



MEMORANDUM

To: All Incoming Students
From: Randi Teplitz, Assistant Dean of Students
Date: July 16, 2019
Re: Orientation 2019

Welcome to Widener Law Commonwealth!

We are looking forward to your arrival on Monday, August 12, 2019 and are delighted that you are embarking on your path to becoming an attorney with us. This memorandum gives you information about important dates and times. It also has some details about buying textbooks and preparing for classes. Please read this memo in conjunction with the comprehensive orientation schedule.

Entering Student Survey – Prior to your arrival on August 12th, please complete the Entering Student Survey from the Admissions Office.

Student IDs – Please upload your photo prior to your arrival on campus. If you are unable to do so, you must visit the Audio/Visual office on the 2nd floor of the Library Building between 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on August 12th. You must have an ID in order to access our buildings.

Check-In – Check-in is at 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. on August 12th. Please come to the Main Lobby (the Gallery) of the Administration Building to pick up your Orientation packet.

Orientation Itself – Orientation begins at 1:30 p.m. on August 12th. It will be held in our large moot courtroom in the Administration Building, also known as Room A180. **You must attend all Orientation sessions** and are encouraged to wear business casual attire.

- Part 1: Monday, August 12th 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Part 2: Wednesday, September 4th 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Part 3: Tuesday, October 15th TBA
(day and evening sessions will be available)

Welcome to the Profession Induction Ceremony – The Welcome to the Profession Ceremony will be held on Thursday, August 15th at 5:00 p.m. in Room A180. A reception will follow. Professional attire is required.

Introduction to Legal Process – You must attend all Introduction to Legal Process classes, which will be on the following days:

Monday, August 12th, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 13th, 6:00-9:00 p.m. (Hershey Bars beginning at 5:15--*optional*)

Wednesday, August 14th, 6:00-9:00 p.m. (Soft Pretzels beginning at 5:15--*optional*)

Thursday, August 15th, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 17th, 9:30-10:45 a.m. – Exam

Advisor-Advisee Meeting – Following the Introduction to Legal Process examination on Saturday, August 17th, you will meet with your faculty advisor on the second floor of the Library Building. The session lasts about 45 minutes.

1L Welcome Social – Following the Advisor Meeting on Saturday, August 17th, please join us for a casual luncheon and social with the deans, faculty, staff, and student leaders.

Textbooks – Your professors expect you to be prepared and ready on the first day of class; there is no first week grace period in law school. As such, I recommend that you order all of your textbooks two weeks or more before classes begin. Here's what you need to do:

- You can find your course schedule on MyWidener using the link on the bottom of the law school's homepage: <http://commonwealthlaw.widener.edu>.
- When you have your schedule, you can find your textbooks and first assignments posted at: <http://commonwealthlaw.widener.edu/current-students/academics/>. Please click on the "Fall 2019 Textbooks and First Assignments" document.
- If you want to buy your textbooks from the university's bookstore, use this link: <https://www.bkstr.com/widenerstore/shop/textbooks-and-course-materials>. Use "LAWH" as your department. We do not have a physical bookstore on the Harrisburg campus. The bookstore on the Chester campus fulfills our orders and ships the books to you at your home or school address in the greater Harrisburg area.
- You do not need to buy from the university's bookstore and may buy or rent your textbooks from other retailers.
- Complete the first assignment for each of your courses as set out in the "Fall 2019 Textbooks and First Assignments" document mentioned above.

Tobacco-Free Campus – We are a tobacco-free campus, which also includes your car if it is parked on university property. You may not smoke, chew, or vape.

I look forward to meeting you on August 12th. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to call the Office of Student Affairs or email me at rbteplitz@widener.edu.

Summary of Key Dates and Times:

- Mon., Aug. 12th 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Check-In
1:30 - 5:30 p.m. Orientation, Part I
5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Food and drinks
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Intro. to Legal Process
- Tues., Aug. 13th 5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Hershey Bars
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Intro to Legal Process
- Wed., Aug. 14th 5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Soft Pretzels
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Intro to Legal Process
- Thur., Aug. 15th 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Welcome to the Profession Ceremony
6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Reception
6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Intro to Legal Process
- Sat., Aug. 17th 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Intro to Legal Process Exam
11:00 - 11:45 a.m. Meet Your Faculty Advisor
12:00 - 2:00 p.m. IL Welcome Social
- Wed., Sept. 4th 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Orientation, Part II
- Sat., Sept. 28th 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Dean’s Picnic (more info. will be provided later)
- Tues., Oct. 15th TBA Professional Development Day
Day and Evening Sessions will be available

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