

Fall 2026 New Student Orientation Schedule

Monday, August 17 — Tuesday, August 18



Monday, August 17th: Engagement & Building Community

Carlisle

3:30-5:00 p.m. • Check-in Registration, Pro Se Promenade (Self-Guided Tour), and Library Tours
Katz Hall/Commons

5:00-6:00 p.m. • Motion to Mingle: Pizza Party
Katz Hall/Commons

University Park

3:30-5:00 p.m. • Check-In Registration, Pro Se Promenade (Self-Guided Tour), and Library Tours
Katz Building/Commons

5:00-6:00 p.m. • Amicus Gathering: A Community Reception with Staff and Faculty
Katz Building/Commons

Tuesday, August 18th: Academic Preparation and Success

Carlisle & University Park

7:30-8:30 a.m. • Check-In, Registration, and Breakfast
CR: Katz Hall/Commons | UP: Katz Building/Commons

8:30-9:15 a.m. • Group Photos
Outside, Weather Permitting

9:30-9:45 a.m. • Welcome to Penn State Dickinson Law
CR: Apfelbaum Auditorium | UP: Sutliff Auditorium (simulcast)

9:45-10:30 a.m. • Beyond the Stacks: Essential Library Resources and Services
Associate Dean Laura Ax-Fultz and Professor Rebecca Mattson
CR: Apfelbaum Auditorium | UP: Sutliff Auditorium

10:30-11:00 a.m. • Tech Talk with Information Technologies
Assistant Dean Matt Gardner and Director Seth McGeorge
CR: Apfelbaum Auditorium | UP: Sutliff Auditorium

11:00-11:15 a.m. • Break

11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. • From Draft to Done: Important Things to Know for First Semester Legal Analysis & Writing Success
Associate Dean Nicole Chong
CR: Apfelbaum Auditorium (simulcast) | UP: Sutliff Auditorium

11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. • Beyond the Language Barrier: LL.M and International Student Legal Writing Session and Language Support
Professor Lindsey Kurtz and Professor Richard Settgest
CR: Classroom 112 | UP: Classroom 112

12:00-1:00 p.m. • Lunch
CR: Commons | UP: Commons

• All Students • J.D. Student Specific • LL.M., S.J.D., and Exchange Students • S.J.D. Student Specific

Fall 2026 New Student Orientation Schedule

Tuesday, August 18 — Wednesday, August 19



PennState
Dickinson Law

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| 1:00-2:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Suits and Strategies: Thriving Academically in Law School with Style — Academic Support Resources, Skills, and Programming
Professor Titichia Jackson
CR: Apfelbaum Auditorium UP: Sutliff Auditorium (simulcast) |
| 2:00-3:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Unofficial Guide to 1L Success: The Student Experience Panel
CR: Apfelbaum Auditorium UP: Sutliff Auditorium |
| 3:00-3:15 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Break |
| 3:15-4:15 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Beyond the Casebook: Meet your Faculty Panel
CR: Apfelbaum Auditorium UP: Sutliff Auditorium |
| 3:15-4:15 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Beyond the Casebook: S.J.D. Student Panel
CR: Classroom 112 |
| <u>Carlisle:</u>
4:30-5:30 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Amicus Gathering: A Community Reception with Staff and Faculty
Katz Hall/Commons |
| <u>University Park:</u>
4:30-5:30 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Motion to Mingle: Pizza Party
Katz Hall/Commons |

Wednesday, August 19th: Professionalism

Carlisle & University Park

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| 7:30-8:30 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Check-In and Breakfast
CR: Katz Hall/Commons UP: Katz Building/Commons |
| 8:30-9:00 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Meet Your Faculty Advisor
Check email and LionPath for your assigned advisor and meeting details
CR: Katz Hall/Commons/Rooms UP: Katz Building/Commons/Rooms |
| 8:30-9:00 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Beyond a Reasonable Doubt — Q&A with Graduate and International Program Advisors
CR: Apfelbaum Auditorium UP: Sutliff Auditorium |
| 9:00-9:05 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Please move to Auditoriums |
| 9:05-9:50 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● All Rise: Convocation
Deans, Administration, Faculty, and Staff
CR: Apfelbaum Auditorium UP: Sutliff Auditorium |
| 9:50-10:05 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Honor Code and Professionalism Pledge
Associate Dean Jeffrey Dodge and Associate Dean Michele Vollmer
CR: Apfelbaum Auditorium UP: Sutliff Auditorium |
| 10:05-10:35 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Read the Syllabus and Other Revolutionary Acts: Know Your Academic Policies and Expectations - An Overview
Associate Dean Jeffrey Dodge and Associate Dean Michele Vollmer
CR: Apfelbaum Auditorium UP: Sutliff Auditorium |
- All Students ● J.D. Student Specific ● LL.M., S.J.D., and Exchange Students ● S.J.D. Student Specific

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Wednesday, August 19



10:35-10:45 a.m.	● Break
10:45-11:30 a.m.	● Sidebar Session: A Moderated Conversation with SBA Leaders on Service, Leadership, and Balance CR: Apfelbaum Auditorium UP: Sutliff Auditorium
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	● Lunch
1:00-2:15 p.m.	● Beyond the Bench: Understanding REPL - A Primer and Panel Discussion Dean Shaakirrah Sanders and Faculty Panelists CR: Apfelbaum Auditorium UP: Sutliff Auditorium
1:00-2:15 p.m.	● Global Counsel: ISSA Information Session Including International J.D. Students Penn State Global: International Student and Scholar Advising CR: Classroom 112 (simulcast) UP: Classrooms 112 and 114
2:15-2:45 p.m.	● The Candid Candidate: Character & Fitness, Disclosures, and Updating Your Law School Application Senior Assistant Dean Valerie D. James CR: Apfelbaum Auditorium (simulcast) UP: Sutliff Auditorium
2:15-2:45 p.m.	● Passport to the Bar: Bar Prep and Professional Development Graduate and International Program Advisors CR: Classroom 112 (simulcast) UP: Classrooms 112
2:45-3:00 p.m.	● Break
3:00-4:00 p.m.	● From Outline to Offer: Leveraging Your Resources and Utilizing Career Services from Day One Career Services Office CR: Apfelbaum Auditorium UP: Sutliff Auditorium
3:00-4:00 p.m.	● Building a Borderless Legal Career: Alumni Panel Graduate and International Program Advisors Director Ángela Sánchez Gago CR: Classroom 112 (simulcast) UP: Classrooms 112 and 114
4:00-5:00 p.m.	● Cold Call: Ice Cream Social CR: Commons UP: Commons

Thursday, August 20th: Service

Carlisle & University Park:

8:00-9:00 a.m. ● Check-In and Breakfast
CR: Katz Hall/Commons | UP: Katz Building/Commons

9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. ● Justice in Action: Optional Community Service Day
If you signed up to volunteer, please check email for site details and directions.
CR: Various Sites | UP: Various Sites

8:00-10:00a.m. ● Carlisle LL.M, SJD, and Exchange students travel to University Park for combined programming and fellowship with University Park LL.M and Exchange students.

University Park

10:00-10:30 a.m. ● Navigating the LL.M. Landscape: University Resources and Services
Senior Assistant Dean Valerie D. James and Graduate and International Program Advisors
UP: Sutliff Auditorium

10:00-11:00 a.m. ● Navigating the S.J.D. Journey — Resources, Support, and Program Advising
Professor Lindsey Kurtz
UP: Classroom 116

10:30-11:00 a.m. ● Motion to Advise: Academic Advising
Director Kristin Hrehor
UP: Sutliff Auditorium

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ● Chapter and Verse: Health Insurance, Library Information and Finances
Graduate and International Program Advisors
UP: Sutliff Auditorium

12:30-2:30 p.m. ● International Law and Leisure: Picnic and Social Connections
UP: Koch Family Pavilions

2:30-4:30 p.m. ● From Global to Local: University Park Campus Exploration & Tours
Graduate and International Program Advisors

Friday, August 21st: Preparation

Carlisle & University Park:

JD Students: Free Day to Unpack, Explore, Study — Choose your own Adventure

LL.M, SJD, and Exchange Students: Trip to Washington, D.C. (details to follow)

This schedule is subject to change.