and tests basic skills in Language Usage (choosing the appropriate word or phrase to complete a sentence) and Reading Comprehension (interpretation of passages written in the language). If a foreign language will be part of your curriculum, the results of the tests will be used to place you in the appropriate course.

If you have previously studied another foreign language (other than French, German, Modern Greek, Italian, or Spanish) and wish to be tested in that language, it may be possible to arrange an evaluation. Please see your advisor if you believe you qualify for this option.

## Demographic Data Survey (25 minutes)

The information you provide in the personal data collection survey (completed by all students) will assist Temple in making appropriate services available to you and other students. The Placement Testing Web site ([www.temple.edu/marc/placements](http://www.temple.edu/marc/placements)) has more information about the Math, English, and Foreign Language Placement Tests, as well as sample test questions.

## Students with Disabilities

**Please Note:** Placement Test accommodations may require alternate testing dates and times. Schedule as early as possible. Students with documented disabilities who require accommodations for placement tests must contact Disability Resources and Services (DRS) at 267-468-8202 (voice) or 267-468-8262 (TTY).