Welcome to Pace!

New Student
Parent and Family
Orientation

Summer 2024
Academic Life at Pace
Before the Semester Begins

Confirm your student completes the following as soon as possible, if they have not done so already:

✓ 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)
Your Student’s First Semester Schedule
Already Off to a Great Start!
Your student’s first semester schedule has been designed to help them graduate on time.
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 (earned and/or 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.
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*.

**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 if required for their specific majors.

**Required Learning Experiences**: Learning Community, Writing-Enhanced, Civic Engagement and Anti-Racism Education.
Typical First Semester Schedule for First-Year Students

✓ English (based on placement or College/AP credit)
✓ Math (based on placement, College/AP credit and Major)
✓ 1-2 Core requirements and/or Major-related courses (e.g., CIS 101, ECO 105, CMS 111, etc.)
✓ University 101 (UNV 101) – First-Year Seminar
✓ Honors course (if applicable)

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

Yes, including Fridays!
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, College/AP credit and Major)
✓ University Core requirements/Inquiry and Exploration courses
✓ Major-related Course(s)
✓ Honors course (if applicable)

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

All Pace students are assigned a dedicated Advisor

- First-Year Student Academic Advisor is their UNV 101 Instructor (FY Advisor)
- Transfer Student 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.
University 101
First-Year Seminar

• First-Year Seminar, University 101 (UNV 101), is a required, credit-bearing course designed to empower students with the skills to navigate the transition from high school to college, introduce students to the Pace Path and the opportunities and resources available at Pace, and facilitate their success in the college environment.

Comprehensive First-Year Advising Program

• Comprehensive First-Year Advising Program (CFAP), to support FY students for the duration of their first year. Each UNV 101 class is taught by the students’ First-Year Advisor (FY Advisor).

Peer Leaders

• A Peer Leader is assigned to each UNV 101 course to further support students in their transition to college.

Student Support Resources
Pace Events and Activities

• FYE Collaborates with various Pace programs and student support services to develop and promote numerous events and activities for FY students.
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

Visit the Student Success Webpage

Faculty
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 Research Experiences
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. Please note: Incoming students will use this tool only after they begin attending classes in their first semester, though usage of OnTrack varies by program/major. It is not available during the summer.

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

✓ Getting Involved - Campus Events and Activities
✓ University 101 and Peer Leaders (First-Year Students)
✓ Campus Resources
✓ Academic Advising
✓ The Pace Path
Helpful Resources for Parents and Families

Parents and Families Hub
Visit the Parents and Families Website
• 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
Visit the Student Success Tools Website
Academic, Social and Financial resources to support your student throughout their college journey.
Transfer Student Experience

Here to welcome and foster early connections and a sense of belonging for new transfer students!

Highlights:

• **Central point of contact** during the summer and first semester at Pace
• **Transfer Student Faculty Mentoring Program**
• **Dedicated Classes community and newsletter**
• **Programming for National Transfer Student Appreciation Week** and in collaboration with Student Engagement, Career Services, Advisors and other campus resources
• **Connection to resources and services** and more!
• **Visit the New Student Experience Website**

newstudentexperience@pace.edu
Reminders for Parents and Families

✓ Full-time student = full-time job

✓ Encourage your student to check their Pace email every single day! We will always use your student’s Pace email to communicate with them (important dates, deadlines, etc.). This includes email 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

✓ 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.
New Student Convocation: Tuesday, September 3
First Day of Classes: Wednesday, September 4
Last Day of Classes: Tuesday, December 17 (final exams scheduled during the prior week on the last class meeting day; Fall Semester ends)

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Welcome to Our Pace Family!

Any Questions?

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Welcome from Our Student Success Team Leaders!

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