

# ***Congratulations on your decision to attend Shippensburg University!***

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We hope you're getting excited about the experience ahead—the beginning of your collegiate journey at Shippensburg University! We realize that you have various educational options, and we are honored that you have selected **SHIP**.

We are committed to creating a responsive learning environment in which you have the greatest potential for success. At **SHIP**, you will find many people who will help you along the way and many resources that are available to assist you to reach your goals.

Getting off to a good start is a key to your successful journey at **SHIP**. Your summer Orientation will assist you to launch your journey and to get started in the right direction. But, you need to come prepared to get the most out of Orientation.

## **What to do before you come to Orientation**

This **GPS – Getting prepared for SHIP** portal is designed to prepare you for the academic activities that will take place during your Orientation sessions. You are expected to review this material prior to coming to Orientation. So, please take the time to explore the various components of the portal.

It is recommended that you not attempt to read through the entire **GPS** materials in one sitting and that you go back as needed to review the information that may be most relevant for you. You should bookmark the **GPS** home page so that you can easily return to the site.

***Please remember that attendance at Orientation is expected and that this review does not replace that responsibility.***

## **Where to start**

1. The first folder you should read is the **Overview of the GPS**.
2. Next, review the **Course Registration Materials**.  
This section contains information about the actual process of registering for your fall classes at Orientation. You will see files on our General Education program, on the placement testing program, and on the actual registration process. The registration process file contains screenshots of the online registration system to help familiarize you with what you will be doing in the lab with an academic advisor.
3. Then, based on your declared major or area of interest, review the materials posted by your college or program.
4. The other folders provide information on available resources and answers to questions you may have. You are encouraged to explore the resources and questions that are of interest to you.

Getting off to a good start contributes significantly to your overall academic success at **SHIP**. It sets the tone for the rest of your college career. Therefore, it is very important that you spend the necessary time reviewing the provided information and come prepared to the Orientation day specified by your college or school.

## **Welcome Aboard!**

*Again, thank you for choosing Shippensburg University.  
The faculty, staff, and your fellow shipmates  
look forward to your arrival*