

Welcome to Pace!

New Student Parent and Family Orientation

Summer 2023



Academic Life at Pace



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Before the Semester Begins



Confirm your student completes the following *as soon as possible*:

- ✓ Placement tests as applicable (English, Math, Language)
- ✓ AP/IB scores, **official** HS and/or college transcripts submitted to Admissions
- ✓ Tuition payment
- ✓ Housing payment (if applicable)

Important Deadlines for a Smooth Start to the Semester

- ✓ Immunization Records are due August 1, 2023 (Patient Portal)
- ✓ Tuition Payment is due by August 1, 2023
- ✓ Health Insurance Waiver (if applicable) is due September 22, 2023



Your Student's First Semester Schedule



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Already Off to a Great Start!

Your student's first semester schedule has been designed to help them graduate on time

<https://www.pace.edu/graduate-time>



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How We Created Your Student's Schedule:

Your student's first semester schedule was created by an **Academic Advisor** based on the following:

- ✓ Your student's response to a **questionnaire**
- ✓ Your student's **transfer credits** awarded for eligible college-level courses and **AP/IB** scores
- ✓ University **core curriculum requirements**
- ✓ Requirements for their intended **Major**
- ✓ **Placement** results as applicable (Math, English, Language)
- ✓ **Special Program** requirements (Honors, Exploring Majors, etc.)

This will be the only semester we create your student's schedule for them; going forward students will select courses with **guidance from their Advisor** and register themselves for classes.



Typical First Semester Schedule for New Transfer Students

- **English** (if applicable and based on placement or College/AP credit)
- **Math** (if applicable and based on placement or College/AP credit and Major)
- **University Core** requirements/Inquiry and Exploration courses
- **Major-related** course(s)
- **Honors course** (if applicable)

Generally 15-17 credits spread over the course of 5 days.

Yes, including Fridays!



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University Core Curriculum: A strong *liberal arts* education

University Core courses, *regardless of a student's major*, ensure that Pace graduates develop and achieve competency in a *variety of skills*.

Foundation Courses: Focus on *communication* and *quantitative skills* (English, Math, computing, public speaking, languages and science).

Areas of Knowledge*: Focus on *humanities, social science, arts and sciences*. *Transfer students awarded 25+ credits are exempted from completing courses in these 5 areas *but* must complete required liberal arts credits and Civic Engagement.

Inquiry and Exploration: Allows students to **choose** liberal arts courses, including those to complete **a minor or concentration**, take courses of special interest, or complete arts and sciences courses as required for their specific majors.

Required Learning Experience:
Civic Engagement and Public Values
(Students who are Veterans are exempt)



The diagram consists of three overlapping circles. The top circle is blue and contains the text 'Foundation Courses'. The bottom-left circle is yellow and contains the text 'Areas of Knowledge'. The bottom-right circle is yellow and contains the text 'Inquiry & Exploration'. The circles overlap in the center.

Foundation Courses

Areas of Knowledge

Inquiry & Exploration

Academic Advisement

Student Academic Advisement at Pace is ***Proactive, Holistic, Collaborative***



All Pace students are assigned a **dedicated Advisor**

- Transfer students' Academic Advisor is determined by their **school/program**
- Advisors provide students with **ongoing support** and relevant advisement to support them in **developing their goals**, achieving **academic success** and **planning for timely graduation**.

What is the Pace Path?



Powerful academics. Dedicated mentoring. Immersive experiences.

The Pace Path is a combination of academic and experiential learning using *purposeful planning, advising, and mentoring. The Pace Path is an individualized program for all undergraduates that's tailored to a student's strengths, passions, and career goals.*

This is the Pace Path to success!

Student Resources at Pace

Faculty <https://www.pace.edu/student-success-tools> Research Experiences

Academic Advisors

Learning Commons

Career Services

Counseling Center

Student Engagement

Veteran Services

Student Accessibility Services

LGBTQA+ Center

Division of Diversity, Equity
and Inclusion

Center for Undergraduate

Library

Center for Community Action and
Research

Residential Life

International Students and
Scholars

Athletics/Intramurals/Esports

University Staff and Administration

And so many more!!



OnTrack for Student Success

OnTrack is an online tool that **connects students to the Pace community**: Instructors, Advisors and student support services.

We use OnTrack to help students be successful, **maintain progress toward earning their degree** from Pace, and provide them with a **centralized resource to access support** at Pace.

Every student at Pace has an OnTrack account where they can:

- Access their Pace **“My Success Network”**, which displays the people and resources at Pace who are ready to support them.
- Check their **OnTrack Dashboard** which highlights items requiring their attention, including **academic concerns** or **Kudos** shared by instructors.
- Explore **Pace services, resources, and support.**

The First Few Weeks

- ✓ Convocation
- ✓ Weeks of Welcome and Getting Involved
- ✓ Campus Resources
- ✓ Academic Advising
- ✓ Pace Path



Convocation: Pace's Annual Kick-Off for New Students!

Tuesday,
September

5th



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Helpful Resources for Parents and Families

Parents and Families Hub

<https://www.pace.edu/parents-and-families>

- Search **A-Z index** for Pace services and offices
- Sign-up for **Pace Parent and Family Experience** newsletter
- Access **SetterSync** to view campus events for your student

Student Success Tools

<https://www.pace.edu/student-success-tools>

Academic, Social and Financial resources to support your student throughout their college journey.



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Reminders for Parents and Families

- ✓ **Full-time student = full-time job**
- ✓ Encourage your student to **check their Pace e-mail every single day!** We will always use your student's Pace e-mail to communicate with them (important dates, deadlines, etc.). This includes e-mail sent from Faculty/Staff.
- ✓ **There is *always* something to do** and opportunities for your student to get involved! Encourage your student to check **SetterSync** regularly for information about upcoming programs and events: <https://settersyncnyc.pace.edu> for NYC
- ✓ Ask your student to consider completing a **FERPA** (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) **waiver**.
 - If they choose to complete the waiver, your student confirms to us the person/people we have permission to share their information with, including grades and academic progress.

Some Important Fall 2023 Dates

- **Tuesday, September 5:** New Student Convocation
- **Wednesday, September 6:** First day of classes for the Fall semester
- **Tuesday, December 19:** Last day of classes for Fall semester; final exams scheduled on last class meeting day

EVENT	DATE	NOTES
Rosh Hashanah (First Night)	9/15	Asynchronous Evening Classes
Yom Kippur	9/25	Asynchronous Day & Evening Classes
Election Day	11/7	Asynchronous Day & Evening Classes
Veteran's Day (Observed)	11/10	Asynchronous Day & Evening Classes
Undergraduate Study Days	11/20 – 11/22	No Undergraduate Day/Evening Classes
Thanksgiving Break	11/23 – 11/26	University Closed
Fall 2023 Semester Ends	12/19	Fall semester ends

**Welcome to
Our Pace
Family!**

Any Questions?



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Welcome from Our Student Success Team Leaders!

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