



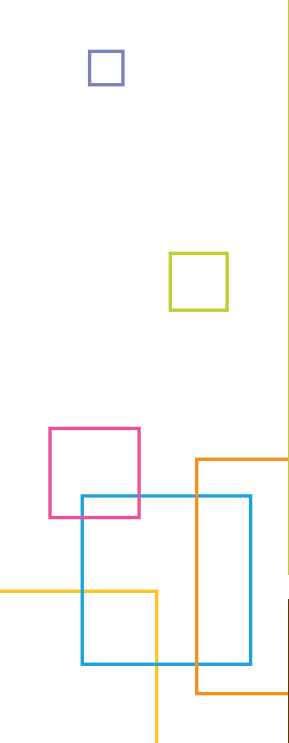
evoLUtion

*The first-year student guide
to evoLUtion, Orientation and more*



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LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.





WHAT IS EVOLUTION?

evoLUtion is your first-year experience at Lehigh.

Your evoLUtion is a gradual process in which you change into a more complex individual. We challenge you to embrace the vast array of ideas and experiences your fellow Lehigh students will have to offer, try new things, step out of your comfort zone, and evolve into a better you!

During your evoLUtion, we will focus your growth around Lehigh's three Core Developmental Competencies:

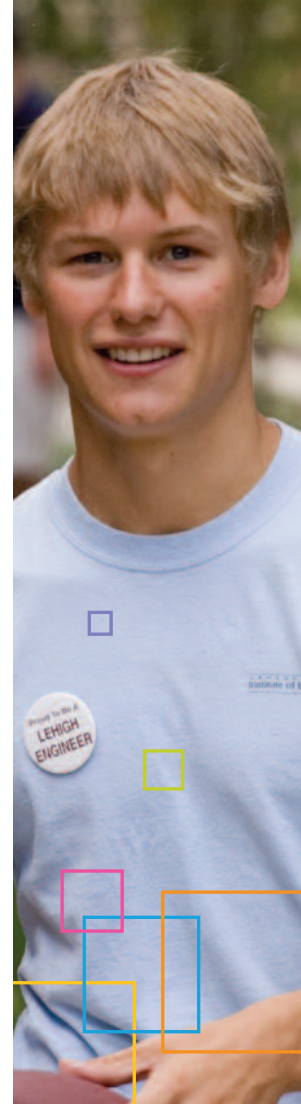
- **Intellectual Exploration**—Exploring not only how you learn best, but also developing an appreciation for life-long learning.
- **Individual Identity Development**—Exploring and understanding your personal attitudes, beliefs, and feelings about yourself and answering the classic question “Who Am I?”
- **Interpersonal Development, Equity, Community, and Global Engagement**—Understanding who you are in relationship to others and how to evaluate the relationships you develop with your new community



of students, faculty and staff. Developing a sense of personal responsibility for promoting the growth of the larger community and recognizing how your individual contributions can impact it.

We know you have a lot on your mind as you prepare to start your college career, so we aim to provide you with the information that will make this a smooth transition. In this brochure, we have listed the three main components of your evoLUtion and the necessary information you need to be prepared for your Lehigh experience.

- Phase 1: Pre-Arrival and Orientation
- Phase 2: evoLUtion Seminar & The First Six
- Phase 3: Staying Connected



“Orientation made my adjustment to college life so much easier and more exciting. It allowed me to meet new people, to become acquainted with life at Lehigh, and to truly feel welcomed into the Lehigh family.”

PHASE 1: PRE-ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION

Orientation, an intense four-day program filled with events and activities geared towards preparing you for success at Lehigh, will kick-off your evoLUtion experience. To prepare for your arrival on Thursday, August 25, 2011, be sure to complete the following steps:

STEP 1 Open your Lehigh Account

All new students need to open their Lehigh computing account using their Lehigh Identification Number (LIN) and Personal Identification Number (PIN) which are listed on your acceptance letter. Once you open your account, you will be given a username which is three letters and three numbers (example, abc123). You need this username to log onto the campus portal. To open your account, go to www.lehigh.edu/open.

STEP 2 Go to the Campus Portal

The **Campus Portal** provides updated information, University resources, and a checklist of things to do before you arrive, such as signing your housing agreement. A tab on the portal named **evoLUtion:1** will be available beginning on Thursday, May 12. Students will be sent an email to their Lehigh account when the evoLUtion:1 tab goes live. Be sure to log into the Portal often at <http://portal.lehigh.edu>. Aside from getting updated information you will be able to check your campus email, where all your official Lehigh communications will be sent. As you read through this booklet you will notice that the Portal is referenced quite often, so be sure to log in! If you don't remember your Lehigh email and password to log in, please contact the Help Desk at 610-758-HELP (4357).



On Monday, August 1 the **evoLUtion:2** tab will become your default portal tab. This tab provides you with information on arriving in August, moving into your residence hall and more details about Orientation.

STEP 3 Request Courses

Your academic journey at Lehigh begins now! In this mailing, you will find your college-specific **Course Request Packet**, which provides information on how to request classes for your college. Be sure to read through all of the materials before starting the Course Request process in June.

During the Course Request process, you will be asked to identify courses that you would like to take without having to select specific times or professors. In the summer, we will create a schedule that takes into account your college requirements and your requests. You will receive your final course schedule when you arrive for Orientation. If you have any questions during the Course Request process, please contact your college of enrollment (contacts listed on your “Course Info” sheet).

Your first chance to make changes to your schedule will be on Friday, August 26 when you meet your academic advisor. As for your textbooks, don't worry; you will have plenty of time to buy your books when you arrive and know your official schedule! To review the Lehigh course catalog, go to www4.lehigh.edu/academics/catalog.

STEP 4 Complete AlcoholEdu

Every first-year student at Lehigh is expected to complete AlcoholEdu for College, an online alcohol-abuse prevention program. AlcoholEdu for College will empower you to make well-informed decisions about alcohol and other related issues. More information and a link to the program are available on the Campus Portal.



STEP 5 Apply for your Student ID

Your ID card identifies you as a member of the Lehigh University community and is used for access to your residence hall, academic buildings, your meal plan and GoldPLUS account. You must submit your ID application online. Please be sure to log into the Campus Portal, and follow the instructions on the *evoLUtion:1* tab, so you will have your ID card when you arrive for Orientation.

STEP 6 Register for Prelusion (optional)

Prelusion is a great way to make new friends and get involved before classes begin! More information about these amazing opportunities is available in the Prelusion publication in this folder. Students can register for Prelusion on the Campus Portal.

STEP 7 Move-In

First-year students move-in on Thursday, August 25, 2011 from 8:30–1:00 pm. Move-in is a two-part process. First, you will check-in for Orientation at Iacocca Hall on the Mountaintop Campus. Here you will receive your Orientation information and directions to your residence hall. To make the move-in process run smoothly each residence hall will have specific directions to take you down the mountain to unload your belongings. **You must check-in for Orientation first in order to receive your residence hall keys.** Specific directions to Iacocca Hall for Orientation check-in will be available in August under the *evoLUtion:2* portal tab.

STEP 8 Attend Orientation

Orientation begins on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 3:00 pm. This program not only focuses on preparing you for the academic rigor you will encounter at Lehigh, but also assists you in becoming socially integrated

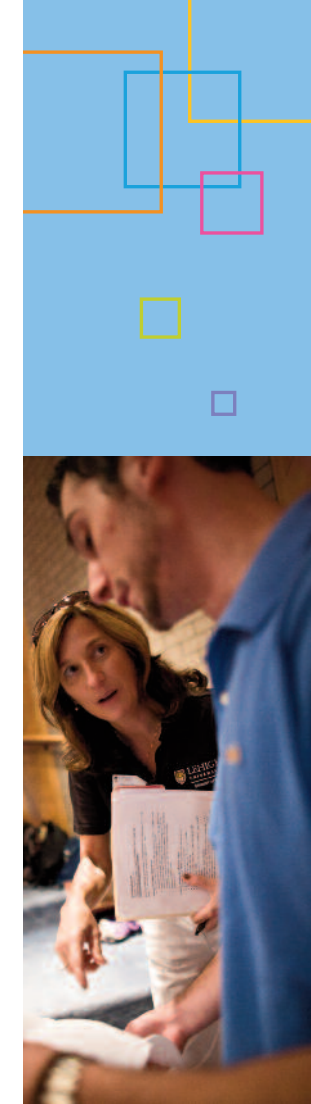
into the community by helping you get involved and make new friends. Your four days of Orientation are very busy, so we encourage your families to head home on Thursday after the family orientation sessions end.

Also during Orientation, you will get information on how to get your free copy of Microsoft Office and Windows 7 Ultimate operating system upgrade on your personally owned computer.

Orientation Events

So what happens during Orientation? LOTS! During Orientation you will be assigned to a small group led by one of our 70 upper-class student Orientation Leaders (OLs) who are trained to help answer all your questions and guide you through Orientation. You can meet the OLs at www.lehigh.edu/~infys. The OLs will lead discussions on the transition from high school to college and provide you with information on various campus resources. Your college convocation will introduce you to Lehigh academics. You will meet your academic advisor and attend the Lehigh Symposium, where you will be able to explore an engaging topic presented by a faculty or staff member. When the day ends, the social events begin! Each night of Orientation has something exciting in store for you including a hypnotist, a high energy trivia game, the First-Year Rally and the Lehigh Carnival. A detailed orientation schedule will be available on the *evoLUtion:2* tab in August or by visiting the OFYE website.

International students and US citizens living abroad: You are expected to attend the International Student Orientation. The orientation program is designed to help you learn about your immigration responsibilities, campus resources and services that are available to you, and to hear the tips and stories from current international students. More information on the orientation date and time will be available on the Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) website at www.lehigh.edu/~intl/undergraduateorientation.html.



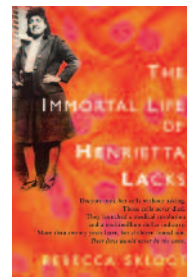


PHASE 2: EVOLUTION SEMINAR

Being a Lehigh student means you are involved, engaged and an active participant in your learning. One way in which we help foster this engagement is through the evoLUtion seminar. All first-year students are required to participate in the evoLUtion seminar, which consists of an Orientation Leader, a faculty or staff member, and a group of 20 first-year students. Your seminar group meets the first few weeks of the semester, during which time you will engage in discussions regarding academic topics, Lehigh's Core Developmental Competencies and reflect with your peers about your transition to college. This seminar is not a credited course, but your participation is required. If you do not attend all of your sessions, your spring course registration may be delayed.

LU Reading Program

We are entering the 9th year of our LU Reading Program, which was created to engage you in a shared intellectual experience in preparation for the academic rigor here at Lehigh—it also provides a perfect opportunity to interact with fellow students, faculty and staff! Check the Campus Portal for more information on this year's book selection, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. When you arrive in the fall, you will meet with your evoLUtion seminar group and a faculty or staff member to discuss the book, so be sure to read it thoroughly!



Check out a new evoLUtion seminar that is focused on creating international connections! We will select 20 students, from international and domestic backgrounds. Interested? Select this option on your Orientation confirmation on the evoLUtion:1 tab.

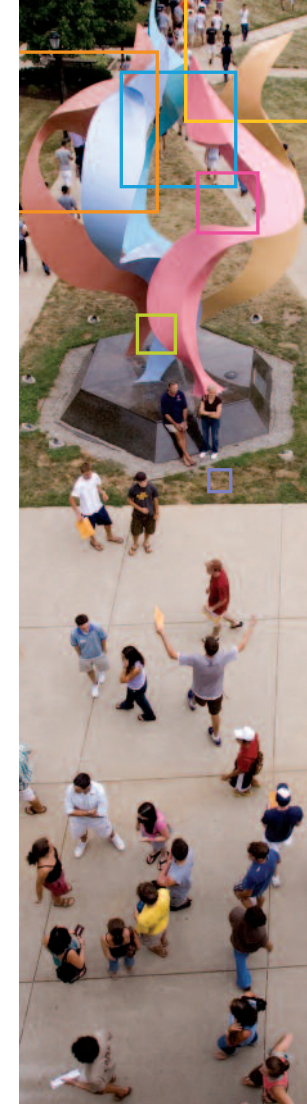


The First Six

During the first six weeks of college you will begin to develop new routines, create new social connections and begin to establish your place at Lehigh. We feel it is important to expose you to the multitude of opportunities that exist at Lehigh so you can maximize your experience.

The First Six is a programming series open to all Lehigh students with a specific focus on first-year students and their connection to Lehigh. All first-year students are expected to attend three programs during the first six weeks of the semester; one program or event that addresses each of the Core Developmental Competencies. Students will have a wide variety of programs to help them make their selections. Each week a listing of upcoming events will be emailed to students through their Lehigh email account. To kick off The First Six, we offer the Lehigh Symposium on the Friday of Orientation, which addresses the Intellectual Development competency.

The Lehigh Symposium is an assortment of presentations from some of Lehigh's most engaging faculty and staff. Last year over 1000 students attended the Lehigh Symposium!



PHASE 3: STAYING CONNECTED

Class of 2015 Portal Group

In August you will automatically be enrolled in the Class of 2015 Portal Group to help you stay connected. At this site you can post questions for your peers to answer, see what is happening on campus and find valuable information. The OFYE will constantly be updating this site, so be sure to check it out often.

Take 5

During the fall and spring semesters we offer a retreat-type experience for any new student who is looking to get more connected to Lehigh. Held on specific Friday nights, this is a great opportunity to meet other first-year students, learn more about the surrounding area, and discuss your Lehigh transition with a few of our experienced student leaders. Registration information will be emailed to new students. You won't want to miss Take 5!

Lectures, Performances and Activities

College offers you the autonomy to shape your own experience and your first year is no different! After Orientation and your evoLUtion seminar are complete, the OFYE provides a variety of programs and events that you can attend to make the most out of your college experience. A schedule of events will be available at the OFYE website.



ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS

During the summer we will host a few different online *YQA*—*Your Questions Answered* sessions to provide you with specific information regarding certain events or processes, such as the Course Request process. Two YQA sessions are prerecorded and one is live, but all will allow you to access to valuable information. During the live presentation, you will be able to type in your questions to be answered by student and professional staff presenters.

Information for all YQA sessions will be sent to students via their Lehigh email.

- **Course Request Process:** Available on the campus portal June 1
- **Housing Information:** Available on the campus portal July 1
- **Orientation and Move-In Day:** Live session on Wednesday, August 17 at 9pm EDT.

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