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### Activate Your NetID and Email, and Visit MyDashboard

- Newly admitted students should activate their NetID at netid.rutgers.edu and then access the myRutgers dashboard at my.rutgers.edu.

### Learn your RUID and PAC

- Your RUID (###-00-###-###) is the Rutgers University Identification number. The number was assigned to you during the admissions process. Your temporary Personal Access Code (PAC) is a four-digit number made up of your birth month and day (eg. March 28 = 0328). PACs can be changed through the Office of the Registrar. Although the University requires your NetID to be the primary source to access resources, the RUID and PAC are secondary credentials for web registration and bill pay. Returning students should first register for classes using with RUID and PAC to allow for reactivation of NetID.

### Update Emergency Contact

- All students, especially re-enrolling students, are responsible for ensuring that their address and emergency contact information is up-to-date.

### Financial Aid & Transcripts

- Apply for Financial Aid. All students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Circumstances and economic resources can change mid-semester, so plan ahead. Speak to a financial aid advisor immediately if you encounter any financial problems and check your aid status at Rutgers.
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## Submit Official & Updated Transcripts and Test Scores.
Send final official transcripts from all prior colleges/universities, record of your HS diploma (or GED), and all official test scores (AP, CLEP, etc.) to Rutgers University, Office of Undergraduate Admissions, 65 Davidson Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854. Transcripts can also be sent electronically to transcripts@admissions.rutgers.edu. Official transcripts and test scores ensure you get the transfer credit you earned.

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## Review Your Online Rutgers Transcript and Verification of Enrollment.
View your grades online at the end of each semester. Online transcripts requests are available to you by entering your NetID. Financial holds preclude you from receiving transcripts. Enrollment verifications can be used as proof of enrollment at Rutgers without sharing your grades, for insurance purposes, employers, etc.

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## Transfer Credit Evaluations.
Based on the transcript(s) provided, new students may view a completed initial transfer evaluation online using your RUID and PIN. School-to-school transfers and returning students will receive an email of the transfer evaluation once all transcripts are evaluated. You can also review your transcript for updated information.

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## Orientation, IDs, Advising and Registration

### Register for a New Student Orientation (NSO) Program.
New Students can register for an orientation program provided by the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) through myRutgers dashboard. Not to be confused with SMLR Transfer, Advising, and Registration (STAR) Days. Returning or current Rutgers students new to New Brunswick should contact NSO.

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### Connection ID Cards.
The RUConnection card grants access to the University libraries, computer labs, recreation centers, and sporting events. You may also use your ID card to manage RU Express accounts and meal plans. Upload your photo today on the myRutgers dashboard.

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### Register/Attend Your School’s STAR Day.
All new School of Management and Labor Relations (SMLR) students should register for SMLR Transfer, Advising, and Registration (STAR) Days.

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<td>Are You a Full-Time Student Without Personal Health Coverage? Rutgers University policy requires comprehensive health insurance coverage for all students who are registered full-time enrolled in a degree-seeking program. All full-time students must have self-provided or Rutgers-contracted health coverage. Full-time students who do not have health insurance must enroll in and pay for an insurance plan offered through a national provider. The cost of the plan is added to your term bill. Full-time students who have an existing insurance plan may waive Rutgers-contracted coverage, but will be required to complete an online waiver each semester. Learn more about your coverage.</td>
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**Obtaining Special Permission Numbers:** a special permission number (SPN) is a six-digit number that can allow students to register for a class that is closed or requires special permission to register. Each department or professor determines the policy on granting SPNs. Contact the department that offers the course for more information.

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**Degree Navigator** is a user-friendly audit and academic planning and advising system that enables students to view program(s) of study, academic profile and progress, course listings, and program and degree requirements. Review your degree navigator page often.

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**Special Audiences**

**RU an International Student?** Rutgers serves international students, scholars, faculty and their dependents. Meet your advisor.

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**RU a First-Generation College Student?** Rutgers has a long-standing commitment to first-generation college students no matter what type of student. Programming continues to be developed. Visit RU-1st often.

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**Are you a mature female student or Interested in the Bunting Program for NTS?**

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**Are You a Veteran or Plan to Join the Military?** Rutgers is a veteran friendly school and not only supports veterans, but students interested in ROTC programs or future military service. Office of Veteran and Military Programs and Services supports veterans, military, and eligible family members through comprehensive programs and services.

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**Douglass Residential College** has dedicated professional staff that offers female students personalized attention and unique experiential learning opportunities. The professionals at Douglass are deeply dedicated to bringing out the best in each student. After graduation, students are a part of the dedicated Douglass alumnae network at the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College and the Rutgers University Alumni Association, which offers lifelong friendships and career development opportunities.

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**Special Services**

**Do You Suspect That You Have a Disability or Need Special Accommodations?** The Office of Disability has teams that provide the necessary tools, resources and support for individuals with disabilities to become responsible decision-makers and self-advocates in charge of their own future.

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