Penn looks forward to welcoming you in August during New Student Orientation (NSO) – and we expect you’ll have an enjoyable summer! By taking these ten key actions before you arrive, you’ll be on top of everything you need to start your Penn experience.

1. **Student Campus Compact & Health Check**
   - Review the [Student Campus Compact](#).
   - Understand the communal responsibility to balance the health and safety needs of our community with the University’s core missions.
   - Be aware of the mandatory [PennOPen Pass](#) daily wellness checks and symptoms monitoring.
   - Review [health insurance and immunization records](#).

2. **PennKey Setup**
   - Receive Setup Code by email in May.
   - Select PennKey username and password.
   - Register security questions so you can quickly reset your PennKey and password.
   - Test PennKey to ensure it is working properly by visiting [www.upenn.edu/computing/pennkey/index.html](http://www.upenn.edu/computing/pennkey/index.html) and clicking “Test my Pennkey.”

3. **Campus Express**
   - Apply for PennCard.
   - Set up Penn email.
   - Review housing assignment.
   - Choose dining plan.
   - Register bike, laptop, etc.
   - Review book & computer options.
   - Review banking services.
   - Review transportation services.

4. **Financial Aid Consultation**
   - Consult with financial aid advisor.
   - Complete all necessary forms.
   - Complete all necessary steps through Student Financial Services.
   - Give permission to share academic/financial information.
   - Setup PENN.PAY users and payment accounts for your student bills.
   - Sign up for direct deposit for your student account refund(s) and payroll.
   - Review your personal profile.
   - (Optional) Search for work-study opportunities.

5. **Academic Advising**
   - The advising process differs among the four undergraduate schools, so look out for information from your specific school about next steps for academic advising for the fall. Make sure to complete the tasks required by your school and/or program.

6. **Advance Registration for Courses**
   - Prepare for the four-week Advance Registration window using PennInTouch under “Registration & Planning.”
   - Search for courses.
   - Create mock schedules.
   - (Optional) Modify your academic planning worksheet.
   - When Advanced Registration is open, make sure you click “Register for courses” and input your course selections. Mock schedules are for planning only — you still need to register your preferences during the registration window. Your course selections will be automatically submitted at the end of Advanced Registration.

7. **Thrive at Penn (TAP) Modules**
   - Complete TAP Modules through Canvas in August.
   - Save PDFs and links from the modules to your computer for reference throughout your first year at Penn.

8. **Pre-Orientation Programs**
   - (Optional) Apply for [Pre-Orientation programs](#).
   - PENNacle.
   - PennArts.
   - PennCORP.
   - PennGreen.
   - PennQuest.
   - Advancing Women in Engineering (AWE).
   - Wharton’s Successful Transition and Empowerment program (STEP).
   - Hillel’s FreshMeet Retreat.
   - Newman Center Novus.

9. **NSO Website and Class Facebook Page**
   - Check out the [New Student Orientation website](#).
   - Contact NSO staff with any additional questions by email [provost-nso-ai@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:provost-nso-ai@pobox.upenn.edu) or on Facebook [www.Penn2024.com](http://www.Penn2024.com).

10. **Penn Reading Project and The Academic Theme Year**
    - Read and watch the PRP selections and prepare for group discussions with your fellow first-year students and members of the Penn community.
    - Engage with group facilitators to develop ideas for active participation in an organization or specific project.