

16 Things to do before you arrive on campus:

The first week of classes will be here sooner than you know it. Here are 15 action steps we suggest you take before you arrive on campus. Take a read and start preparing!

1). Complete all of the required new student forms. Have you filled out all of your forms? Log in to <https://my.geneva.edu> to complete the New Student Forms. Having your forms completed before you arrive to campus gives you the fast pass once you arrive for move-in day.

2). Follow @genevacse on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. Get the latest Geneva student event info, pictures, and videos by staying in touch with the social media happenings of the Center for Student Engagement. Joining this social media madness will also keep you up-to-date on all Welcome Week info.

3). Get to know my.geneva.edu. My.geneva is our online management tool for students, faculty, and staff. Once you have your student e-mail and password, you'll be able to access my.geneva and look around. Check out E-learning, Student Information, the Registrar and more. You'll be on your way to feeling more comfortable on campus.

4). Print out the Welcome Week Schedule. Welcome Week begins Wednesday, Aug. 21st for First Year Students and Friday, Aug. 23rd for Transfer Students. Welcome Week is integral to connecting at Geneva. It will help you meet new people and transition to the academic life of the college. Make sure you call off work now so that you can take part in the entire week!

5). Make a move-in day playlist. Nothing gets you in the groove on your first day of campus life like your own jams. Then, once you arrive, swap playlists with your new roommate/classmate. Who knows, you might both secretly like the same artists!

6). Write someone a thank you letter. Although you have accomplished a lot to get here, most likely someone else has also contributed to you making it to Geneva. Take a second to let this special person know how much you appreciate how they have impacted your life. And send them a letter - not a text or Facebook message – but a letter. Trust us, they will appreciate it.

7). Make a packing list. Even if you aren't a list person, we suggest going with a list on this one. Start with the large categories: academics, clothes, snack food, room décor. From there, start adding specific items to the list. This list will help alleviate the stress of actually packing. Check out our suggestions on what to bring list.

8). Throw a going away party for yourself. You are starting a big new venture. The best way to start a new chapter, celebrate with folks that are in your current chapter. Invite your family, invite your friends, and make the most of a night of celebration together.

9). Check the move-in day map. We know that move-in day is a big day for you. We want to make that big day as stress-free as possible. Therefore, we have created a specific driving flow to help keep everyone moving in the right direction – literally.

10). Contact your roommate (commuters – we thought we would give you a gift and let you skip out on one). Some of the best times in college are with your roommate. Take the initiative to contact your roommate and start the relationship off right. Wondering what you would talk about? Here are some conversation starters: What are you bringing for the room? What time do you think you will get to Geneva on move-in day? How often do you shower a week? From there, just go with your instincts.

11). Check out local churches. Plugging in with a local church is a great way to connect, serve, and be served. Do some searching online, but we'll also provide a list at Summer Preview. We'll also have opportunities during Welcome Week to connect with local churches.

12). Know your class schedule. We pride ourselves with our great faculty who are second to none in the classroom. But before you can soak in all of the knowledge that our professors have to offer, you have to make it to your class. You can get your schedule online under my.geneva.edu and then clicking on the Student Information tab. You will also receive a hard copy of the schedule at Summer Preview.

13). Hug your parents daily. Even if they don't show it, your parents are going to miss you – or at least most of you. Give them a little daily kickback for helping you make it to age 18. A huge can go a long way in making the transition a good one for everyone.

14). Make a list of 10 goals. College is what you make it. The opportunity for growth is around every corner at Geneva. Make a list of 10 things you want to accomplish in your first year at college.

15). Pray daily. We have already been praying for you as you start making this transition. Join with us as we cover this time of your life in prayer. Be specific. Be bold. Be consistent.

16). Enjoy your summer. Although we hope you start thinking about how you can prepare for college, we don't want you to miss out on your summer. We hope you dominant this list, all while saving room for soaking in the sun, hitting up baseball games, and enjoying late nights with the friends.