



P² (Pre-Princeton)

Introduction

Over the years, there has been a marked increase in students who are not part of an approved group showing up to campus prior to the official date of return. (Princeton, though it starts the fall term later than many of its peers, has a generous policy of permitting students who are not pre-approved to return to campus the weekend before the Thursday start of classes.)

Most University services that support students during the academic year are not geared up before classes begin. We are an academic-year campus without summer academic course offerings and a distinctly different set of support services during the summer.

The University is not changing its policy, but will begin to institute practices that permit us to better follow current policy while addressing safety, security, sustainability and savings issues.

http://www.princeton.edu/facilities/housing/undergraduate_info/res_guide_draw/-Terms_of_Agreement

"... the University agrees to provide the student with the use of the accommodations for the two terms of the academic year commencing at an approved day prior to the first week of classes and ending the last day of the final examination period for the second term of the academic year ..."

This coming fall, students, not part of a pre-approved group, may return to campus on Saturday, September 12, five days before the start of classes.

Note: Last year, Labor Day was the earliest possible date: September 1, non pre-approved students returned on September 7, and classes began on September 11. This fall, Labor Day will be the latest possible date: September 7, non pre-approved students will return on September 12, and classes will begin on September 17.

FAQ

What will be different this fall?

- We're launching a pilot program called P² (Pre-Princeton) for students who are invited or required to arrive between August 20 and September 11 as part of a varsity athletic team or part of a pre-orientation or orientation program.
- There will be an approval process for those who need to return early; for most students, including athletes and pre-orientation and orientation participants, there will be no change.
- Students must have a sponsor that is responsible for the program.

- A database will be created to provide organizational support for the pre-approved groups.
- Students returning between August 20 and September 1 will be housed in concentrated areas, (housed together in a few specific dorms that will be open early) rather than spread throughout campus in their academic-year rooms, for safety and security. This will enable longer access to dorms for renovation and cleaning, and concentrate early returns in an area that enhances safety and security at a time when the University is still on a summer schedule.
- Students arriving before September 12 will have an early arrival P² housing contract that will clarify the housing policy and student responsibilities. Program sponsors will also have a contract of responsibility.
- On September 1, all pre-approved groups/students will have access to their academic-year rooms. Students who have lived on campus during the summer will move directly from their summer room to their academic-year room.
- Access to dorms will be controlled by activating prox cards, based on the approved early arrival list.
- Parking: Students who are on campus between June 15 and August 31 will need to request a summer parking permit (free) and will have access to Lot 21 (east of Jadwin Gymnasium). Juniors and seniors who want to park on campus between September 1 to June 15 will need to request a parking permit (fee) and will have access to Lot 23 (as usual).

Who is on the Early Approval Policy Committee and what will they do?

Representatives from:

- Athletics
- Office of the Dean of the College
- Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Students
- Housing
- Public Safety
- University Health Services
- Registrar
- Financial Aid

What is the charge of the EAPC committee?

The committee will create criteria for:

- approval process
- early return groups
- early return individuals

What is the charge of the EAPC committee? (cont)

- exception policy
- program sponsor
- implementation process
- communication, roll-out process

What will happen to the students who show up before the official date of return and are not approved to move in?

- It will be suggested that they find accommodations off campus until September 12.
- The committee will be working on both the exception policy and what happens when students arrive before their approved date.

How is this different from previous years?

- Previously, the prox system was turned on in mid-August, and there was limited coordination or approval process for students returning early.
- Parking permits were for 12 months.

What were the concerns with the old system?

- Most University services that support students during the academic year are not geared up before classes begin. We are an academic-year campus without summer academic course offerings and a distinctly different set of support services during the summer.
- Over the years, there has been a marked increase in students who are not part of an approved group showing up to campus prior to the official date of return.
- There was incomplete knowledge of who was on campus. This needed to improve from a safety and security standpoint.
- Because of early returnees and their existence throughout dorms on campus, renovations and cleaning were on truncated schedules.
- Because of increased incidents of alcohol and other violations, there is greater concern for student safety and security. These incidents included alcohol violations, transports to the University Medical Center at Princeton (indicating dangerous levels of alcohol), increases in the number of access/entry issues including forced entry and held doors, which affects the security of a dorm.
- We are an academic campus and set up to support students during the academic year.

Will anything else during the year be different?

Students who stay on campus during the winter break will need to register through a new website. The University should know who is on campus during winter break to be able to respond specifically to students in the event of an emergency, i.e., a power outage, a weather event, a fire. We need to be responsible to the students who are on campus. Because our term doesn't end before winter break, like most schools, students have access to their rooms -- we want to provide a safe and secure campus and attend to any emergencies.