All new students need to check in prior to the start of the semester. To check in, you’ll log in to MyTLU (my.tlu.edu), follow the check-in links, and confirm that you will be arriving on campus. The online check-in window opens at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 20 and will remain open until Friday, August 21 at 5:00 p.m. Students who have holds preventing them from checking in online will have a chance to clear them when they arrive on August 22.

Campus Housing

The Residence Life Office will house students based on the date the housing application is received. The last week of June, your housing assignment and roommate’s name and contact information will be on MyTLU. We suggest contacting your roommate to discuss the logistics of your room and to get to know each other. Careful planning and excellent communication will lead to a great home away from home, and it will save you money!

Moving In

Mark Saturday, August 22 on your calendar as the day your college career begins! If you are a residential student and living on campus, you are strongly encouraged to arrive at 8:00 a.m., but no later than 11:00 a.m., to give yourself enough time to move into your residence hall prior to Bulldog Orientation. If you are a commuter student and not living on campus, you will need to plan to arrive at 11:00 a.m. Upon arrival on campus, all new students will report to the arrival tent. Beginning August 19, TLU will accept and hold boxes for those shipping items to the university. Address the packages to your name, Texas Lutheran University, 1000 W. Court St., your campus mailbox number, Seguin, TX 78155-5987. Your campus mailbox number will be available on MyTLU by August 7.

Bulldog Orientation

Bulldog Orientation begins on Saturday, August 22, at 1:30 p.m. Bulldog Orientation is required of all students, freshmen and transfers, with programs scheduled all day and into the evening, August 22–23. It is important for students to make the necessary arrangements to attend both days in their entirety. Topics relating to college success, such as learning the essentials of the campus environment, student and faculty interaction, investigating academic and student life resources, and making positive connections at TLU are explored. Parents will have a brief orientation on August 22. Families will have an opportunity to say goodbye to their students on Saturday following the matriculation ceremony marking the formal admission of a student to TLU.

Don’t forget to check the MyTLU portal. After logging into MyTLU, go to the First Year Student portal page to meet the Peer Mentors. The portal is a great place to get more information and post questions.
Night Before

Although it will not be possible to move into campus housing early, families may wish to travel to the Seguin area before Saturday, August 22 to establish student checking accounts, shop for larger residence hall items and become acquainted with the area.

What About Computers?

This question will no doubt come up in your house this summer. While not required, the majority of students living on campus do bring their own computers to campus. TLU does offer several computer labs on campus for students to use including in the Alumni Student Center (ASC) which are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You will use the Internet and Intranet extensively to complete coursework, homework and e-mail. TLU faculty will relay class information to students using their TLU email account and other online tools. A dedicated wired network connection is provided for each student living on campus along with wireless network access being available in most of the residence hall rooms and in all of the academic buildings on campus, including the ASC. Because wireless connections in residence hall rooms may not always be consistent, students should plan to use the wired Ethernet connection as their primary internet connection. All computers on TLU’s network must have an active and up-to-date anti-virus software package running on them to be able to connect. While the TLU Information Technology department will be happy to assist students in getting connected to the campus network, it is the student’s responsibility for maintaining his/her own computer including virus/spyware removal and the installation/repair of the operating software or other software. Other wireless-only network devices such as tablets, smart-phones, and e-readers can be connected to the TLU network provided they are configured to use WPA2-Enterprise security. Some wireless devices do not offer this level of security and as such will not be able to use the TLU wireless network. Game consoles are allowed to be networked for the most part but only by wired ETHERNET connections as their wireless options typically do not allow for the WPA2-Enterprise security protocol. All the information you will need will be available on the MyTLU portal (http://my.tlu.edu) under the “IT” tab.

Televisions?

Our cable television system only delivers a digital signal so if you want to bring a TV for your room it must be a digital TV with a clear QAM tuner to receive the channels. Almost all of the TVs sold over the past 8 years are digital models but some of the lower priced brands do not have a QAM digital tuner. Brands such as the “Element” and “Insignia” are examples and as such won’t work without a converter. Check the MyTLU web portal under the IT tab -> cable channel page for a list of TV’s that won’t work ahead of time so you won’t be disappointed when you get to campus. If you do decide bring a TV, don’t forget to bring a coaxial cable to connect your set to the outlet in your room!

Banking

There are three ways for you to access money while attending college at TLU: checking account, ATM and credit cards. An ATM is located near the post office in the ASC. Many students establish a checking account in their hometown or in Seguin as they prepare for college. Listed below are banks/credit unions in Seguin.

- American Bank of Texas (830-401-1100)
- Bank of America (800-303-1253)
- Broadway Bank (830-379-9200)
- First Commercial Bank (830-379-8390)
- First National Bank (830-303-1530)
- Prosperity Bank (830-379-2222)
- Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union (830-401-5025)
- Schertz Bank & Trust (830-303-8747)
- Wells Fargo (830-379-1171)

The TLU Business Office will cash personal checks up to $50/day if the check is made out to TLU. The TLU Bookstore and Business Office accept Discover, MasterCard, Visa and American Express credit cards.
Packing List
You are encouraged to contact your roommate prior to moving in to determine what items can be shared to make the best use of available space. Current TLU students recommend the following items:
- Lamp (no halogens)
- Microwave (700 watts/0.7 cubic feet or less)
- Small refrigerator (4.3 cubic feet or less)
- Stereo, TV, VCR, DVD, etc.
- Coffeemaker
- Computer and associated equipment
- Linens, sheets (fitted for an extra-long twin bed), comforter, towels
- Rug or carpet (with foam or rubber backing)
- Telephone (less than 900 MHz)
- Pictures and posters (3M products to hang these)
- Laundry detergent and basket
- Hangers
- Personal hygiene items
- Flashlight, other tools
- Alarm clock
- Electrical strip
- Centennial Hall residents may bring a tension rod and curtain for their closet

Students are NOT permitted to bring any of the following: candles or incense, halogen lamps, weapons of any kind, drug and alcohol paraphernalia (including unopened or empty bottles and bottle caps), space heaters, toasters, toaster ovens, hot plates, grills or anything with an exposed heating element. NO pets are allowed other than fish in an aquarium that is 10 gallons or smaller. Tacks, nails, pins, screws, tape of any kind, putty, adhesives, or anything that may damage or mar surfaces are not permitted. Information on decorating your room will be available at Bulldog Basics.

ADA Accommodations
For ADA accommodations, please refer to Disability Services under the Student Life tab on MyTLU.

Textbooks
Order your books online using *Price Comparison* at bookstore.tlu.edu beginning July 23. Compare TLU Bookstore pricing with other major online sellers to get the best price. Rental books are available online or in the Bookstore (credit card is required to set up rentals) and books purchased online can be picked up beginning August 11. The costs of textbooks will vary depending on your course schedule, but budget approximately $450 per semester. Textbooks may be purchased with a credit card online and with a credit card, cash, check or Bulldog Bucks in the Bookstore.

Student Account Payment Dates and Services
Students are assessed charges each semester for tuition, fees, housing and/or the meal plan they select. Two payment options are currently available:

Payment in Full: Full payment is due by August 3, 2015. After total financial aid is subtracted from charges, any remaining balance must be paid out-of-pocket if this option is being selected.

Monthly Payment Plan: Payment of the net balance, after all proceeds from financial aid have been applied, may be made in four installments per semester as outlined below:

**Fall 2015**
- Aug. 3 Initial installment payment (40%)
- Sept. 15 Second installment payment (20%)
- Oct. 15 Third installment payment (20%)
- Nov. 15 Fourth installment payment (20%)

**Spring 2016**
- Jan. 4 Initial installment payment (40%)
- Feb. 15 Second installment payment (20%)
- Mar. 15 Third installment payment (20%)
- Apr. 15 Fourth installment payment (20%)

Student accounts with balances after the first payment deadline of each semester will be subject to a $50 installment plan fee.

Students who register will receive a Fall 2015 billing packet in mid-July.

Throughout each term, the Business Office provides the following services:
- Monthly student account billing to permanent mailing addresses.
- Weekly financial aid credit refund processing.
## Important Dates

Dates to remember during the 2015–2016 academic year.

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## Notes

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## Questions? Comments?

Contact the Office of Admissions with questions concerning financial aid, admissions or general information about Texas Lutheran University.