

2024 LL.M. and Exchange Student Orientation Schedule



Tuesday, August 20 (In-Person)

ALL NEW STUDENTS REQUIRED TO ATTEND IN PERSON

11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Ridge Commons

Check-in and Arrival

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Room 120

Welcome to Penn State Dickinson Law

Administrative Check-In (ID cards, Lockers, Campus Tour, IT Workshop) and Resource Lunch with Dr. Anthony Ogden, Director of International Programs and Graduate Education, and Amy J. McMurdy, Educational Program Specialist, International Programs and Graduate Education

1:00 to 1:15 p.m.

Break

1:15 to 2:00 p.m.

Room 120

Understanding Diversity in U.S. Law Schools

Giselle Santibañez-Bania, Assistant Dean of Academic and Student Services

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Ridge Commons

Donuts & Discovery

The law school is open during this optional time. Students may want to familiarize themselves with the building or visit the Household Items cabinets. Staff from Career Services, Financial Aid, IT, Student Services and other will be available to answer questions. ***(Optional)***

A prayer and meditation room is available for quiet student reflection in Room 109, Trickett Hall.

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Wednesday, August 21 (In-Person)

ALL NEW STUDENTS REQUIRED TO ATTEND IN PERSON

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| 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. <i>Ridge Commons</i> | Arrival and Check-In |
| 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. <i>Room 112</i> | Resource Breakfast |
| 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. <i>Room 112</i> | Information Technology Session Please bring your computer/device to this session |
| 10:30 to 10:45 a.m. | Break |
| 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. <i>Room 120</i> | Succeeding in U.S. Law School Jeffrey A. Dodge, Assistant Professor of Law, Joseph H. Goldstein Faculty Scholar, and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs |
| 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. <i>300 S. College St.</i> | International and Graduate Student Welcome Lunch with the Dean Danielle M. Conway, Dean and Donald J. Farage Professor of Law |
| 1:15 to 1:30 p.m. | Break |
| 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. <i>Law Library</i> | Orientation to The H. Laddie Montague Jr. Law Library |
| 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. <i>Room 120</i> | Career Services Orientation for International Students |
| 3:00 to 3:15 p.m. | Break |
| 3:15 to 5:00 p.m. <i>Room 120</i> | Introduction to U.S. Law Shaakirrah R. Sanders, Professor of Law, Lewis H. Vovakis Distinguished Faculty Scholar, and Associate Dean for Antiracism and Critical Pedagogy and Lyubomir Avdshiyski, Adjunct Professor of Law |
| 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. <i>36 Conway St.</i> | Welcome Gathering for International Students (Optional) |

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Thursday, August 22

ALL NEW STUDENTS REQUIRED TO ATTEND IN PERSON

8:15 to 9:00 a.m.

Ridge Commons

Check-In and Meet and Greet with Student Leaders, Faculty, and Staff

Coffee and pastries

9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Apfelbaum Family Courtroom and Auditorium

Convocation: A Welcome to Dickinson Law

Bekah Saidman-Krauss, Associate Dean for Admissions and Financial Aid

Danielle M. Conway, Dean and Donald J. Farage Professor of Law

Lucy Johnston-Walsh, Assistant Professor of Law, Director of the Children's Advocacy Clinic and Center

Joshua Hanson, 2024-25 Student Bar Association President

Faculty and Staff Introductions

Honor Code and Professionalism Pledge

Savannah Long, 3L, Student Honor Code Committee

Laura H. Williams, Honor Code Administrator and Associate Dean for Administration

10:00 to 10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 to 11:00 a.m.

Apfelbaum Family Courtroom and Auditorium

Practicing Greatness in Law School: Thriving in Law School Student Panel

Joshua Hanson, 2024-25 Student Bar Association President and Panel Moderator

Panel Discussion with Current Students

11:00 to 11:45 a.m.

Apfelbaum Family Courtroom and Auditorium

Practicing Greatness in Society: Being Inclusive and Professional About Differing Viewpoints

Giselle Santibañez-Bania, Assistant Dean of Academic and Student Services

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Thursday, August 22 (continued)

ALL NEW STUDENTS REQUIRED TO ATTEND IN PERSON

11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Rooms 112, 114, 116, 120

Allyship Lunch

12:45 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Break

1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Room 120

Communicating Across Cultures: Managing Differences to Build Partnerships

Dr. Anthony Ogden, Director of International Programs and Graduate Education

2:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Apfelbaum Family Courtroom and Auditorium

Practicing Greatness as Future Alumni

Panel Discussion with Alumni

2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Ridge Commons

Community Welcome Reception

Network with staff, faculty, alumni, current students, and your classmates

Friday, August 23

ALL NEW STUDENTS REQUIRED TO ATTEND IN PERSON

8:00 to 8:30 a.m.

Ridge Commons

Check-in

8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Ridge Commons

Academic Success Breakfast with Tutors

9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Apfelbaum Family Courtroom and Auditorium

Academic Success: Skills for Law School Success Workshop #3

Titichia Jackson, Assistant Professor of Law and Director of Academic Success and Bar Passage

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Friday, August 23 (continued)

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10:30 to 10:45 a.m.

Trickett Hall Front Steps

Group Photos

All students — J.D. students, LL.M. students, S.J.D. students, Transfer students, Exchange students
Wear Dickinson Law T-shirt provided.

10:45 to 11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Room 120

International Students – Navigating the U.S. Healthcare System and Health Insurance

12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Room 120

Considerations for the Bar Examination

Lunch with Professor Titichia M. Jackson (**LL.M. Required**)

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Room 120

iStart Immigration Mandatory Document Check-In for All International Students

Penn State Global, International Student and Scholar Advising

*Students must complete the appropriate regulatory training prior to this session and receive a certificate of completion. All International students must complete this appropriate regulatory training PRIOR to this session and receive a certificate of completion. **BRING PERSONAL LAPTOP/DEVICE TO THIS SESSION***

F-1 students please complete prior to this session:

<https://training.global.psu.edu/f-1-government-regulations>

J-1 students please review:

<https://training.global.psu.edu/j-1-government-regulations>

3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Law School Lawn

Community Picnic

A casual gathering with food, lawn games, and beverages

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