



APRIL — JUNE

Within three to four weeks of your receipt of this mailing, the Dean's Office will send you:

- An abbreviated Dean's Office Directory
- A campus map
- Useful information about preparing for your first semester
- *FORMS*, many of which you will be able to complete online, including:
 - » *medical forms* to be completed and returned by your health care provider.
Note: if you anticipate long delays in attaining an appointment with your health care provider, you may want to *schedule this now*.
 - » *insurance forms*
 - » the *housing questionnaire*
 - » the *academic advisor questionnaire*

And much more.

JUNE — JULY

MONDAY, JUNE 2: All Forms mentioned above are due in to the Dean's Office

In the beginning of July, the Dean's Office will mail information about the academic program and details about the first day of orientation. Throughout July, details about the entire orientation week will become available online.

AUGUST

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| Saturday | 23 | International student orientation begins. |
| Tuesday | 26 | <i>Residence halls open for new students and first year orientation begins.</i> |
| Friday | 29 | Registration for classes begins.
Residence halls open for returning students. |

SEPTEMBER

Monday 1 ***Classes and seminars begin for all students!***



FALL 2008

- Mon. Sep. 1** ***Classes and seminars begin for all students!***
- Wed. Oct. 1 Final Exam Schedule is available online. *Final exams are not rescheduled to accommodate travel plans. If you must arrange travel before this date, do not expect to leave until after 2:00 pm Dec. 20.*
- Fri. Oct. 10 October holiday begins at the end of last class or seminar. Residence halls remain open and meal plans in service.
- Mon. Oct. 20 October holiday ends at 8:30 am.
- Mon. Nov. 24 Pre-enrollment for spring semester begins.
- Wed. Nov. 26 Thanksgiving vacation begins at the end of last class or seminar. Residence halls remain open and meal plans in service.
- Mon. Dec. 1 Thanksgiving vacation ends at 8:30 am. *All accounts must show a zero or positive balance to enroll or select a room.*
- Tue. Dec. 9 Classes end.
- Fri. Dec. 12 Final exams begin.
- Thu. Dec. 18 Seminars end.
- Sat. Dec. 20 Final exams end at noon. Meal plan ends at lunch. Residence halls close at 6:00 pm.

SPRING 2009

- Sat. Jan. 17 Residence halls open at noon.
- Sun. Jan. 18 Meal plan starts at dinner.
- Mon. Jan. 19 Classes and seminars begin.
- Fri. Mar. 6 Spring vacation begins at the end of last class or seminar. Residence halls remain open and meal plans in service.
- Mon. Mar. 16 Spring vacation ends at 8:30 am.
- Mon. Apr. 1 *All accounts must show a zero or positive balance to enroll or select a room.*
- Fri. Apr. 17 Family Weekend begins.
- Fri. May 1 Classes and seminars end.
- Thu. May 7 Final exams begin.
- Sat. May 16 Final exams end. Non-seniors are expected to leave the College within 24 hours of their last exam.
- Sun. May 17 Meal plans end at dinner for all but seniors.
- Sun. May 31 Commencement.



HOUSING

The College provides:

- Furniture: bed, desk, chair, dresser
- Coin operated laundry facilities, irons and ironing boards
- Phone line and voice mail box

What you will need:

- Bedding — twin x-long, 36x80 (mattress covers*, sheets*, blankets*, bedspreads*, pillow*)
- Clothes hangers*
- Desk or floor lamps* (halogen lamps are not allowed)
- Metal waste basket* (metal required for fire safety)
- Phone and cable to plug into phone jack*
Highly recommended: phone with a message waiting light—our system is compatible with the most popular methods: High DC Voltage or Frequency-Shift Keying [FSK];
Recommended: CallerID, handset volume and ring volume adjustments, and a flash button
- Towels and washcloths*

Nice things to have:

- Alarm clock/clockradio*
- Bike and bike lock* (most bikes must be stored outdoors)
- Computer, with cables* and accessories*
- Fan*
- Hair dryer*
- Mirror*
- Stereo/radio
- Small refrigerator*, no larger than 24" high, 18" deep and 18" wide
- Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) approved extension cord/outlet strip with circuit breaker*
Note: Rooms often have limited outlets. For safety reasons, all electrical items must be UL approved and be limited to the electric capacity of the room.

Prohibited items:

- Air conditioners
- Cooking appliances, candles, halogen lamps, incense, space heaters and other fire hazards
- Pets
- Wireless routers and cordless phones (they can interfere with the wireless network)

* **Indicates items available for purchase in the College Bookstore.** Orders can be placed online at <http://www.bookstore.swarthmore.edu>, and packed and waiting for you when you arrive on campus.



RECOMMENDATIONS

Mac or Windows or other?

ITS supports and recommends either Mac or Windows. Both are supported by Swarthmore, and Dell PCs can be serviced on campus. Linux machines are allowed, but are not supported by the College.

Desktop or Laptop?

Either is an option. Desktops are generally less expensive, more powerful and durable, and harder to steal or lose. Laptops allow you to take your work with you, and Swarthmore provides campus-wide wireless coverage. If you choose to buy a laptop, the College highly recommends getting an extended service plan.

What do I need in order to connect my computer to the network?

The College provides campus-wide wireless coverage, and all dorms contain Ethernet jacks. To connect via the jack, you will need a 14' to 25' Ethernet cable. The College requires all students to install the College's anti-virus software to gain access to the network.

Recommended specifications for purchasing a computer:

PC:

- » Core Duo or Pentium Dual Core processor
- » 2 GB of RAM
- » XP or Vista

Mac:

- » Intel Core Duo processor
- » 2 GB of RAM
- » OS X.4 (Tiger) or X.5 (Leopard)

Whichever system you choose, please bring everything that comes with your computer, including the operating system and software CDs.

Additional information is available at <http://www.swarthmore.edu/x12433.xml>

What about software?

We recommend Office 2003 or 2007 for the PC and Office 2004 or 2008 for the Mac. Swarthmore students can purchase these and other software products at significant discounts at the College Bookstore's web site. Go to <http://www.bookstore.swarthmore.edu>, click on *COMPUTERS*, and follow the link to the *technology e-store* for more information.