

FALL 2025

NEW STUDENT GUIDE

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS



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MESSAGE FROM THE

SENIOR VICE PROVOST

Welcome to Seattle University!

Our campus is a welcoming place, full of dedicated and accessible staff, faculty and fellow students who will be alongside you on your journey through college. The Jesuit value of *cura personalis*, or care for the whole person, guides us to help every student feel they can bring their whole selves to the Redhawk community, their backgrounds and identities and feel seen, heard and valued. We care deeply about you and are committed to co-creating your distinctive SU experience in and beyond the classroom.

We also hope to help you discover your spark, what excites you, what brings you joy, while discerning your unique gifts and calling. I encourage you to embrace all SU and Seattle have to offer over your time here, including countless opportunities to explore your passions in real world contexts such as internships, service-learning, research, community engagement and leadership roles. Along the way, you'll experience the SU spirit of belonging, inclusivity and care, while broadening your perspectives and following your intellectual curiosity. We are here for you.

Go Redhawks!

Tamara Herdener
Senior Vice Provost for Academic and Student Affairs



MESSAGE FROM

ORIENTATION PROGRAMS

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Welcome to the Redhawk community!

I am excited to be alongside you as you begin this next chapter in your life. The transition to college takes place over many months leading up to your first quarter, throughout your entire first year and beyond. As you acclimate to college life, you will experience ups and downs, successes and challenges, firsts and lasts and many moments living in-between each of these experiences. While it may feel like a roller coaster at times, experiencing these dynamics is normal and we all move through our unique changes at our own pace. Allow yourself grace, patience and understanding as you move forward. Over time, you will become firmly rooted and find success, however you define that, at Seattle University.

Holistic education is a key foundation of a Jesuit, Catholic education. Whether it be changes in your academic pursuits, social and family life, identity exploration and/or personal wellness, staff and faculty at Seattle University are here to support you as you encounter new perspectives and find your sense of belonging in our community. I encourage you to ask that question, join that club, explore your spirituality, apply for that leadership role, stop by faculty office hours, attend an athletic event and embrace Redhawk pride.

Above all, prioritize self-care and let us know how we can support you throughout your time on campus. We look forward to meeting you soon!

Hawks Up!

Nick Cubita, EdD
Director of Orientation Programs



IDENTITY

Jesuit education is about excellence with purpose, empowering you to realize your full potential through an inclusive and holistic educational experience. It prioritizes the pursuit of knowledge, critical thinking and intellectual curiosity as lifelong endeavors to better understand and engage with the world.

Seattle University's action-oriented approach emphasizes that what you do with the knowledge you gain is just as important as acquiring it. The Jesuit way is to ask, "For whom?" For whom will you develop your talents, skills and knowledge? In what ways are you called to serve others? While asking these big picture questions, Jesuit education focuses on developing every facet of who you are. This whole-person approach nourishes the mind, body and spirit. It also helps you become a well-rounded individual who is socially responsible, ethically grounded and globally aware.

We welcome you to explore your beliefs by attending interfaith programming across a variety of spiritual and philosophical traditions represented in the Redhawk community. We live out a "faith that does justice" in a variety of ways across campus and one of the primary places we do this is through Campus Ministry. You can volunteer for service activities, engage in discussion groups, attend awareness-raising events, go on domestic and international immersion trips, join others in simple and community living and advocate for justice on campus and around the world.



MISSION

Seattle University is dedicated to educating the whole person, to professional formation, and to empowering leaders for a just and humane world.

VISION

We will be one of the most innovative and progressive Jesuit and Catholic universities in the world, educating with excellence at the undergraduate, graduate and professional levels.

VALUES

- ▶ **Care:** We put the good of students first.
- ▶ **Academic Excellence:** We value excellence in learning with great teachers who are active scholars.
- ▶ **Diversity:** We celebrate educational excellence achieved through diversity.
- ▶ **Faith:** We treasure our Jesuit, Catholic ethos and the enrichment from many faiths of our university community.
- ▶ **Justice:** We foster a concern for justice and the competence to promote it.
- ▶ **Leadership:** We seek to develop responsible leaders committed to the common good.

“Our Jesuit approach to educating our students goes beyond affording them technical expertise. It does that, to be sure. But it also offers them tools to apply critical perspectives and to engage their deepest values. It pushes against the limits of disciplinary boundaries, bringing philosophical and theological reflection into dialogue with science and engineering and law and policy. This is why we call Seattle University the place ‘where innovation meets humanity.’”

—Eduardo Peñalver
President, Seattle University



WHAT IS ORIENTATION?

As you begin your journey to becoming a Redhawk, Orientation Programs will be here to support you each step of the way!

Orientation is a hybrid experience that includes online tasks, virtual appointments and an in-person event on campus. The purpose of Orientation is to provide you with the tools needed for a successful transition to college life at Seattle University.

We focus our work around one essential question: “What do new students need to learn to be set up for a successful transition to Seattle University?”

ORIENTATION GOALS



SENSE OF BELONGING

You will create a connection with SU and build relationships with peers, faculty and staff.



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

You will embrace intellectual passions and explore effective learning habits.



INCLUSION & IDENTITY

You will engage in reflection about your identities and how to build relationships across differences.



PERSONAL GROWTH

You will explore your values, sense of purpose and social responsibility.



SELF-RELIANCE

You will learn how to navigate camps, seek support resources and sustain holistic well-being.

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 2025

- ▶ **April 1:** Orientation Portal opens

MAY 2025

- ▶ **May 1:** Enrollment Deposit deadline
- ▶ **May 13:** Roommate search is available via the Housing Portal
- ▶ **May 29:** Roommate Portal launches

JUNE 2025

- ▶ **June 2:** Early Bird Immersion sign-ups go live; Summer Orientation virtual events schedule goes live
- ▶ **June 3:** Priority Deadline for New Student Housing Applications/Exemptions
- ▶ **June 16:** First-year students can schedule Academic Advising appointments
- ▶ **June 18:** Redhawk Roundup

JULY 2025

- ▶ **July 15:** The deadline for roommate searching is 11:59 p.m. PST
- ▶ **July 7-8, July 17-18, July 21, July 25:** Redhawk Launch
- ▶ **July 29:** Room Assignments are available on the Housing Portal at 4 p.m. PST

AUGUST 2025

- ▶ **August 5:** Move-in appointment available on the Housing Portal
- ▶ **August 9:** Commuter Connections Family Kickoff
- ▶ **August 26:** Request for early arrival due via the Housing Portal
- ▶ **August 28:** Transfer Student Orientation

SEPTEMBER 2025

- ▶ **September 16:** International Student Orientation
- ▶ **September 14-18:** Early Bird Immersions
- ▶ **September 19:** Redhawk Launch Session 5
- ▶ **September 20:** Move-in for new students
- ▶ **September 20-26:** Fall Welcome
- ▶ **September 24:** First Day of Fall Quarter

OCTOBER 2025

- ▶ **October 3:** Mass of the Holy Spirit



LIVING ON CAMPUS

Living on campus is an integral part of the educational experience. Students residing on campus are often more involved in activities and programs, achieve greater academic success and graduate feeling more satisfied with their overall university experience.

In Housing and Residence Life, we will support you as you transition to living on campus and at Seattle University. The staff will provide you with resources and help you in making connections to university services, programs and events. We foster a vibrant community where you can connect with your peers, engage with faculty and staff members and participate in your new home.

For more information about the residential housing requirement, housing application process, roommate search and the redhawk residential experience, review our [Housing Guide](#).

MOVE-IN

The residence halls open for new first-year and transfer students at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, September 20, 2025. You will receive communications from Housing and Residence Life with move-in instructions in August. For guidance about move-in, review our [Housing Guide](#).

REDHAWK RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE

We believe that learning and academic inquiry are activities that happen both inside and outside of the classroom. Living on campus is more than just having a place to stay—it's about becoming part of a vibrant, supportive and dynamic community where you can truly thrive. Through our Redhawk Residential Experience, we build our community and foster academic success and student growth and development. It is a guided program with three primary goals throughout the year to assist our students in their learning and development:

- ▶ Cultivating Connection in Fall Quarter;
- ▶ Fostering Self-Discovery and Personal Growth in Winter Quarter;
- ▶ Empowering Inclusive and Diverse Communities in Spring Quarter.

To learn more about the Redhawk Residential Experience, visit our [Housing Guide](#).

CHOOSING YOUR MEAL PLAN

All food service locations at Seattle University are managed by Redhawk Dining. They are known for their standards of excellence and innovation in sustainable food service.

SU's meal plans provide quality, variety, flexibility and value. Items are priced à la carte so students can choose exactly what they want. The Residential Meal Plan is the minimum required plan for first- and second-year students. The meal plan you select for Fall Quarter will be automatically renewed each quarter unless it is changed within the first 10 class days quarterly.

Redhawk Dining operates 13 diverse food service locations on campus. While hours of operation vary by location, you can always find something open between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m., seven days a week. For more information about hours of operation and menus, visit our [Redhawk Dining website](#).

THE MOSAIC CENTER

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The MOSAIC Center creates Meaningful Opportunities for Student Access, Inclusion and Community at Seattle University. We play a critical role in supporting intercultural learning and development of students. We encourage students to increase their awareness of self and others and their role in co-creating a more inclusive campus culture by cultivating an environment that promotes curiosity and learning.

We support the thriving of our students by:

- ▶ Enhancing a sense of belonging and creating opportunities for connection
- ▶ Providing social justice education and tools for advocacy
- ▶ Providing mentorship and leadership development
- ▶ Providing tangible resources and support

WHO WE SERVE

The MOSAIC Center serves ALL students! We offer specialized programs and services for:

- Students of color (Black, Indigenous and People of Color)
- LGBTQ+ students
- First-generation students
- Undocumented students
- Transfer students
- Commuter students
- Veterans and military-connected students
- Graduate students
- Adult Learners



THE LINKS

The Links by the MOSAIC Center are six physical student community spaces located throughout campus to support the day-to-day needs of our diverse student populations. The Links program creates caring and inclusive learning communities that provide a broader educational experience steeped in the Jesuit values of Seattle University. Our MOSAIC Community Ambassadors (student employees) offer a variety of educational and social programs to encourage integrated learning and increase students' sense of belonging. Each Link space is equipped with tables, chairs, couches and kitchenette or beverage station. All spaces have additional unique features including study rooms, TVs, fireplaces and more.

VETERAN & MILITARY-CONNECTED
All veteran and military-connected students
Location: 1103 Building, Room 105

COMMUTER & TRANSFER LINK
All commuter and transfer students
Location: Student Center 310

INTERCULTURAL LINK
All BIPOC and undocumented students
Location: Student Center 322

FIRST-GEN LINK
All first-generation students
Location: Student Center 110

GRADUATE STUDENT AND ADULT LEARNER LINK
Graduate students and students 25+
Location: Sinegal 120

PRIDE LINK
All LGBTQ+ students
Location: Student Center 390

QUESTIONS? WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!



Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Pigott Pavilion 180
mosaic@seattleu.edu
206-296-6070

Curious to know more? Visit [The MOSAIC Center's website](#) to learn about our programs, events and support resources available to students.

ADVISING

Academic Advising at Seattle University is more than just an appointment to discuss classes. Advising is a partnership between students and their advisor and focuses on collaboration, strategic planning and identifying individual goals.

WHO IS MY ACADEMIC ADVISOR?

Your advisor is a staff member who works directly with your academic program to guide you toward successfully completing your degree. We encourage you to check in with your advisor at least once every quarter to ensure you are on track toward graduation.

WHAT ARE ADVISING APPOINTMENTS FOR?

Your advisor can help you with:

- ▶ Understanding degree requirements
- ▶ Connecting you with campus resources
- ▶ Selecting courses
- ▶ Setting goals
- ▶ Choosing a major or minor
- ▶ Navigating university policy and more!



FIRST-YEAR STUDENT ADVISING AND REGISTRATION

We want to make registration for your first quarter at Seattle University as seamless as possible. Taking your academic interests and anticipated transfer credits into account, your Academic Advisor will create your fall quarter schedule and complete your registration.

See below for a list of step-by-step instructions for you to complete your academic advising process. To complete the steps below login to your [Orientation Portal](#) and click on each corresponding checklist item. You can reference these steps on the [New Student Advising and Registration website](#).

- ▶ Step 1: Course Preference Form
- ▶ Step 2: Complete Required Placement Exams
- ▶ Step 3: Schedule an Advising Appointment
- ▶ Step 4: Review Your Schedule
- ▶ Step 5: Meet with Your Advisor
- ▶ Step 6: Submit Your Final, Official Transcripts

FINANCIAL SERVICES

An education at Seattle University is an investment in your future success. Our team is here to understand your individual financial situation and find ways to meet your needs. At Seattle University, we will work with you to provide guidance, answer questions and help make sure you and your family are making informed decisions every step of the way.

STUDENT BILLING AND PAYMENTS

We're ready to assist you and your family/supporters in understanding and paying your bill. This includes responding to questions you raise when you visit our office in-person, posting charges and updates to your account, distributing aid as applicable to your account, setting up payment plans and taking payments.

TUITION AND FEES

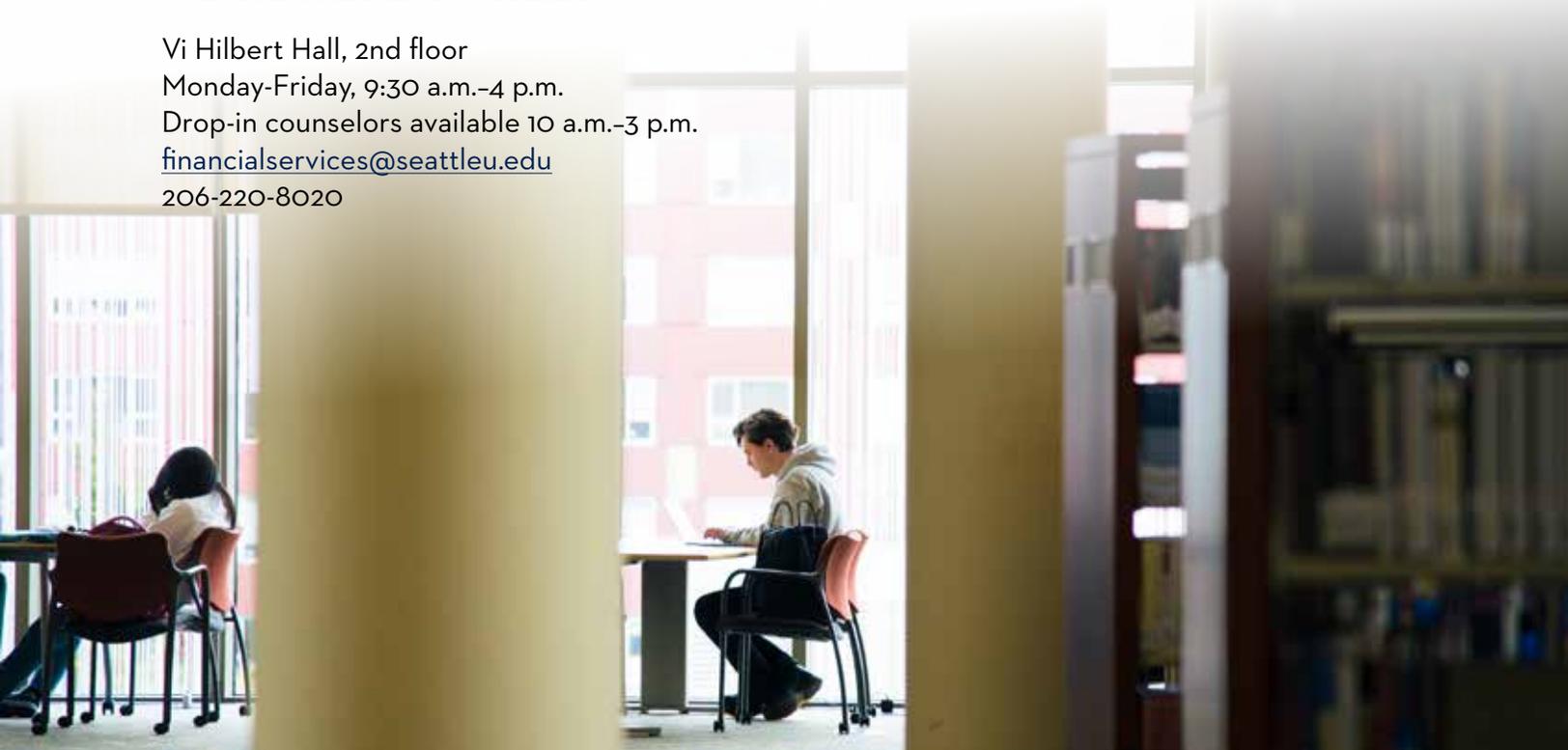
Financing a top-tier education may appear overwhelming, yet our goal is to ensure your educational investment is within reach. Tuition, fees or expenses can differ based on program and degree. We're happy to break down the cost of attendance to help you plan for your future goals.

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Whether you're exploring grants, loans or scholarships, we're here to guide you through the application process, ensuring you understand eligibility criteria and deadlines. We'll also help you navigate the complexities of this process and make sure you know all available options. Plus, you can learn how to leverage your merit, need and other circumstances to qualify for specific scholarships.

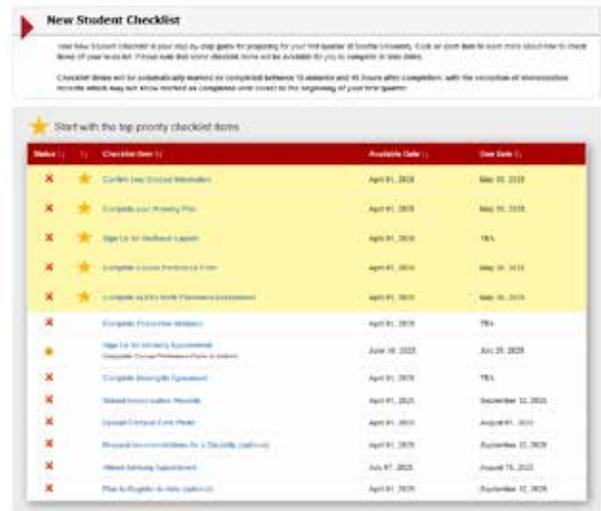
WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Vi Hilbert Hall, 2nd floor
Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Drop-in counselors available 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
financialservices@seattleu.edu
206-220-8020



NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

The New Student Checklist is a list of tasks you need to complete before starting classes. The information below is the same as you will see on your New Student Checklist in your Orientation Portal, however, you need to complete these tasks in your Orientation Portal. Review the list below to learn more about what you need to complete before you arrive on campus.



- **Complete Your Housing Plan**
Completing your Housing Plan in the Housing Portal informs us whether you plan to live on-campus or commute to campus. For more information, review the [Housing Guide](#), visit the Housing and Residence Life webpage or contact the Housing team at housing@seattleu.edu.
- **Submit Meningitis Agreement**
Washington state law requires that information on meningococcal disease must be provided to every student prior to class registration.
- **Submit Final High School Transcripts Showing Graduation Date**
We need your official high school transcript on file as confirmation that you have completed your high school degree. Submit your transcript by following the instructions in your [Admissions Portal](#).
- **Upload Your Campus Card Photo**
All Redhawks are provided a Campus Card photo ID that gives you access to printing, your meal plan and buildings including the library, gym and residential communities. You will receive your Campus Card in September.
- **Orientation Modules**
Visit [Canvas](#) to complete your Orientation Modules, which are full of information about SU's Jesuit character, advising and registration, managing finances, maintaining wellness, student employment, exploring identity and more!
- **Complete 'Voices for Change' Modules**
"Voices for Change" promotes a healthier and safer campus environment for everyone. All new undergraduate students must complete two modules: Sexual Assault Prevention and Hazing Awareness and Prevention. Modules include videos to watch, text to read and knowledge checks.

- **Complete ALEKS Math Placement Assessment**

Most first-year students are required to complete Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces (ALEKS) before their class schedule can be made. ALEKS is an online assessment that determines your current math skill levels and provides your Academic Advisor a score to “place” you into an initial math course.
- **Complete Course Preference Form**

This form collects your academic interests for your Academic Advisor to build your Fall Quarter course schedule. You’ll also share any college course credits you’re bringing to SU, whether you’re a morning person or if you have commitments that may impact your schedule.
- **Schedule an Appointment with Your Academic Advisor**

During your appointment, you will review your course schedule with your Academic Advisor, discuss your academic and career goals and explore insights on how to make the most of your time at Seattle University.
- **Submit Immunization Records**

Prior to arrival on campus or attending classes, undergraduate students are required to provide proof of immunity to measles. Find more details about immunizations [here](#) and submit your information via our [Online Student Health Immunization Form](#).
- **Request Accommodations for a Disability (if applicable)**

Students who are requesting academic, housing and meal plan accommodations for the first time at Seattle University are required to complete the New Student Application and meet with a staff member before receiving services.
- **Confirm Your Contact Information**

Please review your contact information and update as needed.
- **Plan to Register to Vote (optional)**

For many new students, this fall may be your first election in which you are eligible to vote. We encourage you to register to vote before you start classes, as absentee ballot timelines and voter registration deadlines vary across states.
- **RSVP for Redhawk Launch**

We strongly encourage you to attend Redhawk Launch so you can learn about essential campus resources, find your flock of new friends, connect with faculty and be prepared to start classes.



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REDHAWK LAUNCH

WHAT IS REDHAWK LAUNCH?

Redhawk Launch is an in-person experience for you and up to two parents/guests to join us on campus to learn about essential campus resources and find your flock of new friends. We strongly encourage you to attend Redhawk Launch so you can be prepared to start classes. However, participation is not a required part of Orientation. There are two-day sessions during which students can stay in a residence hall overnight, as well as one-day sessions.

WHEN IS REDHAWK LAUNCH?

Redhawk Launch takes place on the following dates:

- ▶ Monday, July 7 to Tuesday, July 8 (overnight event)
- ▶ Thursday, July 17 to Friday, July 18 (overnight event)
- ▶ Monday, July 21 (one-day event)
- ▶ Friday, July 25 (one-day event)
- ▶ Friday, September 19 (one-day event)
Sign-up for this session is prioritized for international and far-flying Redhawks from out-of-state.

Please do not finalize travel plans to attend a Redhawk Launch session before you receive confirmation of your RSVP, as space for each session is limited.

WHAT HAPPENS AT REDHAWK LAUNCH?

Students will be placed in Orientation groups led by an Orientation leader, who is a current Redhawk that will guide you throughout your transition to college. You'll make new friends, attend a sample class and participate in workshops focused on navigating the realities of college life.

Parents/guests will attend sessions focused on supporting their new student through their transition to Seattle University, hear from current students and university leaders about the Redhawk experience and join their student to attend a sample class.

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR REDHAWK LAUNCH?

- ▶ **Students:** Log into your Orientation Portal and click on the “Orientation Events” tab. There is no fee to attend Redhawk Launch. The cost of this program is included in the Orientation Fee that is part of your Fall Quarter bill.
- ▶ **Parents/Guests:** After students sign up to attend Redhawk Launch, they can add up to two parents/guests to their RSVP. There is a \$100 fee for each guest who attends Redhawk Launch, which covers meals and program supplies. Guest fees can be paid with a debit or credit card. The guest fee must be paid at the time of signing up.

Only students can log into their Orientation Portal to access and complete the RSVP form for Redhawk Launch. We strongly encourage students and any guests to complete their RSVP form together so you may coordinate dates and travel plans.

COMMUTER CONNECTIONS FAMILY KICKOFF

As a local community member, we know your transition to college is unique and different from your peers living on campus. We are eager to introduce you to commuter-specific resources, help you connect with other first-year commuter students and connect with first-year students and local Redhawk families. Students can add up to two parents/guests when they RSVP. There is no fee for students or guests to attend this event.

When: Saturday, August 9, 1-4 p.m.



IMMERSIONS

WHAT ARE EARLY BIRD IMMERSIONS?

Early Bird Immersions are optional early arrival programs that offer new students the opportunity to come to campus a few days before Fall Welcome and connect with other new students who share their passions and interests. Each experience focuses on a different theme, such as outdoor adventure, community service, identity exploration and academic success.

WHY SHOULD I SIGN UP FOR AN EARLY BIRD IMMERSION?

Participating in an early arrival program is an opportunity to make new friends with similar interests, move into your residence hall early (if living on-campus) and get settled into life at Seattle University a few days before the start of Fall Welcome.

IS THERE A COST FOR EARLY BIRD IMMERSIONS?

Some programs have a fee and others have no cost. Program fees cover the cost of meals and program supplies and activities. Some programs offer scholarship requests for financial assistance.

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR AN EARLY BIRD IMMERSION?

In early June you will be able to sign up for an Early Bird Immersion in your Orientation Portal.

HOW WILL MY MOVE-IN BE DIFFERENT?

Students living in on-campus residence halls will be approved to move in early for their immersion program. Your move-in date and time will depend on which immersion you sign up for. Early move-in dates and times will be noted on the sign-up form for each immersion. After your attendance is confirmed, detailed move-in instructions will be emailed to your Seattle University email in August. Students attending an immersion program will not need to request an early arrival date in the Housing Portal. There is no additional cost for early move-in.



2025 IMMERSIONS

NEW STUDENT STARTUP: ALBERS CONNECTION EXCHANGE

Host: Albers School of Business and Economics

Begin building your network of fellow future business leaders while connecting with staff, faculty and leaders from the Albers School of Business and Economics. You'll participate in a range of informative and interactive activities related to majoring in business, learn about resources such as the Albers New Student Mentor Program and Albers Career Center and attend social events with your new classmates!

BUILDING COMMUNITY!

Host: College of Nursing

Join nursing advisors, faculty and current students at the Clinical Performance Lab to learn more about the College of Nursing. Students will be able to watch a nursing simulation, learn a nursing assessment skill, meet with current students and learn more about their upcoming program of study.

CENTRAL SEATTLE WALKING TOUR

Host: Sundborg Center for Community Engagement (CCE) and Campus Ministry

Part-pilgrimage, part-immersion, part-retreat! Gather with fellow new Redhawks and campus leaders on a walking tour of the neighborhoods and community partners in Seattle University's backyard. Learn about local social justice issues, explore opportunities to make a positive impact on your new community, deepen your understanding of community engagement and reflect on a commitment to justice in the Jesuit tradition.

CONNECTIONS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM PLUS (CLP+)

Host: The MOSAIC Center

CLP+ is an immersive experience designed to support new students of color and first-generation students to develop a community on campus, learn about opportunities for engagement and resources that can support their success, and develop leadership skills as they transition into college. You'll examine personal values while exploring concepts around social justice and finding strategies to navigate these systems. CLP+ begins as a pre-fall immersion program and continues throughout the Fall quarter with regular touchpoints with staff and peer mentors.

LEAP: LAUNCHING EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC PURSUITS IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Host: College of Science and Engineering

LEAP into the school year with a community of fellow scientists and engineers! Cultivate connections with science and engineering students and faculty, participate in social and investigative activities on campus, experience the local neighborhoods and learn approaches for succeeding academically. All this while also developing social networks and pursuing future exploration in our disciplines across campus.

UREC HIKING TRIP 1: LITTLE SI

Host: UREC (University Recreation)

Join fellow new Redhawks and campus leaders from UREC on a classic Seattle one-day hike at Little Si! We will meet on campus, then drive out to a small rocky bluff that is a moderately graded 3.7 mile trail with a gain of 1,300 feet. Although relatively steep inclines bookend this hike, this primarily north-to-south route is perfect for beginners.

UREC HIKING TRIP 2: DIRTY HARRY'S BALCONY

Host: UREC (University Recreation)

Join fellow new Redhawks and campus leaders from UREC on a one-day hike at this 4.3-mile out-and-back trail! Get a workout and experience rock work completed by Department of Natural Resources and WTA volunteer crews on this hike. Your reward is a rocky overlook from which you can marvel at Mount Kent, McClellan Butte and Mount Washington, the behemoths forming the south rim of the west entrance to Snoqualmie Pass.

ROOTS & ROUTES: OLYMPIC PENINSULA TRIP

Host: UREC (University Recreation) and Campus Ministry

Find and build your SU community over five days and four nights on the shore of Lake Crescent in Olympic National Park! Spend your days hiking, biking and canoeing and your evenings engaging in fun activities. All programming is beginner-friendly and previous outdoor experience is not required. In the evenings, we will reflect on the start of your college experience and discuss different possibilities for connecting with your new SU community. Transport, food, lodging and activities are all included in the cost of the program.



ORIENTATION APP

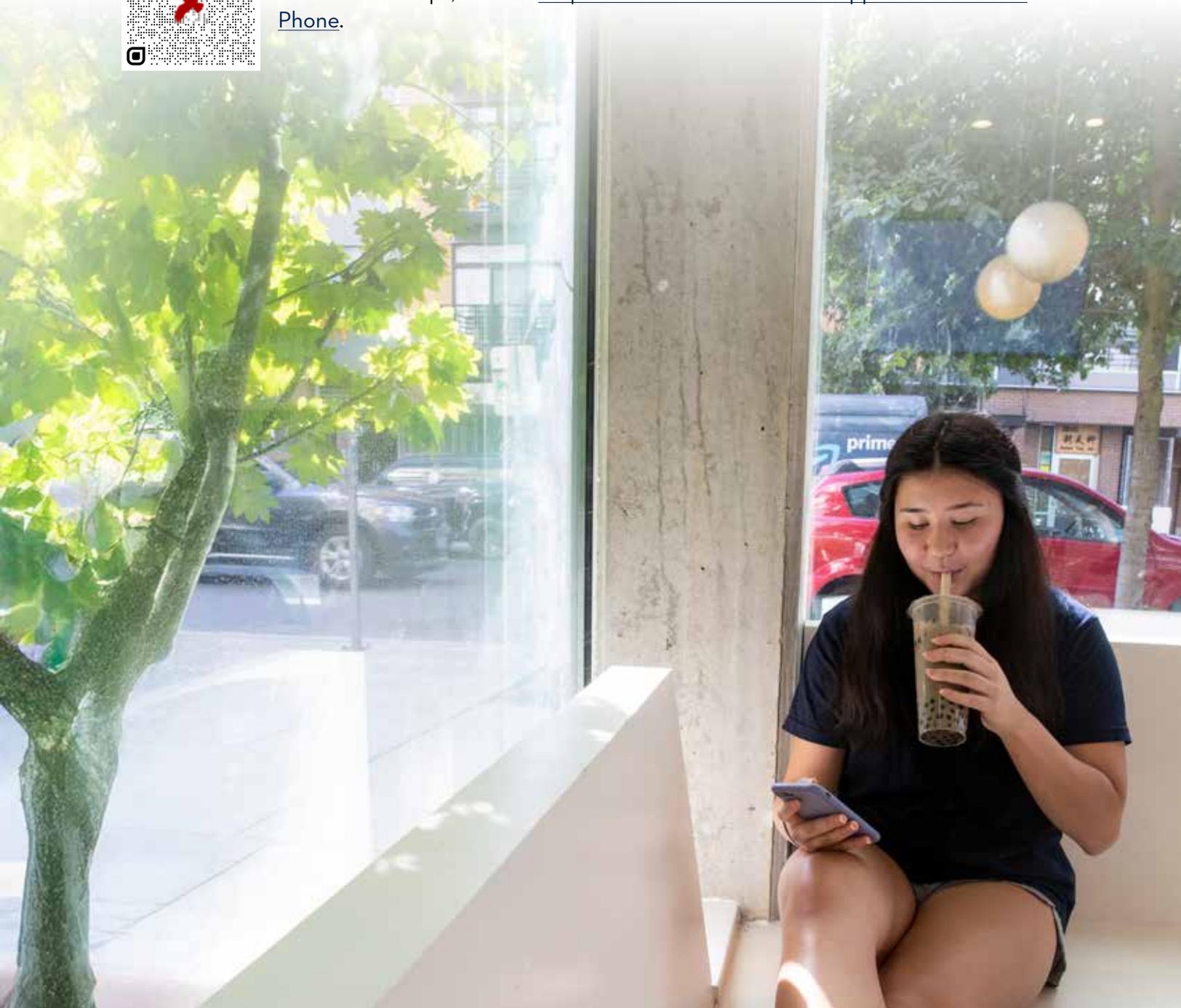
The Orientation App is the home of the complete Redhawk Launch and Fall Welcome schedules. By using our App, you will have access to all event times, locations and descriptions, as well as transition support resources readily available in one place whenever you need them! Our App is free to download and use. Families and supporters can also view the schedule and resources. We will inform you of any last-minute reminders or schedule changes with app notifications.

HOW DO I DOWNLOAD THE ORIENTATION APP?



Search for “Seattle University Orientation” in your app store to download.

For detailed steps, use our [Steps to Download Our Guide App to Your Mobile Phone](#).



FALL WELCOME

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Fall Welcome takes place Saturday, September 21 through Friday, September 27. This series of events includes campus traditions, academic welcomes, orientation groups and social activities.

Fall Welcome events are for all new first-year students (residential and commuter) and new transfer students living in on-campus housing.

New Student Convocation and school and college convenings are required for all new students.

Parents, families and supporters are invited to join us for our Resource Fair, Family Hospitality Area and Fall Welcome Kickoff before departing campus around 4:30 p.m.

FALL WELCOME EVENTS

- ▶ New Student Move-In
- ▶ Fall Welcome Kickoff
- ▶ Residential Community Event
- ▶ Commuter Community Event
- ▶ Orientation Groups
- ▶ Social Activities
- ▶ Seattle City Excursions
- ▶ Welcome Mass
- ▶ Seattle U Class Photo
- ▶ Movie Night on the Lawn
- ▶ New Student Convocation
- ▶ Academic Convenings
- ▶ Battle of the Hawks
- ▶ Inclusion Workshops
- ▶ Redhawk Ring-In
- ▶ Night at UREC
- ▶ Student Center Takeover
- ▶ Athletic Games
- ▶ First Day of Class Photos
- ▶ Mass of the Holy Spirit
- ▶ Campus Tour & Scavenger Hunt



PARENTS,

FAMILIES AND SUPPORTERS

A TIME OF EXCITEMENT AND POSSIBILITIES

We recognize that your student's transition to college can be just as big of a transition for you! Moving on to college represents a significant step toward adulthood, whether your student lives at home or on campus. This transition into adulthood is a huge development step for your student, for you as a parent and for the rest of your family. We offer Orientation sessions and events specifically focused on exploring resources to help you support your student as they begin to navigate the realities of college life.

HOW DO WE SUPPORT YOU?

Orientation Programs will copy you on most email messages sent to your student prior to the start of classes. You will also receive a monthly newsletter that highlights important information and resources to support your transition experience. Additionally, we have family-specific sessions and events for you throughout Summer Orientation and Fall Welcome, which you can find on our [Families and Supporters webpage](#).

BEYOND ORIENTATION

Much like your student, Seattle University is here to support you beyond Orientation and through Commencement. Once Orientation ends, we'll stay connected in the following ways:

- ▶ [Family Connections Newsletter](#)
 - We'll send you a monthly newsletter that shares upcoming dates, university announcements and relevant topics of discussion to bring up with your student.
- ▶ Online Resources
 - We've compiled a [list of books](#) that offer helpful insight into parenting a college student
 - Review our [guide of monthly issues](#) we know students often experience at certain times of the year
 - Our [Frequently Asked Questions website](#) for families lists our most common questions

FAMILY WEEKEND & HOMECOMING

Save the Date: November 7-9, 2025

Join us for a weekend of fun at Family Weekend during Homecoming. Whether your student is a first-year or senior, we have events for you to enjoy with other families and students. We cannot wait for you to be a part of the celebration of our Redhawk spirit!



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AND MCGOLDRICK LEARNING COMMONS

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The Lemieux Library is at the center of teaching, learning and research, offering a wide range of resources, services, expertise, spaces and technology. Most importantly, the library supports our students' academic and personal journeys. Enjoy 24/7 services, access to vast digital and print resources and modern lab spaces to support your coursework and creative projects.

The Lemieux Library and McGoldrick Learning Commons adapts to meet the ever-changing needs of its users, including students, researchers and faculty.

In this way, the library has developed physical and virtual spaces to reinforce collaborative, exploratory and peer-led learning.

The McGoldrick Learning Commons, operated by the Learning Commons Partners, includes:

- ▶ [Billodue Makerspace](#) (located in the Sinegal Center)
- ▶ [Learning Assistance Program](#)
- ▶ [Math Lab](#)
- ▶ [Media Production Center](#)
- ▶ [Research Services](#)
- ▶ [Writing Center](#)



24/7 SPACES

24/7 study spaces are available, including:

- ▶ 1st Floor: Garden Reading Room and Computer Lab (Rm. 101)
- ▶ 2nd Floor: Byte Café & Bangasser Reading Room (Rm. 214)
- ▶ Online Research Computer Lab (Rm. 208)

Access to 24/7 spaces is limited to current SU students, staff and faculty. An active SU ID card is required to enter the spaces after hours.

COMPUTER LABS

The Library and Learning Commons houses three computer labs and laptops are available for checkout at the 3rd Floor Circulation Desk. Computer Labs on the first and second floors are accessible 24/7 to students, faculty and staff with a valid campus ID card.

TALK LIKE A REDHAWK

As someone new to our campus, you will be learning a lot about Seattle University. Read on for a list of phrases and acronyms used across the Redhawk community!

Assistant Residential Community Coordinator (ARCC): Part-time, live-in professional staff member in the residence halls who assists the Residential Community Coordinators.

The Bistro: Short for the “Hawks Nest Bistro,” this is an eatery on the Student Center third floor.

The Bottom Line: Food center in the Pigott Atrium.

The Byte: Café in the library.

C Street (Cherry St. Market): The main eatery in the Student Center, officially known as Cherry Street Market.

Camp Min: Campus Ministry, which encourages students to explore faith and life’s big questions. Open to all students.

Cap Hill: Capitol Hill. The neighborhood surrounding and north of campus.

CAPS: Counseling & Psychological Services. Time-limited individual and group counseling and referrals.

CCE: The Sundborg Center for Community Engagement: Main entry point for students, faculty and staff who want to engage in the local community.

Chapel: Chapel of St. Ignatius.

ConnectSU: An [online platform](#) where you can learn about clubs/organizations to join and events happening at SU.

The Core: A multidiscipline curriculum for all students, in addition to their major.

CSI: Center for Student Involvement: student activities, student government, student leadership, student clubs.

DA: Desk Assistant at one of the residence hall desks.

DPS: Department of Public Safety, available for support on campus 24/7.

Handshake: Online career development platform that includes on/off campus job searches, resume support, career counseling, interview help and more!

HAWC: Health and Wellness Crew: Wellness peer educators.

Homecoming: A campus-wide celebration packed with a series of events and programs for all Redhawks to enjoy.

Hub Desk: The information desk on the first floor of the Student Center.

ISSC: International Student and Scholar Center, located in Pigott Pavilion.

KXSU: Seattle University's student-run radio station.

Links: "Home away from home" spaces that provide welcoming environments to support the day-to-day needs of the complex lives of commuter, transfer, first-generation, graduate and adult learner students. Explore study spaces, kitchenettes, access to campus resources, computers, and printers.

mySeattleU: Student online access to academic records, registration, financial aid, bills, student employment.

NSR (New Student Retreat): An opportunity for new students to reflect on their transition and have fun.

Office Hours: An opportunity to talk with your professors to discuss questions you may have about your class or other related topics (usually announced in class and in your syllabus).

OL (Orientation Leader): Peer leader who helps new students transition to university life.

ORCA Card: Transportation card used across systems in the Seattle area.

Quad: Short for "quadrangle," the Quad is located in the heart of campus and home to our fountain.

Quadstock: Annual spring music festival sponsored by SEAC.

RA (Resident Assistant): Student staff member on residence hall floors who help build community.

Redhawk Center: The campus athletic and recreation complex.

Redhawk Service Center: Co-located resources of the Registrar's Office and Student Financial Services in Vi Hilbert Hall.

RedhawkTHON: Student philanthropy organization raising money for Seattle Children's Hospital.

Residential Community Coordinator (RCC): Full-time, live-in professional staff member in the residence hall.

Rudy the Redhawk: Seattle University mascot.

SEAC: Student Events and Activities Council. A student programming body on campus. Plans large scale signature programs and off-campus excursions.

Search: A retreat sponsored by Campus Ministry focused on self-discovery in the context of community.

SGSU: Student Government of Seattle University.

Upper/Lower Mall: The main North/South walking thoroughfares through campus.

UREC: University Recreation: Intramural Sports, sport clubs, workout space/group fitness classes, aquatics facility/lessons, outdoor activities.

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

CHECKING YOUR EMAIL

Seattle University provides a single Office 365 email account (yourusername@seattleu.edu) to every student. This is the primary email account we will use to contact you for Orientation updates and reminders. Official University communications, campus news and other important alerts are delivered to your email account. We encourage you to check your Seattle University email multiple times a day so you do not miss any important messages.

CANVAS

Canvas is the university's learning management system (LMS), managed by the Center for Digital Learning and Innovation (CDLI). This system brings improved collaboration and learning for students and faculty. Visit seattleu.instructure.com and log in with your SU account credentials.

MYSEATTLEU

MySeattleU is a centralized platform where you can access your Student Account Center, review and manage your Financial Aid information, navigate Student Planning (for your Program Evaluation and Course Registration), submit timesheets for on-campus jobs, view final grades when posted and more. This site is a tool students utilize and refer to frequently throughout their time at Seattle University. Becoming familiar with mySeattleU soon will help make your transition to college smoother!

ORIENTATION PORTAL

Your Orientation Portal is a central hub for navigating your transition to college. It is the home of your New Student Checklist and your go-to spot to sign up for virtual and in-person events. We'll send you emails with updates and reminders to let you know when new tasks become available and when event sign-ups go live. [Click here to access your Orientation Portal](#) and bookmark this link in your browser for easy access!

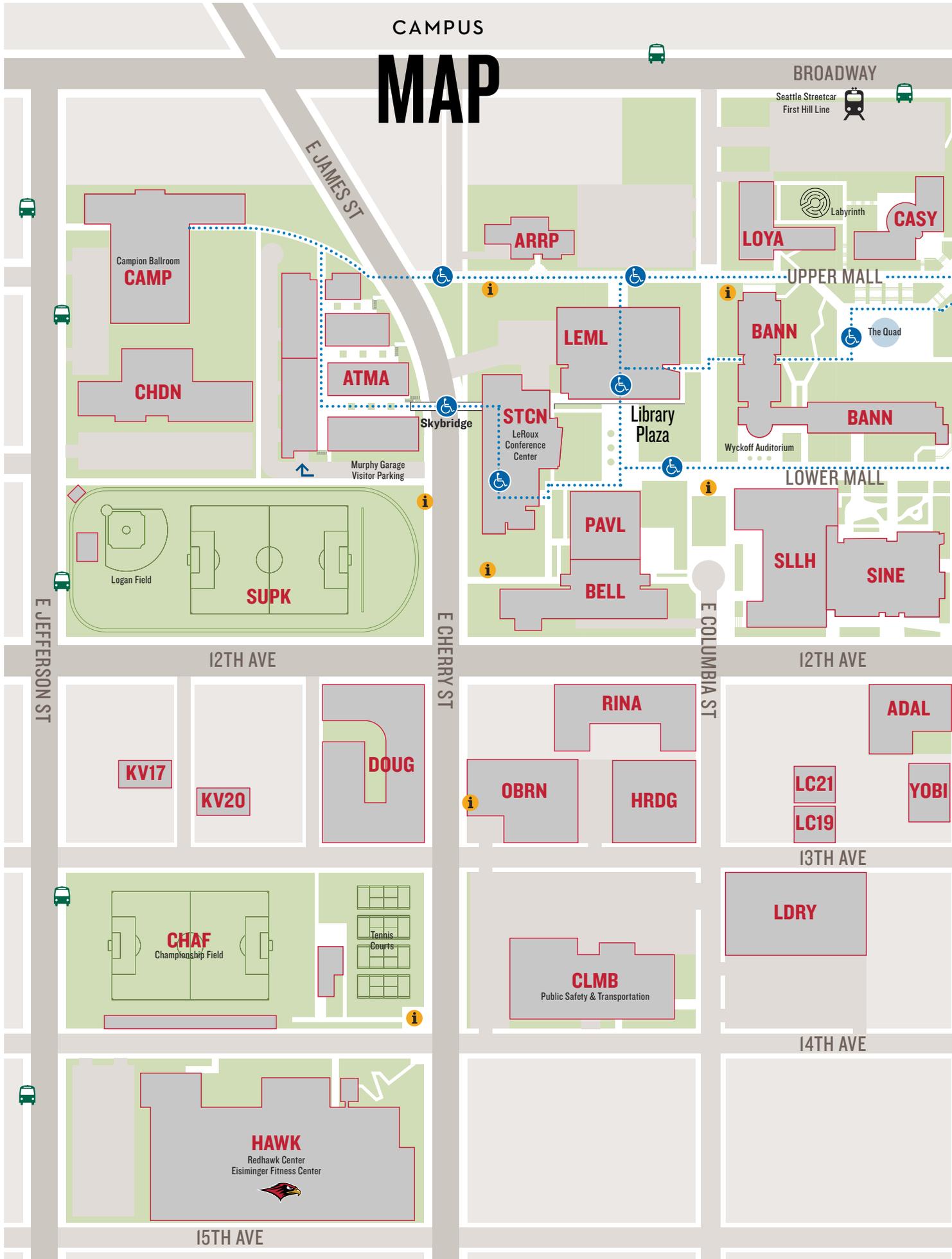
REDHAWK ADMISSIONS PORTAL

Undergraduate applicants receive access to their [Redhawk Admissions Portal](#) upon applying to SU. It is your go-to place to access important updates, information and resources related to your admissions application and next steps. You can use the Redhawk Admissions Portal to view your admissions decision, view your financial aid award, confirm your enrollment and learn about next steps before you enroll.

REDHAWK HUB

The [Redhawk Hub intranet](#) serves as a one-stop shop for students, faculty and staff. This Hub is a centralized location to find university updates, upcoming events and quick links to resources across campus.

CAMPUS MAP





CAMPUS BUILDINGS & AREAS

1103 East Madison Building	1103	Laundry Building	LDRY
1313 East Columbia Building	CLMB	Lee Center for the Arts	CNFA
Administration Building	ADMN	Lemieux Library & McGoldrick Learning Commons	LEML
Advancement & Alumni Building	ADAL	Logan Court 819 A,B,C	L19
Arrupe Jesuit Residence	ARRP	Logan Court 821 B,C	L21
Bannan Center	BANN	Loyola Hall College of Education	LOYA
Bellarmino Hall	BELL	Madison Building Campus Store	MADI
Campion Hall	CAMP	Murphy Apartments	ATMA
Casey Building and Casey Commons	CASY	O'Brien Center	OBRN
Championship Field	CHAF	Pigott Building	PIGT
Chapel of St. Ignatius	CHAP	Pigott Pavilion for Leadership	PAVL
Chardin Hall	CHDN	Redhawk Center Athletics & Fitness Center	HAWK
Douglas Apartments	DOUG	Seattle University Park Logan Field	SUPK
Fine Arts Building	FINR	Sinegal Center for Science & Innovation	SINE
Garrand Building	GARR	Student Center	STCN
Harding Building	HRDG	Sullivan Hall School of Law	SL LH
Vi Hilbert Hall Admissions	HILB	Xavier Hall	XAVR
Hunthausen Hall	HUNT	Yobi Apartments	YOBI
Kolvenbach House 1217	KV17		
Kolvenbach House 1220	KV20		

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