

Academic Year 2024 - 2025

FIRST YEAR STUDENT ENROLLMENT PACKET



CONGRATULATIONS

Greetings Future Boxer,

This packet will help you complete the enrollment process to become a student at Pacific University Oregon. Read through this information carefully and review when items need to be completed on the “To-Do List” pages so that you are ready for the start of the fall semester on August 26, 2024. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us in the Office of Admissions at **503.352.2218** or **admissions@pacificu.edu** if you have any questions. We look forward to personally welcoming you to Pacific University Oregon.

Best Wishes,
The Office of Undergraduate Admissions

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Did You Know?

The National Science Foundation ranks Pacific University as the No. 1 private research university in the Pacific Northwest and No. 8 in the Far West, among peers like Stanford and the University of Southern California.

U.S. News & World Report ranks Pacific University as one of the nation's Best Colleges for Veterans. Tied for No. 121 in the country, Pacific supports veteran students with a holistic approach to admissions and a small, personal learning environment with individual and group support for all students.

Pacific University is among the best values in Oregon, according to U.S. News & World Report. The 2022 report ranked Pacific the best value among National Universities in Oregon.

BOXER ONLINE ACCOUNT

When you are first admitted to Pacific, you will receive an email ("Your Pacific University Oregon Account") instructing you to log in with a special one-time-use link to establish your Pacific account, also known as a PUNet ID. If you received such an email, click on the link to start the process of establishing your Pacific account.

If you have not received the above mentioned email or if you are having issues establishing your account, please contact Pacific's technology helpdesk at **503.352.1500**.

Once you log in to the myAccount system for the first time, you will be asked to:

- Agree to the latest version of our Appropriate Use Policy for Information Technology
- Establish a non-default password
- (Optional) Create an email alias that we refer to as a Preferred Email address. (This is an alternate address you can receive mail through. Creating an alias does not change your login username.)
- Register a third-party email address and answer security questions. (This helps you with self-service password resets and allows for phone verification of your identity by helpdesk staff.)
- Review the personal information the university has about you. (You can correct this from the myAccount main menu.)
- Sign up for Boxer Alerts to receive emergency announcements and info about unplanned campus closures on your mobile phone



FINANCIAL AID

Starting in spring, Pacific University begins distributing Financial Aid packages to admitted students. Your eligibility for financial aid will be calculated based on Pacific's **Estimated Cost of Attendance**. Finalized **Direct Costs** for tuition, fees, and on-campus housing and food costs will be available later this spring and you will be notified of any changes to these estimated direct costs. We also include estimates for your **Indirect Costs**, such as transportation, books, supplies, and personal expenses.

Scholarships and Grants do not have to be repaid. To remain eligible for scholarships and grants, you must remain a full-time student (minimum 12 credits each semester) and maintain a 2.0 GPA.

Your **Estimated Net Cost** is the Estimated Cost of Attendance, less any scholarships and grants.

Additional Resources are available to help you meet educational expenses. You may accept all or a portion of the fund offered to you or you may decline these resources if you do not need the funds. To accept or decline the funds offered to you, log onto [BoxerOnline.pacificu.edu](https://boxeronline.pacificu.edu) to access BoxerOnline Financial Aid Self-Service. This portal will also provide descriptions of the terms of these awards and outline any additional steps needed to finalize your eligibility for these funds. The **Additional Resources** listed may be used to help you pay for the estimated cost.

Estimated Cost is the Estimated Cost of Attendance, less all financial aid offered to you. Remember, your Estimated Cost of Attendance includes both direct costs (what you will pay to Pacific) and indirect costs (what you will pay to get to campus, purchase your books, and cover your personal living expenses). Your billing statement from the Pacific Business Office will reflect only direct costs, as well as your scholarships, grants, and net loan amounts.

Parent PLUS Loans and Private Loans are available to help finance the Estimated Cost. Information and application instructions are available at [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) for the Parent PLUS Loan.

Comparing financial aid packages from different universities can be difficult because there is no standard formatting for colleges on how they are presented. Please reach out to your admission counselor if you have any questions about your Pacific package or if you wish to compare the true cost of one university to the cost of Pacific University Oregon.

DEPOSIT TO BECOME A BOXER

Here are the ways to become a Boxer! If you have any questions about the deposit process, please contact your Admissions Counselor.

Deposit over the phone: Call our Admissions Department at **503.352.2218** to deposit over the phone during normal business hours.

Deposit online: Below are instructions on how to complete the online deposit process:

- Sign-in using your PUNet ID and Password.
- Select the “Tuition Deposits” tab.
- Choose the appropriate term (i.e. Fall 2023).
- Choose the Undergraduate Deposit account and hit continue.
- Choose your preferred payment method from the dropdown menu and press select.
 - a. If you are choosing a **checking or saving account**, complete the account information fields and press continue.
 - i. Read the terms and conditions, select agree and submit your payment.
 - b. If you are using a **credit card via PayPath**, choose continue to PayPath.
 - i. Enter your date of birth and the Student ID number if requested and press continue.
 - ii. Press continue on the Payment Amount Information screen.
 - iii. Enter your card payment information and press continue.
 - iv. Read the terms and conditions, select agree and submit your payment.

Deposit in person: Stop by our Admissions Department in Knight Hall on campus during normal business hours to submit your deposit, ring the bell and sign our Boxer mascot!



HOUSING

Welcome to campus living at Pacific University!

Living in campus housing offers an unparalleled experience to be part of a vibrant and diverse community, where every day brings new opportunities to connect, grow, and have fun. By living in campus housing, you'll be right in the middle of the action—just steps away from campus dining and coffee, the library, campus events, and your professors' offices.

Deposited undergraduate students can begin applying for housing for the 2024-2025 academic year in March. We'll reach out to you to let you know the steps you'll need to take to select roommates (if you'd like) and to secure your spot. We'll be in touch through your Pacific University email, so be sure to set up your PUNet ID and password and start checking your inbox.

The Office of Accessibility & Accommodations (OAA) Services provides reasonable accommodations in campus housing to students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodations in housing should can register with OAA and submit disability documentation by following the process online online. See pacificu.edu/oa or email oa@contact.pacificu.edu for more information.

More than 80% of residential students at Pacific agree that living on campus is an important part of the college experience, and studies back that up—students who live in campus housing typically experience more interactions with staff and faculty, more involvement with activities, and even better grades. We look forward to helping you feel at home here at Pacific University.

Visit pacificu.edu/housing-app for more information about campus living, including a housing calendar, frequently asked questions, and to get in touch with us about any questions you have.

HOUSING REQUIREMENT

Living on campus is an essential part of the Boxer experience. By living on campus, students learn and reinforce skills to successfully manage personal responsibilities and to be great community members.

Pacific University requires all Forest Grove undergraduate students under 20 years of age by the first day of fall term to live and board on-campus to live on campus and have a full meal plan for 4 full semesters. We recognize that in some instances a student may need to petition for a qualifying exemption from this requirement. Learn more about the requirements and the exemption waiver request process online at pacificu.edu/housing-requirement

CAMPUS LIVING MISSION

Our mission is to provide Pacific University students a safe, inclusive, and inviting residential experience that fosters student success, community engagement, and personal growth.

CAMPUS LIVING LOGISTICS

Dining Services

The “board” portion of “room and board,” commonly referred to as the meal plan, is required of almost every residential student. All students who have not fulfilled the residency requirement are required to have a full meal plan, no matter where they live on campus. Additionally, students who have fulfilled the residency requirement and live in rooms/units without full kitchens must have a full meal plan.

The Pacific Café, located in the University Center, offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner on weekdays and continental breakfast, brunch and dinner on weekends. Students with a full meal plan start on the Boxer 21 plan, which provides each student with enough meal swipes to eat during all of those meals, should they choose to do so. Students may choose to switch to a different full meal plan during the first two weeks of the semester.

Grab-and-go meals, snacks, coffee and tea are also available for purchase in the University Center.

Parking is available for students with valid parking passes in designated lots on campus. To get a permit, complete an online Parking Permit Application before you arrive for Orientation, and we'll have your permit ready for you! Permits are valid for one academic year (July to June) and cost an annual fee, which is charged directly to your student account. Permits must be renewed each year.

View current permit prices and get more information at

pacificu.edu/about/campuses-locations/forest-grove-campus/parking

MAIL ROOM

All students will be assigned a mailbox, also known as a UC box, whether you live on or off campus. You will receive your mailbox key once you arrive on campus. You will keep the same UC box and the key while you are enrolled at Pacific. It is important that you check your UC box regularly as the university will use this as an avenue to communicate information to students. Your University address would look like this:

Your name

Your UC Box Number

Pacific university

2043 College Way

Forest Grove, OR 97116

Questions? Contact Mail Services located in the lower level of the University Center at

503.352.2192 or

mailservices@pacificu.edu

Visit us online at pacificu.edu/mail

REGISTER FOR CLASSES

Deposited students will receive an email in mid-May with details and instructions to sign up for an Advising & Registration Day in July and August 2024. Advising & Registration will be a half-day experience and includes an academic advising presentation and individual meetings with advisors who will help students to choose classes and register. Speaking one-on-one with an advisor allows students to discuss interests, possible majors, graduate schools, and career goals to help them to make an informed decision on their first semester classes. This is a great place to get answers to questions about what to expect with class scheduling. We have virtual events available so traveling to Forest Grove for registration day is not necessary.

Below are the steps necessary to follow in order to sign up for the half-day Advising & Registration experience. Completing the first step, the Academic Interest Survey, triggers the rest of the process so please complete it as soon as possible after receiving it. **Information will be sent to your Pacific University email so keep checking it frequently!**

Step 1) Complete the Academic Interest Survey – *details emailed to deposited students beginning in mid-May*

Step 2) Submit final official high school and official college transcripts, including AP/IB test scores (if applicable)

Step 3) Complete the online math placement test and language assessment (if applicable) - *details emailed after steps 1 and 2 are complete*

Step 4) Complete the First Year Communities (FYS) survey - *details emailed after steps 1, 2, and 3 are complete*

Step 5) Sign up to attend an Advising & Registration Day – *details emailed after completing the FYS survey*

After step 4, students will have access to our pre-advising online Moodle course to learn more about advising and registration.

Keep an eye on the Pacific University email account! This is where students will be able to access all of the above mentioned items. All Advising & Registration Day slots are filled on a first-come first-served basis. After signing up for a day, students will receive an Advising & Registration Day schedule.

Have Questions? View the latest information about Advising and Registration online at pacificu.edu/advising. You may also contact the Advising Center at advisingcenter@pacificu.edu.

ORIENTATION INFORMATION

In August, you'll join us for Orientation, and we can't wait!

Orientation is like the ultimate college crash course, packed with insider tips and lots of opportunities to meet people. It's all about helping you get used to how things work on campus, like what's cool to do, what's expected in classes, and where you can find help when you need it. It's basically your roadmap to feeling comfortable and confident in your new college life, so you can jump right in and make the most of it without feeling lost or overwhelmed.

A number of Orientation events are required, so be sure to mark your calendar for Thursday, August 22 - 25, 2024.

Our Orientation schedule will go live on June 1st at [pacificu.edu/orientation](https://www.pacificu.edu/orientation). At that time, our Orientation Team will start reaching out by email to make sure you have everything you need to get started at Pacific. Questions? Contact your Orientation Team by emailing them directly at orientation@pacificu.edu.

Move-In Information

On the morning of August 22, we're officially kicking off housing move-in day! If you're involved in fall sports, keep an eye out for the chance to move in earlier with your group. Rest assured, we'll reach out to everyone at their Pacific University emails with more details.

Discover more about the move-in process at [pacificu.edu/housing](https://www.pacificu.edu/housing).



PACIFIC PRIORITY

Guaranteed Graduate School Admission

The Pacific University Guaranteed Graduate School Admission Program provides a clear path for Pacific students to move seamlessly and efficiently from undergraduate to graduate school.

Participating students can apply to the Pacific University graduate school program of their choice — as incoming freshman or during their junior year of undergraduate — and are guaranteed a place in that grad program, provided they continue to meet program-specific criteria.

Priority admission students have the peace of mind that there is a place reserved for them in their graduate program and that they clearly understand the criteria and achievements expected of them in order to progress to grad school.

Find out more at pacificu.edu/pacific-priority



TO-DO LIST

To ensure that you don't miss anything, we have developed this checklist for you. Please read through this list carefully to make sure that you are ready for the first day of class on August 26, 2024.

- Submit your deposit to secure your spot in class and establish your BoxerOnline Account and Pacific email (pages 4 and 2 for instructions).
- Review and decide on your financial aid package (contact Admissions Counselor on page 1, instructions on page 3).
- Complete the Housing Application via the “eRezlife” portal and check Campus Living webpages for deadlines and waiver requests.
- Send in final high school and college transcripts and any AP or IB test scores.
- Upload immunization records before classes start using the Online Student Health Immunization Form.
- Stay in contact with coaches if playing a fall sport.
- Waive or accept Pacific’s Student Health Insurance plan and contact Accounts Receivable for insurance waiver questions.
- Prepare for move-in by checking your residence hall assignment and suggested items list at pacificu.edu/housing.
- Upload your Pacific ID card photo to ease move-in or take one with Campus Public Safety at check-in.
- Order textbooks early from the campus bookstore.
- Request your parking permit online before move-in.
- Update your emergency contacts and add Campus Public Safety to your phone.
- Update your preferred or chosen name through the Registrar’s Office (optional).

4 YEAR GUARANTEE

For entering freshmen pursuing a 4-year bachelor degree in a Forest Grove campus program, we guarantee that Pacific will provide all the courses you will need to graduate within four years. If you will not graduate on time because we failed to offer a required course, Pacific will authorize a substitute, waive the requirement, or cover the tuition costs for you to take the required course(s) at Pacific the next semester that it is offered.



TIPS FOR YOUR SENIOR YEAR AND SUMMER

- Enjoy the rest of your high school experience!
- Make plans this summer to do the things you have always wanted to do with your family and friends.
- Check your Pacific email account regularly. This is how departments on campus will be communicating with you.
- If you or your family have questions about any of these *To-Do List* items, please reach out to your admissions counselor!

TO-DO LIST CONT.

Class registration happens in July and August for incoming first-year students. Below are the steps necessary to follow in order to sign up for your half-day Advising & Registration experience.

Completing the first step, the Academic Interest Survey, triggers the rest of the process so please complete it as soon as possible after receiving the invitation via email after you deposit.

Information will be sent to your Pacific University email frequently so check it daily.

REQUIRED CLASS REGISTRATION TASKS:

- Complete the Academic Interest Survey sent via email after depositing to start the advising and registration process.
- Take the World Language Assessment if continuing a language from high school (except ASL or starting a new language).
- Take the Math Assessment on Moodle to determine appropriate math level (required unless you have college math credit).
- Optional Math Challenge Test to attempt higher math placement.
- Take the First Year Communities (FYC) Survey to choose your preferred seminar theme after completing assessments.
- Review the New Student Advising Checklist on Moodle to prepare for advising and class registration.
- Understand Undergraduate Core Requirements by reading about Foundations, Explorations, and Applications on the website before advising session.

1. Connect with your roommate before you arrive. Once you receive your roommate's information, it can help to talk with them before arriving, get to know each other a little better, and allow you to plan for what you each want to bring.

2. Check out pacificu.edu/movein-packaginglist for a list of helpful items to have with you when you arrive and throughout the year.

3. Moving to college is a big experience for you and your family, and we're here to help. There will be Pacific staff in your building, including your RA to support you and your family during the move-in process.

BOXER SERVICES

Pacific University provides a range of services focused on ensuring that Boxers have the best possible college experience. Below are just some of the many departments that are dedicated to helping Boxers succeed!

Academic & Career Advising - pacificu.edu/advising
Athletics - goboxers.com
Bookstore - pacificu.edu/bookstore
Business Office - pacificu.edu/studentaccounts
Center for Civic Engagement - pacificu.edu/cce
Center for Learning and Student Success - pacificu.edu/class
Center for Peace and Spirituality - pacificu.edu/cpas
Center for Gender Equity - pacificu.edu/cge
Center for Languages & International Collaboration - pacificu.edu/clic
CPS (Campus Public Safety) - pacificu.edu/cps
Dining Services - pacificu.edu/dining
Financial Aid - pacificu.edu/financialaid
Campus Living / Housing - pacificu.edu/housing
Library - pacificu.edu/libraries
Mail Services - pacificu.edu/mail
Office of Accessibility and Accommodation Services - pacificu.edu/oaa
Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion - diversity@pacificu.edu
Office of Transfer Student Services and Veteran Services
Orientation - pacificu.edu/orientation
Registrar - pacificu.edu/registrar
Student Activities - pacificu.edu/life-pacific
Student Health & Counseling Center - pacificu.edu/healthcenter
Student Multicultural Center - multicultural@pacificu.edu
Study Abroad Office - pacificu.edu/studyabroad
Technology Helpdesk - pacificu.edu/uis



BOXER ADVICE

Below is some advice from current Boxers to help you adjust to life at Pacific University Oregon!

“Even if you are the biggest introvert in the world, just introduce yourself to people. Every first year student is experiencing the same awkward feelings as you and everyone just wants to make friends. You won’t regret it.” - **Kim**

“GET INVOLVED! During the first week of school there will be a Club Fair and a Work & Service Fair. Go to both and keep an open mind. Sign-up for anything that catches your eye.” - **Fernando**

“My collection of cleaning supplies and hand-held vacuum made me VERY popular in my hall my first year.” - **Jaiden**

“Use a planner.” - **Jake**

“My roommate and I meet at Starbucks every week and just have a check-in with one another. It’s a nice neutral space where we can catch up and address anything that needs to be addressed concerning our living space.” - **Sydney**

“Make time for self-care. Watch Netflix, cook, play guitar, spend time with your friends, also you get 10 free counseling sessions per year at the Health & Counseling Center...use them!” - **Erin**

“You’re in college. It’s supposed to be fun. If you are feeling overwhelmed just BREATHE, make a to-do list, and don’t be afraid to ask for help.” - **Madeline**

“Introduce yourself to your professors during your first week of each term.” - **David**

“Go to class...even if its really, really nice outside. Be your authentic self. Try your best. Call your loved ones.” - **Brooke**

*65+ Areas of Study

*24 DIII Athletic Teams

* Music, Theatre, and Dance Performing Arts Ensembles

*Live in residence halls that provide an active environment and modern amenities

*Feel safe with Campus Safety on call 24/7

*Get involved in civic engagement, student publications, and performance opportunities; take part in our 70+ Clubs and Activities. If you can’t find one you want to join, we’ll work with you to create one.

YOU’RE A BOXER NOW!

At first glance, Boxer may look like a dog, perhaps with the scales of a dragon and the hooves of a goat. Boxer is most likely a qilin (pronounced chee-lin or ki-rin), a mythical Chinese creature with a lion-like stance, a unicorn-like horn, and deer or ox hooves from the Qing Dynasty. Boxer brings good luck and prosperity to whomever they watch over.





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