Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary of California Lutheran University
Fall 2024 Orientation + Life and Learning Together Week
(includes Orientation Videos, Zoom Sessions, In-Person Gatherings, and Classes)

Preparation

Prior to Life and Learning Together Week:
- email your advisor to introduce yourself and make an appointment to discuss your program, candidacy/licensure, and registration;
- view the orientation videos on the Google Drive (available mid-August); and,
- submit the feedback form with questions to Dr. Veen (lveen@plts.edu) to be addressed on Friday, 30 August 2024 during the orientation sessions on Zoom

Move In is available beginning 19 August 2024. Contact housing@plts.edu to schedule a move in time. Please mark the dates below on your calendar. All times are listed in the Pacific Time Zone (PT).

Thursday, 29 August 2024 – In Person

Optional for all incoming and continuing students and partners/families residing in the Bay Area

2:00 – 3:30 pm  Downtown Berkeley, UC-Berkeley Tour, and GTU: Civic Life, Art, Green Spaces, Food, etc. Meet in the lobby of the Overture.

5:30 – 7:00 pm  Overture Rooftop Social Time (light dinner) with Admissions + Student Services

Friday, 30 August 2024 – On Zoom

Required for all incoming students via Zoom

9:00 am  Welcome and Introduction to People you need to know at PLTS of CLU, including:
  - Dr. Ray Pickett, PLTS Rector
  - Dr. Alicia Vargas, Academic Dean
  - Ms. Maria Freeberg + Ms. Allison Tabor, Financial Aid at Cal Lu
  - Mr. Aaron Greig, Business Office + Academic Services
  - Dr. Leslie Veen, Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs
  - Introduction to the Student Association at PLTS

10:30 am  Break
10:45 am Community Worship – the whole PLTS community is welcome to join

11:30 am Virtual Lunch with faculty and staff of PLTS of CLU

1:00 pm Learning Resources
  • Pearson Library of the CLU presentation
  • Dr. Leslie Veen, Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs

Monday, 2 September 2024 – Campus Relationship Building
Optional for all incoming and continuing students and partners/families

5:00 pm Evening Prayer in Ubuntu

5:30 pm Dinner

6:30 pm Movie Sing-A-Long

Tuesday, 3 September 2024 – Campus Orientation + Classes
Required for all incoming students

8:30 – 10:00 am Welcome to PLTS in Ubuntu
Review of Degree Programs and Concentrations
Registration Walk-through + Troubleshooting

10:00 – 10:30 am Break

10:30 am – Noon Title IX at PLTS
Using Moodle

Afternoon Meeting with Faculty Advisors or Pr. Katy Grindberg (make appointments in advance)

1:30 – 2:30 pm RSFT-8103 Methods + Hermeneutics in La Lucha (for enrolled DL students)

3:00 – 3:30 pm CE-8125 Christian Ethics: RLE in La Lucha (for enrolled DL students)

5:30 – 7:30 pm Picnic in the Park
(All Community – partners and families welcome)
Wednesday, 4 September 2024 – Campus Community Day

Required for all incoming students

8:30 – 9:30 am  
Introduction to the Center for Climate Justice and Faith
PLTS + the Candidacy Process

9:30 -10:30 am  
Spiritual Care Team - Self-Care & Wellness Resources and Spiritual Care Groups

11:00 am - noon  
Chapel followed by Community Lunch (All Community – partners and families welcome)

12:30 – 1:00 pm  
Introduction to our anti-racism work for the year led by Dr. Ray Pickett

1:00 – 2:00 pm  
“How to Make the Most of Your Time in Seminary” with members of the faculty

Afternoon  
Meeting with Faculty Advisors or Pr. Katy Grindberg (make appointments in advance)

5:00 – 6:30 pm  
Berkeley Walking Tour

Thursday, 5 September 2024 – Campus Orientation + Classes

Required for all incoming students who are enrolled in these courses

Morning  
Meeting with Faculty Advisors or Pr. Katy Grindberg (make appointments in advance)

9:30 – 10:30 am  
Introduction to Contextual Education with Pr. Katy Grindberg in Ubuntu
Invitation to Join in Worship Planning

10:30 – 11:00 am  
Break

11:00 am – noon  
OT-8175 Introduction to the OT in La Lucha (for all enrolled students)

Noon – 2:30 pm  
Meeting with Faculty Advisors or Pr. Katy Grindberg (make appointments in advance)

3:00 – 4:00 pm  
GTU Library Use & Search Orientation (meet at 2000 Center at 2:30 pm to walk together)

5:00 – 7:00 pm  
Gallery Opening at the GTU Library
Friday, 6 September 2024 – Campus

Classes + Community Building

*Required for all incoming students who are enrolled in this course*

9:00 am – 1:00 pm  SP-8100 Foundations in Christian Spirituality in 208 Liberación (for those enrolled)

1:30 pm  Afternoon Prayer (All Community – partners and families welcome)

2 pm  Dismissal

Saturday, 7 September 2024 – San Damiano Retreat Center

Open to all students. **Required for those who are enrolled in the concentration.** Optional for those who are interested in learning more. DL students should book travel and accommodations to allow participation in the full day retreat. **Scholarship funds are available to help with the extra night of housing for DL students.**

10:00 am – 5:00 pm  Climate Justice & Faith Concentration Retreat

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**Location Key**

The Overture Apartments: 1812 University Avenue, Berkeley

PLTS Campus: 2000 Center Street, Suite 200, Berkeley

GTU Library: 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley

San Damiano Retreat Center: 710 Highland Drive, Danville

* This schedule is tentative and is subject to change.*