School of Arts and Sciences
Class of 2017

Welcome to Rutgers and the beginning of your undergraduate academic career! At the School of Arts and Sciences, we invite you to begin thinking about your education in a new way.

One of the key components of a liberal arts and sciences education is the development of critical thinking and decision-making skills. That task begins immediately as you learn about the components of your degree and the learning goals behind those components, and make decisions about your fall semester courses. You will take primary responsibility for shaping your own academic program so that, together, these components form a sensible and meaningful academic experience.

Our programs outlined in this document have been designed to help you understand the philosophy of a liberal arts and sciences education and begin to intentionally plan your coursework. A committed group of faculty, staff and student advisers are waiting to help guide you from orientation to graduation. In preparation to begin your undergraduate education, we ask that you join us on campus twice this spring and once in the summer. First, you will complete a series of required placement tests and attend an Academic Planning & Advising (APA) program to meet with advisers and select courses for the fall semester. Then, you will attend a two-day summer orientation program to assist you in learning to navigate Rutgers and join our community. This document provides information about those programs as well as general academic information to help you get started.

The Scarlet Guide contains information that will guide you through the important first steps to complete before arriving on campus in the fall.
First Things First

The checklist below will help guide you through the important first steps to complete before arriving to campus on the fall.

- **Activate your NetID and establish your email address**
  All faculty, staff and students are assigned a Rutgers unique identifier known as a NetID. A NetID is comprised of initials and a unique number (e.g. jqs23). In order to access many of the electronic services available to you at Rutgers, you need to activate your Rutgers NetID and set your authentication password. Your assigned NetID will appear on the activation screen.
  - NetIDs are activated in the Enrollment Pathway, ugadmissions.rutgers.edu/pathway. Alternatively, you can activate your NetID and manage your services at netid.rutgers.edu
  - ScarletApps (Google for Rutgers), which gives you access to email and other collaborative applications, is the default email for students at Rutgers.

  **Email Tips:** NEVER share your password with anyone. Rutgers will NEVER request confidential information via email.

- **Learn your RUID**
  Your RUID is a unique 9-digit number that Rutgers assigns to you as your identification number. It is used in place of a social security number to identify you on class rosters and with most University departments. The number was assigned to you during the admissions process. This information is important for placement tests, advising, and anything Rutgers-related.

  My RUID is

  My NetID is

  My Rutgers email address is

- **Check your ScarletMail email account**
  scarletmail.rutgers.edu
  Your email address will enable you to receive important electronic communications from academic and administrative offices. Check your email often. You can access your email at scarletmail.rutgers.edu or at my.rutgers.edu.

- **Visit your myRutgers portal at my.rutgers.edu**
  This is a web-based information portal that can be personalized to provide central access to a variety of online services such as class registration, grades, financial aid, and email. It will be a great resource for you as a student.

- **Take Placement Tests**
  oirap.rutgers.edu/testplace.html
  Placement tests determine the courses that you are eligible to take in writing, math and foreign languages. Please refer to page 4 for more information about your placement testing requirements. If you are entitled to specific testing accommodations under ADA/Section 504, you will make arrangements to take the tests at an alternate time.

- **Take your photo for your RUconnection ID Card**
  ruconnection.rutgers.edu
  You can take your ID picture when you come to campus for placement testing. If you are unable to take your picture on these dates, you can visit the RU Express and Board Plan Office in Records Hall Room 102 through July 12 to have your picture taken. You will need to bring a current government-issued photo ID, such as a driver’s license, passport, or state ID, with you when getting your picture taken. You must also know your 9-digit RUID number. Your permanent photo ID card will be mailed to you in August. If you do not have your photo taken before July 12, you will receive a temporary ID card, which you can exchange for a permanent card when you arrive on campus for the fall semester.

- **Attend your Academic Planning & Advising (APA) Day**
  The SAS Academic Planning & Advising (APA) Day provides your first opportunity to discuss your academic goals, learn about academic opportunities and requirements, and select your fall semester courses in partnership with your advisers. See page 5 in this booklet for more information.
Register for the Summer Orientation Program
nso.rutgers.edu
Join us for one of our two-day, overnight summer orientation sessions. Here, you will learn essential information on Rutgers services and resources and what it means to be a college student. Summer sessions begin in June and end in mid-August. New students will be able to register for summer orientation through the Enrollment Pathway.

Submit required Health Immunization records by July 15
health.rutgers.edu/immunization
Download an immunization form at health.rutgers.edu/immunization. Then give it to your health care provider for completion and submit by July 15. Compliance with immunizations is required under New Jersey law for all students. Failure to complete and return the form will result in a registration block and will prohibit access to housing assignment information.

Submit your final official high school and/or college transcripts by July 13
Your final official records must include certification and dates conferred of any diplomas or degrees, as well as final grades for courses in progress at the time of your admission. Official copies of all transcripts should be sent to:

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Office of University Undergraduate Admissions
Room 202
65 Davidson Road
Piscataway, NJ 08854-8097

Apply for On-Campus Housing
RUoncampus.rutgers.edu
To apply for on-campus housing you must complete the online housing and dining agreement which is available through the Enrollment Pathway. Students are required to submit a non-refundable $200 deposit during the application process. First-year students are strongly encouraged to live on campus, unless living at home with relatives. Assignments are processed on a first-come, first-served basis, so it is important to apply as soon as possible.

Select a Meal Plan
food.rutgers.edu
All on-campus residential students are required to carry a meal plan. For first-year students the minimum requirement is a 210 meal plan; upper-class students the minimum requirement is a 105 meal plan. You can make your selection through the on-line university housing agreement. Smaller meal plans are available for non-residential and commuter students.

Find Off-Campus Housing
ruoffcampus.rutgers.edu
The Off-Campus Housing Service provides an online listing of off-campus residences and provides students with useful information about moving off campus.

Apply for Financial Aid by the priority deadline of March 15
For more information visit studentaid.rutgers.edu

Pay your Term Bill
studentabc.rutgers.edu
Bills will be emailed to your Rutgers University email address in late July and are due on August 8. To view your account or pay your term bill, visit finservices.rutgers.edu/otb.

Purchase a Parking Permit
rudots.rutgers.edu
All commuter and residential students are allowed to have cars on campus. Vehicles are required to be registered and students must purchase a parking permit. Please be advised that a permit is also required for anyone visiting a student that needs to park in university parking areas for any length of time. Please visit the Department of Transportation Services for more information about parking permits.

Kick-off your journey at Rutgers by attending Camp UKnight!
getinvolved.rutgers.edu/leadership
Camp UKnight is a 3-day/2-night summer leadership experience that gives students an opportunity to make friends, engage in exciting activities, learn more about Rutgers and its traditions, and most importantly, develop a foundation of leadership. The Camp UKnight staff is enthusiastic and devoted to helping students find their niche at the University. There are two separate camps available: one for traditional first-year students and one for transfer students. More information can be found at the website above.

Join us for Scarlet Knight Days
nso.rutgers.edu
Look for additional programs and events just for new students in the days before classes start on Tuesday, September 3 and continuing throughout the first week of classes.

Mark Your Calendar
Classes begin Tuesday, September 3, 2013.
Placement Testing

The Rutgers Placement Tests determine the courses you are eligible to take in writing, math and foreign languages.

All incoming first-year students at SAS are required to take placement testing in all three subjects, although students with a Critical Reading SAT score of 600 or higher or an ACT English score of 30 (by the January 2013 test) are exempt from completing the writing portion of the testing and will automatically be placed into Expository Writing. There is no exemption from testing based on Math SAT performance.

Placement testing runs all day from 8:15am to 3:30pm with a break for lunch. Please make your reservation to attend a testing day at oirap.rutgers.edu/testplace.html. We recommend that you attend an early date because late April and May will likely be very busy with your senior year activities. If you completed the AP exam in English Lang/Comp, English Lit/Comp, or Calculus AB or BC with a score of 4 or 5 in your junior year, you do not have to complete the placement test in that subject, but you must ensure that the AP scores are sent to Rutgers.

Preparing for the Placement Tests
Because these tests are used to determine your classes, you should prepare for them carefully and take them seriously. A Placement Testing Information Bulletin with sample questions is available online at oirap.rutgers.edu/testplace.html. This resource contains examples of strong and weak essay responses and sample math problems. It is essential to review the math formulas because NO CALCULATORS will be allowed in the math exam. You should bring your Rutgers ID number, a current government-issued photo ID, #2 pencils, blue or black pen, and money for lunch. Food lines can be quite long on placement testing days; you may find it more convenient to bring your own lunch from home. Other than that, get a good night’s sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and wear comfortable clothing.

Placement Test Results
In most cases your testing results should be available a few weeks after you take the tests. You will receive an email (at the email account you provided when you applied to Rutgers University) notifying you that your results are available. You will find the placement testing results on your Enrollment Pathway page, admissions.rutgers.edu/pathway.

Special Accommodations for Out-of-State Students
If you live over 200 miles from Rutgers, you can arrange to take testing on campus if you visit campus during the spring or make arrangements to complete the testing by asking your guidance counselor to proctor the placement tests at your high school. To make such special arrangements, please contact April Pagano in the Testing and Placement office at pagano@instlres.rutgers.edu.

Special Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
If you are entitled to extended testing time (or other testing modifications) under ADA/Section 504, please contact the Office of Disability Services at dsoffice@rci.rutgers.edu. After contacting Disability Services, you will need to contact April Pagano in the Testing and Placement office at pagano@instlres.rutgers.edu to arrange to take the tests at an alternate time.

Placement Testing Dates
Register at oirap.rutgers.edu/testplace.html

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The Academic Planning & Advising program has been designed to introduce you to the philosophy of a liberal arts and sciences education, inform you about your degree requirements, and assist you in selecting first semester courses.

During the program, you will be requesting your fall 2013 classes, so attendance at one of the programs is mandatory.

You must attend the full day’s (9 am to 3 pm) program. Your parents/guardians are welcome to join us and will have their own program through the day. The Parents’ Program will include information about residence life and housing options, financial aid, safety and campus security, and other important topics. The Parents’ Program will begin at the same time and in the same location as your APA program; both are full-day programs.

During the APA program, you will meet with academic advisers, faculty, and peer advisers to discuss your major/minor options and degree requirements. You will attend special meetings for an overview of academic goals and requirements, an introduction to a department of your choice, and information about pre-professional or liberal arts options. The information you gather will help you to make good course selections with the help of your advisers.

Please make your reservation online at apadays.sas.rutgers.edu.

Academic Requirements

Students at the School of Arts and Sciences complete a major, a minor, and courses to fulfill the SAS Core Curriculum. Most students will also take elective classes to reach the 120 credits for graduation.

The SAS Core Curriculum is a framework of courses designed to complement your traditional academic major and minor in ways that equip you with the knowledge, skills, and perspectives that are necessary for life in an increasingly global and pluralistic society. This coursework will provide you with an important foundation for your academic career and will expand your educational opportunities, helping you to develop into a more broadly-educated person. You can read more information on the School of Arts and Sciences Core Curriculum online at sasundergrad.rutgers.edu/core.

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Educational Opportunity Fund

The School of Arts and Sciences Educational Opportunity Fund (SAS EOF) Program serves students in the School of Arts and Sciences, School of Business, Mason Gross School of the Arts, School of Management and Labor Relations, and Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. It is committed to providing access and opportunity to academically under-prepared, first generation college students from New Jersey, with low income backgrounds.

The program assists students who are capable and motivated, and provides them with financial support, as well as academic, career, and personal counseling for as long as they maintain their enrollment status and meet other program eligibility requirements. Students work closely with an EOF counselor who is deeply committed to their success. Students admitted to the university through EOF must demonstrate a high level of academic motivation, the drive to overcome personal and financial difficulty, and the vision to establish and strive toward challenging academic or professional goals beyond their undergraduate years.

Information for Students Admitted to the Program

In addition to academic, financial, and personal counseling, as an EOF student you will receive:

- free tuition to attend the Summer Institute (a state-funded academic residential program for incoming first-year students) where you can earn up to six degree credits.
- an EOF grant each semester as part of your financial aid package.
- financial assistance for registration in Rutgers Summer Session courses and for Study Abroad programs during the summer and the academic year (pending state funding).
- access to free tutorial services, learning needs assessment, special career and academic enrichment programs (e.g. Math Immersion Program, Pre-Legal Studies Program, Biomedical Careers Program, Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program).
- financial assistance for upper-class students focusing on enhancing academic progress, educational skills and academic performance.
- special EOF courses: Study Skills, LSAT and GRE preparation test-taking skills.
- free tutoring through Student Support Services (SSS) and the Rutgers Learning Centers (RLC).
- student leadership development opportunities provided through participation in the Educational Opportunity Program Student Association (EOPSA). EOPSA promotes peer mentoring, leadership development, legislative advocacy, community service and educating the university community about the EOF program and its students.

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Contact Information

SAS EOF Administrative Offices
2 Richardson Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901
tracole@rci.rutgers.edu
saseof.rutgers.edu
Academic Credit Programs

Advanced Placement
College credit is granted for AP exams with scores of 4 or 5. Please have the College Board send your score report directly to the School of Arts and Sciences, Rutgers University (CEEB Code 2765); remember to include your Social Security number to ensure ease of identification. A chart of AP equivalents is online at sasundergrad.rutgers.edu/academics/academic-credit/advanced-placement.

International Baccalaureate
The School of Arts and Sciences recognizes the rigorous IB diploma and certificate programs and grants college credit for Higher Level exams with scores of 7, 6 and 5. Please have a copy of your IB certificate sent directly to Rutgers for evaluation to the following address: SAS Academic Services, 604 Bartholomew Road, Room 172, Piscataway, New Jersey, 08854.

Courses at Other Institutions
If you have already completed college courses, please have an official transcript sent directly to the university at SAS Academic Services, 604 Bartholomew Road, Room 172, Piscataway, New Jersey, 08854; unofficial student copies and grade reports cannot be used to transfer credits. Once the transcript is received, it will be reviewed with your fall course selection to determine if course changes are needed. A formal evaluation of the credits will be sent via email during the fall semester. Be sure to have a copy of the course syllabus/description available in case there are questions regarding course content.

Summer Session Courses
You should discuss any summer courses with an adviser before you register and complete them. Please contact an academic adviser at frosh@sas.rutgers.edu to discuss possible courses and gain approval to take courses.

Honors Program
Every year, the academic records and test scores of all SAS incoming admitted first-year students are reviewed for possible admission to the SAS Honors Program. Admission to the School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program is competitive and is based on a variety of factors including high school academic record, test scores, and extracurricular activities. Students admitted to the SAS Honors Program have already received information directly from the program.

If you were not accepted to the program as an incoming first-year student, and if your academic record in your first year is strong (a 3.700 cumulative average at the end of the first year), you will be invited to apply for admission to the Honors Program. Students who meet the requirement for the invitation to apply will be sent information in early June 2014. For further information, visit sashonors.rutgers.edu or contact honors@sas.rutgers.edu.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the foundation of higher learning. As a new student coming to Rutgers, you will be expected to abide by the Academic Integrity Policy…and naturally that means we want you to understand it!

Academic integrity is important because the quality of your education is important. The principles of academic integrity require the following:

- All work submitted in a course or related academic activity must be a student’s own and must have been produced without the aid of unsanctioned materials or collaboration.
- All use of the ideas, results, or words of others must be properly acknowledged and cited.
- All contributors to a given piece of work must be acknowledged properly.
- All data or results must be obtained by ethical means and reported accurately without suppressing any results inconsistent with the author’s interpretation or conclusions.

If you are not sure about academic integrity, ask someone. There are myriad resources available to you as a Rutgers University student:

- Talk to your professor or teaching assistant about their expectations
- Contact your academic department or University Libraries for help
- Consult the Writing Program or Learning Centers
- Visit the Academic Integrity website: academicintegrity.rutgers.edu

All incoming students are required to complete an academic integrity tutorial during their first semester at Rutgers University. Information about the tutorial will either be emailed to you or provided to you in one of your first semester classes. If you have any questions regarding the tutorial please contact studentconduct@rci.rutgers.edu.

For questions about the Academic Integrity Policy, contact the Office of Student Conduct, Bishop House 107 on the College Avenue Campus. To read a full copy of the Academic Integrity Policy or the University Code of Student Conduct, visit academicintegrity.rutgers.edu.
Learning Communities

A learning community is a self-selected group of students who share similar academic interests and explore them together through out of classroom experiences and in either an exclusive learning community course or a cluster of courses.

rulc.rutgers.edu

Students in learning communities are afforded unique opportunities for academic and social success and networking. Students generally take at least one course in common and some learning communities offer the additional advantage of living and learning together in a designated residence hall. These communities are a wonderful opportunity for students who are undecided about their major or want to explore a particular academic topic.

Students in learning communities benefit from:

- Meeting other first-year students and making friends quickly
- Enrolling in exclusive learning community courses and/or seminars in intimate class settings
- Exploring Rutgers and its resources within a smaller community of friends
- Creating a network of faculty, staff and student leaders right from the start
- Connecting with faculty and upper-class successful students who will provide you mentorship and networking opportunities
- Enrolling in a guaranteed section of a First-Year Interest Group Seminar (FIGS) exploring your academic interest area

Types of learning communities offered are:

- Living-learning communities: Students live together in a designated residence hall
- Non-Residential Learning Communities: These are open to all students with no requirement for students to live on campus
- Commuter Learning Communities: Open only to commuting students

Communities are offered for the following academic areas:

- Broadcast Communications and Meteorology
- Broadcast Communications and TV Video Production
- Business
- Language and Culture
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Marine Science/Oceanography
- Social Issues
- Science, Technology, Mathematics and Health Professions

Communities provide a rich and rewarding experience and contribute to the overall success of students at Rutgers. Application and registration processes vary. Please visit our website for more information on eligibility requirements and application details. For questions please e-mail the learning communities office at rulc@echo.rutgers.edu.
Douglass Residential College

Douglass Residential College is a distinct community at Rutgers-New Brunswick that inspires women’s academic, personal, social and professional development.

Part of Tradition. A Whole New Inspiration.
douglass.rutgers.edu

Learning through action, mentoring, and making lifelong connections with students, faculty and alumnae are all important features of the Douglass experience. Douglass supports women at all stages of their academic careers; new first-year and transfer students, non-traditional students, commuters, and residential students are eligible to become members of the College.

Douglass women at Rutgers get the best of both worlds. Female students attending an undergraduate school at New Brunswick can have all the resources that Rutgers offers and simultaneously belong to Douglass’ small, close-knit community that feels like home. Douglass women gain a competitive edge at Rutgers through exclusive academic and career enrichment opportunities, mentoring and advising, residential learning experiences, and leadership programs. Students are also linked to an empowering network of students, faculty, staff and alumnae who are devoted to their achievement of excellence.

To find out more about how Douglass will enhance your Rutgers experience, help you achieve your potential and become the leader of your own life, visit us at douglass.rutgers.edu or email douglassadmits@echo.rutgers.edu to request more information.

Follow us on Twitter: @RUDouglass; Facebook: Douglass Residential College; and Instagram: RUDouglass

Byrne Family First-Year Seminars

Available to all first-year students
byrne.rutgers.edu
Register on your Academic Planning & Advising Day

Eager to find a major? Curious about a new topic? Byrne Seminars are a unique opportunity to explore your interests with our most talented faculty. Professors share their intellectual passion in small seminars, capped at 20 students. Learn about cutting-edge research in a wide range of fields. There are no formal exams and no pressure for a grade. Byrne Seminars are one credit, pass/no credit courses available only to first-year students. Find your passion. Explore majors you may not have considered. Enroll in a Byrne Seminar!

First-Year Interest Group Seminars (FIGS)

figs.rutgers.edu
Register on your Academic Planning & Advising Day

Each seminar is worth one credit and is taught by a trained Peer Instructor. During the 10 weeks of FIGS, students learn about the Rutgers community and explore an academic interest area such as Business, Communication, Diversity, Education, English, Health & Medicine, History, Law & Leadership, Sociology, Theater Arts, Veterinary Medicine and more! The small class environment of no more than 25 students allows you to get to know your classmates and instructor.

For a full list of interest areas, visit figs.rutgers.edu. To sign up for a First-Year Interest Group Seminar, talk with your academic adviser when you select your Fall classes. You can also manually add an open FIGS to your schedule at webreg.rutgers.edu in early September, during the add/drop period.
How do I register for classes?
You must attend an Academic Planning & Advising (APA) Day on campus to learn about your academic opportunities and requirements and to choose your fall courses. See information on page 5 of this booklet.

I don’t know what I want to major in. What should I do?
You have three semesters to explore options before you declare a major. Many students are unsure of their major interests. At the School of Arts and Sciences, we want you to explore your options and find your own interests and direction. Whether you know what you want to major in or not, you have the flexibility and the opportunity to discover exciting new academic choices and challenges. Plan to take advantage of campus resources like your academic adviser and Career Services counselors to learn more about the connection between majors and careers.

What classes should I choose in my first semester?
Selecting your first term courses is a surprisingly easy process. Twelve to fifteen credits is an appropriate credit load, so you are basically choosing three or four classes from the list of first-year courses (The list of courses will be available at sasundergrad.rutgers.edu/current-students/first-years in early April). Your schedule will automatically include Expository Writing (or another writing course based on your placement results) for 3 credits. The schedule should be balanced between courses to explore your interests (potential majors and minors) and courses to satisfy the SAS Core Curriculum. In selecting courses for your first term, consider the following:

Which subjects do you like the best? What are your strengths and your goals? Answers to these questions should guide you in your choice of a major and minor. A liberal arts and sciences curriculum offers you the chance to explore a variety of subjects in the humanities, interdisciplinary studies, social sciences, and natural sciences. Select subjects you have never studied. Your program should include several electives.

How do options like the Byrne Family First-Year Seminars and the First-Year Interest Group Seminars (FIGS) fit into my schedule?
These special programs are open only to first-year students and were designed to broaden your ideas about academic options and support your transition to the Rutgers community. They offer a small seminar format in which to explore interesting academic topics with professors or peer leaders. These one-credit courses fit well with a registration of four regular 3-credit courses; they support your progress to completing academic requirements by helping you explore different major options.

Will I be able to graduate in four years?
Yes, the key to completing requirements and creating a cohesive academic program is to develop a carefully designed course strategy to ensure on-time graduation. Plan an average of 15 credits (usually five courses) each term. NOTE: This does not mean that you must take 15 credits each term to graduate in four years! Many students choose to begin their first semester with a conservative registration of 12-13 credits to ensure a more manageable transition to college. Taking four courses in the first semester will NOT put you behind for graduation, and it allows you to get accustomed to college-level work and independent living. Although you likely juggled seven or eight classes and many activities in high school, the demands of college courses will take more energy and effort than you may anticipate. We strongly discourage registering for 17+ credits, particularly in the first college semester.

How big are the classes?
Some classes, such as Expository Writing or Byrne Family First-Year Seminars, are quite small with 15 to 25 students. Other classes meet in large lectures with a few hundred students. Many of the large lectures also have smaller discussion meetings, called recitations, led by a teaching assistant.

How can I view degree requirements?
The SAS Undergraduate website (sasundergrad.rutgers.edu) is your best link to the SAS Core Curriculum, as well as majors and minors offered to SAS students.

What can I do to succeed at Rutgers University?
There are a number of important study skills that will help you succeed at Rutgers University. Here are some tips that may seem basic, but are very important:

- Go to every class. Professors have discretion to factor class attendance into your final grade. Besides, how will you get the necessary information if you don’t attend class?
- Complete all assignments on time. Not turning in assignments or turning in your assignments late may significantly affect your grade.
- Don’t assume that study habits from high school will work in college. In high school, you were forced to keep up with the work because of the structure of your classes and frequent assignments, but college students are expected to be more self-directed in their study habits and time-management strategies. Seek help with tutoring or study skills on campus to develop new college-ready habits.
- Do all of the assigned reading. The professor is assigning it for a reason. Don’t fall behind on the reading because it will be hard to catch up.
- Visit your professors during office hours and ask questions! Students who interact with their professors perform significantly better than those who just attend class.

Frequently Asked Questions
• Make informed choices: Academic advisers are available in the four SAS Advising Centers (sasundergrad.rutgers.edu/academics/advising/advising-centers) and in your major and minor departments. Don’t rely on the academic advice of friends; seek out information from your academic dean — we’re here to help you!

• Get involved both inside and outside of the classroom. The most successful students feel connected to their university. Plan to check out the various clubs and activities that interest you at getinvolved.rutgers.edu.

When will I receive my fall schedule?
Your fall schedule will be available online beginning August 20 through the Rutgers portal (my.rutgers.edu). You will not have access to make changes until add/drop in the first week of classes. Plan to attend the Scarlet Knight Days program about decoding your schedule in early September and speak with an academic adviser during the first week of classes.

When will I find out about my housing assignment and roommate?
An email regarding your housing assignment and roommate information will be sent to you by the Housing and Residence Life Assignments Office during the first week in August. Assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis while considering the preferences indicated within your housing agreement. Every effort is made to accommodate both campus and roommate preferences; however, a high demand for housing may prevent all requests from being honored. For more information, visit RUoncampus.rutgers.edu.

How do I put money in my RU Express account and what can I use it for?
RU Express is the student debit program at Rutgers, a cash-free alternative that will allow students to use their University ID cards like a debit card. RU Express is accepted at most on-campus locations as well as many off-campus businesses. For more information, visit ruexpress.rutgers.edu.

What is Rutgers doing to maintain a safe learning environment?
The campuses at Rutgers University are safe; however, no community is immune from crime. Rutgers has taken numerous measures to improve safety including the installation of over 2,700 security cameras and operating a state-of-the-art 9-1-1 Center, but the importance of your role in crime prevention cannot be understated. You can help reduce your vulnerability by staying alert and not leaving valuables unattended or unsecured in public places including laptops, cell-phones, or bikes which are particularly vulnerable to theft. Additionally, the Division of Administration & Public Safety reminds you, when the time to act has come, the time to prepare has passed. Accordingly, you are encouraged to become familiar with the University’s Emergency Action Plans available at halflife.rutgers.edu/eap/eap.html. For more information about campus safety, crime prevention, and how to sign up for emergency text messages visit aps.rutgers.edu.

Do I need a car to get back and forth between the campuses?
Rutgers University has an extensive transit system that provides transportation between all of the New Brunswick campuses. Most buses are also equipped with a bicycle rack to allow students to easily transport their bicycle from one campus to another. Students who have vehicles on campus are only permitted to park on one campus and must use the bus system for travel to other campuses. For more information about the campus transit system and services, visit rudots.rutgers.edu.

What types of health and counseling services are available on campus?
Rutgers Health Services offers a comprehensive range of mental health, medical, pharmacy, health outreach, promotion, and education services to Rutgers students. Please visit the Rutgers Health Services website at health.rutgers.edu to confirm hours and locations for all services.

What type of computer do I need?
If you choose to bring a computer, it is a matter of preference whether you choose a laptop, desktop, or netbook. Many students bring laptops for the convenience of portability. Rutgers Computer Repair (732-445-5000) is an on-campus resource offering authorized warranty services for the major computer manufacturers; they can provide assistance if you have questions. If you don’t bring your own computer, there are fifteen computer labs with over 900 computers spread across the New Brunswick campuses. The labs can augment your computing experience by offering academic and specialized software and printing. For more information, visit nbc.s.rutgers.edu/newstudent.

When do I buy my books?
The bookstore begins posting course book information as soon as it is received from your instructors, so you can purchase books as much as a month in advance of the semester. Doing so allows you access to the greatest stock of used textbooks. You may also opt to purchase your books after you attend your first class sessions and receive your syllabi. If you do wait until the start of the term to buy your books, bring your course schedule with you to ensure the quickest assistance with obtaining your books. Textbook rentals and e-textbooks are now available on many titles both in-store and online. When you visit your university bookstore, just look for the shelf cards that list rental or e-textbook options. You may order your textbooks online and obtain more information about the university bookstores at rutgers.bncollege.com.

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How do students find jobs?
The Student Employment Office (SEO) administers two employment programs and assists students with finding part-time and seasonal employment. The Federal Work Study Program is a need-based Financial Aid Program that offers eligible students employment in a variety of on-campus jobs and off-campus paid community service jobs. The Job Location and Development Program offers part-time and seasonal employment to all currently-enrolled students. For more information on the Student Employment Office, please visit studentwork.rutgers.edu.

Where can I find resources for students with disabilities?
To request accommodations under ADA/Section 504, contact the Office of Disability Services, Lucy Stone Hall, Suite A-145, 54 Joyce Kilmer Avenue, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854. For additional information email dsoffice@echo.rutgers.edu or visit disabilityservices.rutgers.edu.

I need special test accommodations. How do I make these arrangements?
If you are entitled to extended testing time (or other testing modifications) under ADA/Section 504, please contact the Office of Disability Services at dsoffice@rci.rutgers.edu. After contacting Disability Services, contact April Pagano in the Testing and Placement office at pagano@instlres.rutgers.edu to arrange to take the tests at an alternate time. Please contact her ASAP. Do not attend one of the published test dates; these sessions do not offer special accommodations.

I have been admitted to the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program. Is there anything special I need to know?
Yes. Check out page 6 to learn more about the EOF program. SAS students attend a summer EOF program, so they do not need to register for the Rutgers University Summer Orientation Program on the Enrollment Pathway. Specific information about the Summer Orientation Program is included on page 6 and will be reviewed at the Pre-Summer Institute Orientation.

I am an international student. Are there resources I should know about?
The Center for Global Services (previously known as the Center for International Faculty and Student Services) advises students on immigration, cultural adjustment, health insurance, and other matters. A variety of programs and workshops are offered by Center for Global Services to enhance international students’ experience at Rutgers. Please plan on attending International Student Orientation from Monday, August 26 – Friday, August 30. Additional information and registration form are included with the I-20 packet sent to you by the Admissions Office. For more information, email ru_cifss@email.rutgers.edu. For other resources and latest updates on the orientation program and schedule, visit internationalservices.rutgers.edu.

What types of services and programs are available for veteran students?
The Office of Veteran and Military Programs and Services was established to help with any and all issues that student veterans and military face as they transition from combat to campus. Veterans House is the home of the director and assistant director of Veteran and Military Programs and Services. Services and dedicated staff available to veteran and military students include academic advising and tutoring, a student lounge with wireless internet providing quiet study space, a mental health clinician, a state veteran service officer who works directly with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and disability services/accommodations. For more information, visit veterans.rutgers.edu.

What services are available for commuter students?
Commuter Life and the Off-Campus Students’ Association (OCSA) offer a comprehensive range of programs and support, and serve as a source of information for all off-campus/commuter students at Rutgers University. Please visit commuters.rutgers.edu for more information. Students can also email questions or concerns to commuters@echo.rutgers.edu.

Am I required to attend Rutgers Summer Orientation?
All students are expected to attend Summer Orientation. It is an excellent way to get acclimated to Rutgers University and is essential for a successful first year at Rutgers.

If you still have questions about academically-related issues, please visit the School of Arts and Sciences website at sasundergrad.rutgers.edu or email frosh@sas.rutgers.edu.
## University Academic Calendar

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| Winter Recess Begins                       | Tue Dec 24          |
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| Spring Semester Begins                     | Tue Jan 21          |
| Spring Recess Begins                       | Sat March 15        |
| Spring Recess Ends                         | Sun March 23        |
| Regular Classes End                        | Mon May 5           |
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| Spring Exams End                           | Wed May 14          |
| University Commencement                    | Sun May 18          |
| Summer Session Begins                      | Tue May 27          |
# Helpful Websites

| School of Arts and Sciences, Office of Academic Services | sasundergrad.rutgers.edu | 848-932-8888 |
| Academic Calendar | scheduling.rutgers.edu/calendar.shtml |
| Academic Integrity Policy & Student Code of Conduct | judicialaffairs.rutgers.edu |
| Admissions (Undergraduate) | admissions.rutgers.edu |
| Asian American Cultural Center | aacc.rutgers.edu |
| Athletics | scarletknights.com |
| Byrne Family First-Year Seminars | byrne.rutgers.edu |
| Career Services | careerservices.rutgers.edu |
| Center for Global Services | internationalservices.rutgers.edu |
| Center for Latino Arts and Culture | clac.rutgers.edu |
| Computing Services | nbcs.rutgers.edu/newstudent |
| Degree Navigator | nbdn.rutgers.edu |
| Dining Services | food.rutgers.edu |
| Directions to and on Campus | rumaps.rutgers.edu |
| Disability Services | disabilityservices.rutgers.edu |
| Douglass Residential College for Women | douglass.rutgers.edu |
| EOF program | admissions.rutgers.edu/0205.asp |
| Financial Aid | studentaid.rutgers.edu |
| First-year Interest Group Seminars (FIGS) | figs.rutgers.edu |
| Health Services—Counseling (CAPS) | health.rutgers.edu |
| Health Services—Medical | health.rutgers.edu |
| Housing and Residence Life | ruoncampus.rutgers.edu |
| Learning Centers | rlc.rutgers.edu |
| Learning Communities | rulc.rutgers.edu |
| Libraries | libraries.rutgers.edu |
| New Student Orientation | nso.rutgers.edu |
| Off-Campus Housing | ruoffcampus.rutgers.edu |
| Office of Student Conduct | studentconduct.rutgers.edu |
| Ombudsperson for Students | ombuds.rutgers.edu |

To connect by phone with any Rutgers University office or staff member, contact RU-info at **732-445-info (4636)**.
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