

Penn State Smeal MBA Program



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Planning for orientation is in full swing and while orientation is two months away there is much to do and plan for before that time – for us and for you.

Each year as we undertake the planning process for orientation we do our best to find a balance of activities that prepare you for the return to school and the associated academic preparation as well as professional and career preparation. We focus on opportunities geared toward acclimating and assimilating you to campus, town, and one another throughout the course of orientation.

While we do not have a finalized schedule for orientation, we do have a fairly comprehensive plan mapped out which you can refer to on the Admitted Student Site under the [Orientation](#) page.

As you know, orientation is required and begins on **Monday, August 12 and runs through Friday, August 23**. We work hard to balance activities but we want you to be fully aware of what to expect as you come to orientation. You can plan on full days of activities with limited free time so please keep this in mind as you prepare for your move and as you are trying to arrange set-up for phone service, cable installation, etc. – you should schedule appointments in the evening or on the weekends. You are encouraged to arrive as well in advance of the first day as possible – it helps to ease the transition and prepare you for the days ahead. Also, as you think about packing, please be sure to pack both business casual, business professional and casual clothing for orientation activities. View our [What to Pack page](#) for ideas on what you will need to kick-off your program. A great source of information as you prepare can be found on the Admitted Student Site under the [Incoming Student Checklist](#).

Some additional reminders for planning purposes:

- 1) [Submit your survey and photo by June 30](#)
- 2) [Complete your PCS and submit along with your resume by July 29](#)
- 3) [Complete Full-Time Expectation Study](#)
- 4) [Purchase your laptop](#)
- 5) [Review information on purchasing football tickets before June 28](#)
- 6) Watch for information on pre-term accounting – coming soon

Again, please be sure to check out the orientation schedule on the Admitted Student Site so that you have a sense of what lies ahead. While the days are filled, we do leave most evenings open from scheduled activities. There will be a few opportunities for evening gatherings, some planned and some informal, for you to relax and regroup with fellow classmates. You will receive the final version at the start of orientation.

We look forward to seeing you in August.

Sincerely,
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