Accessibility Guide

What forms of care do you need to attend this event?

We are planning to have transcripts and materials available for all Saturday sessions. Please let us know if you have other recommendations/requests — our aim is equitable, care-oriented access for all. For requests not already included in your conference registration information, please email Stacy Kastner (kastners@writing.upenn.edu) by Thursday, September 28th. We will also do our best to fulfill requests made after the September 28th deadline has passed.¹

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¹ Language adopted from registration form created by Carly Schnitzler for the WAC Clearinghouse’s virtual launch event for TextGenEd: Teaching with Text Generation Technologies.
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The Inn at Penn
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The Study at University City
20 S 33rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19104
info.uc@studyhotels.com
215-387-1400

The Van Pelt-Dietrich Library
3420 Walnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19104
215-898-7555
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Building Access Map and Information
Floor Plan for the 6th Floor

McNeil Building
3718 Locust Walk, Philadelphia, PA 19104
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Penn Police Department
General Information, 215-898-7297
Emergencies, 215-573-3333

Accessibility Mapping Project
https://web.sas.upenn.edu/access-map/
A digital interface with a crowdsourced map of physical and social barriers on Penn's campus

PennAccess
https://facilities.upenn.edu/maps/pennaccess
A Penn Facilities maintained website with information on the accessible features of the buildings and campus grounds owned or leased by the University
Friday: Van Pelt-Dietrich Library

Image Description: The photo shows the main entrance to the Van Pelt-Dietrich Library off of Locust Walk, including the 16-foot wide Split Button sculpture created by Swedish sculptor Claes Oldenburg in 1981.

When you enter the main floor, you will encounter a welcome desk where staff will ask you to sign in and show a current, valid government or school-issued photo ID that contains an expiration date.

Image Description: The photo shows the accessible entrance to the Van Pelt-Dietrich Library. When you are facing the stairs to the first floor main entrance, the accessible entrance (southeast entrance) is on the right side of the building down a brick paved sidewalk with a slight downward slope.

Elevators on the first floor (main entrance) and ground floor (accessible entrance) will be to your left. Our event will be in the Kislak Center on the 6th floor of the Van Pelt-Dietrich Library.
Van Pelt-Dietrich Library Accessibility

Image Description: The image shows a map of the Van Pelt Library located between 34th and 36th streets and below Walnut. The accessible entrance is co-located with the book drop and is to the right of the main entrance staircase in front of the Split Button statue on Locust Walk (the second photo on the previous page).

The main entrance to Van Pelt Library is off of Locust Walk and is at the top of a flight of stairs without a ramp. There are two sets of stairs with handrails separated by a small landing in the middle where there is no handrail (the first photo on the previous page).

When you enter the main floor, you will encounter a welcome desk where staff will ask you to sign in and show a current, valid government or school-issued photo ID that contains an expiration date. The elevators are to the left past the welcome desk and access the 6th floor where our event is taking place.

The southeast entrance to Van Pelt Library – just to the right of the staircase to the first-floor main entrance – is accessible. When you are facing the stairs to the first floor main entrance, the accessible entrance is on the right side of the building down a brick paved sidewalk with a slight downward slope. The accessible entrance has a level entrance with an automatic door and card-swipe system; the door opens towards you.

We will have staff outside of this door to swipe visitors into the building until 7pm on Friday. The elevators will be located to your left and access the 6th floor where our event is taking place.

Registration tables will greet you as you exit the elevators onto the 6th floor.

The welcome cocktail reception will be held in the Moelis Reading Terrace, which is to your immediate right when you step out of the elevators.
The photo is an image of the Moelis Reading Terrace which is located between the Class of 1978 Pavilion and a wall of windows. The floor is tiled and covered with large, low pile dark gray mats. The space is set up as a lounge and features a number of conversational seating arrangements of dark brown leather couches, graphic red upholstered swivel chairs, and metal and glass top coffee tables.

The plated dinner keynote will be held in the Class of 1978 Pavilion which is located directly behind the registration tables and to your left when you are in the Moelis Reading Terrace facing the Furness Shakespeare Library.

The nearest gender-neutral restroom is on the 5th floor. The nearest fully accessible restroom is located on the 3rd floor. The ground floor also has fully accessible restrooms. The 6th floor restrooms do not have a button for assisted opening. To reach the 6th floor restrooms, turn left when you exit the elevators and turn left again at the end of the hall, following the curator’s corridor to the restrooms. There is a wheelchair accessible stall with a raised toilet and hand rail.
Walking Directions from The Inn at Penn

Inn at Penn Sansom Street Exit to Library
0.2 Miles, Estimated by GoogleMaps to take 5 minutes
The walk will be on paved sidewalks until you cross Walnut street and enter campus where the walkway is paved with brick.

Image Description: Overhead photo of walking route from the Sansom Street Exit from The Inn at Penn to The Library, the route to the first floor entrance is marked by a red line and the route to the accessible entrance is marked by a blue line. There are labeled streets and pedestrian walkways lined by trees and several other labeled buildings.

1. From the traffic/drop-off circle, turn right onto Sansom Street (Bookstore will be on your right)
2. Once you reach the intersection, turn right onto South 36th Street (Urban Outfitters will be on your right)
3. Walk straight down 36th street, crossing Walnut Street, entering Penn’s campus down a brick paved sidewalk (The Library is on your left)
4. When you reach a large intersection, turn left onto Locust Walk (There should be a “Love” Sculpture in front of you). You will see the library on your left in front of a button sculpture.
5. The first floor entrance is up the staircase in front of the button. The accessible entrance is to the right of the staircase on the ground/basement floor.
**Inn at Penn Walnut Street Exit to Library**

0.2 Miles, Estimated by GoogleMaps to take 4 minutes

The walk will be on paved sidewalks until you enter campus where the walkway is paved with brick.

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**Image Description:** Overhead photo of walking route from the Walnut Street Exit from The Inn at Penn to The Library, the route to the first floor entrance is marked by a red line and the route to the accessible entrance is marked by a blue line. There are labeled streets and pedestrian walkways lined by trees and several other labeled buildings.

1. Turn left onto Walnut street.

2. At 36th and Walnut (The Bookstore entrance should be on your left), turn right onto 36th street.

3. Walk straight down 36th Street, crossing Walnut Street, entering Penn’s campus down a brick paved sidewalk (The Library is on your left)

4. When you reach a large intersection, turn left onto Locust Walk (There should be a “Love” Sculpture in front of you). You will see the library on your left in front of a button sculpture.

5. The first floor entrance is up the staircase in front of the button. The accessible entrance is to the right of the staircase on the ground/basement floor.
Walking Directions from The Study
0.3 Miles, Estimated by GoogleMaps to take 6 minutes
The walk will be on paved sidewalks until you enter campus where the walkway is paved with brick.

Image Description: Overhead photo of walking route from The Study to The Library. The route to the first floor entrance is marked by a red line and the route to the accessible entrance is marked by a blue line. There are labeled streets and pedestrian walkways lined by trees and several other labeled buildings.

1. Take a right from The Study entrance.

2. At the intersection, take a slight right turn onto a Woodland Walk (red brick walk with “University of Pennsylvania” sign in front of it).

3. Continue on the diagonal path, past the intersection at 34th and Walnut until you see the library on your right in front of a button sculpture.

4. The first floor entrance is up the staircase in front of the button. The accessible entrance is to the right of the staircase on the ground/basement floor.
Rideshare and Cab Drop Off Information

Connecting with a driver using a rideshare app is most convenient at the corner of 34th St. & Walnut St. on the southwestern side. It is a walkway entrance to the campus marked with a large campus map and metal signage directing you towards the Van Pelt-Dietrich Library.

The ground on the corner is traditional concrete slabbed sidewalk with a curb, as you enter the UPenn campus walkway the sidewalk transitions to octagonal gray paving stone walkway with brick borders on either side, it is slightly bumpy and textured and is on a slight upward incline.

Image Description: Pictured is the campus walkway entrance on the corner of 34th and Walnut streets: 20' high, 3 sided, black steel UPenn insignia monolith, designed by Ivan Chermayeff.

Street Parking Information

The nearest general and handicapped street parking for the library is metered street parking along both sides of Walnut Street between 33rd and 35th streets. The parking is payable by license plate number at kiosks that accept coins and cards. There are also scannable QR codes on the side for Apple and Google Pay. Instructions are posted on kiosks and date and time limits and requirements are posted on parking signs throughout.

Image descriptions: On the left, handicap reserved parking and 3 hour pay-by-plate parking signs alongside Walnut street. On the right, the parking kiosk.
Parking Garage Information

Chestnut 34

Image Description: A photo of the Chestnut 34 Garage, a multi level brick building with an entrance on 34th Street north of Chestnut Street with cars entering on the ground level.

Address: 3335 Chestnut Street

Entrance: Enter off of 34th, north of Chestnut

Hours: Mon-Sun 6AM-11PM

Daily rate: $18

Evening & Weekend rate: $14 (after 3:30 p.m., out by 11 p.m.)

Payment: Credit Card Only

Accessibility: Two designated accessible parking spaces on floors two through seven, close to the elevator bank
Image Description: The photo shows the McNeil Building flanked by trees and located at 3718 Locust Walk.

The McNeil Building is located across from Huntsman Hall on Locust Walk at the bottom of the footbridge that crosses 38th Street. It is behind the Steinberg Conference Center that faces 38th Street and Vance Hall that faces Spruce Street.

The conference will be held on the first floor of the McNeil Building in Suite 110 and classroom 150 and 154. Please use the building’s West entrance located behind the Steinberg Conference Center. Note: Please do not use the ground floor entrance; it is not open on weekends.

Imagine Description: The photo shows the accessible West Entrance of the McNeil Building. There is a ramp located on the right side with a push-plate-operated door that leads to the first floor.
McNeil Building Accessibility

The first floor accessible entrance is located along a brick paved path on the west side of the building. There is a small set of 2 stairs with no handrail on the left hand side and a wheelchair ramp on the right hand side.

Image Description: On the left is a photo of first floor West entrance to the McNeil building, a brick path, a small set of concrete stairs, and metal and glass doors. On the right, a closer view of the bricked wheelchair ramp located to the right with a metal railing along both sides.

There are accessible buttons on the right hand wall for the automatic door, one at foot-level and one at waist-height which will open the set of doors on the right hand side.

Once you enter, you will find yourself in a small lobby with large, low-pile brown welcome mats over a matte beige brick-like tile. There is a second set of glass doors. Push plates for the second set of inner doors are on the right hand side, one at foot-level and one at waist-height and open the rightmost door, which opens toward you.

The Marks Family Center for Excellence in Writing will be on the right just before you reach the end of the building in Suite 110. Breakfast and registration will be located here.

Sessions will be located in rooms 150 and 154 which are located on the opposite side of the hall from Suite 110. Room 154 is located closest to the western entrance. Room 150 has entrances on both the western and eastern sides of the building.

The restrooms of the 1st floor of the McNeil Building are all gendered and also located on the opposite side of the hall from Suite 110. They have two entrances, one on each side of the first floor. The doors have metal handles that are moderately heavy. There is no button for assisted door opening on the eastern side (side farthest away from the west building entrance). The door for the western entrance (closest to room 154) has a push plate entrance. The door opens towards you when entering and away from you when exiting. There is one handicapped accessible stall located nearest to the western entrance which contains one vertical and one horizontal handrail and a slightly raised toilet. The ceiling contains recessed fluorescent overhead lighting that is very bright. The flooring is smooth with large gray tiles.
Walking Directions from Inn at Penn
0.4 Miles, Estimated by GoogleMaps to take 9 minutes
The walk will be on paved sidewalks until you enter campus where the walkway is paved with brick.

1. Turn right onto Walnut Street. Walk straight until you reach the intersection at 37th and Walnut Street (Hello World is on the right).
2. Take a left at the intersection onto 37th Street until you reach another intersection, 37th Street and Locust Walk.
3. Turn right on Locust Walk. Take a left at the last turn before the bridge.
4. The entrance to McNeil will be the entrance at the first building on your left.
Walking Directions from The Study
0.5 Miles, Estimated by GoogleMaps to take 13 minutes
The walk will be on paved sidewalks until you enter campus where the walkway is paved with brick.

Image Description: Overhead photo of walking route from The Study to the McNeil Building. The route is marked by a red line. There are labeled streets and pedestrian walkways lined by trees and several other labeled buildings.

1. Take a right from The Study entrance.
2. At the intersection, take a slight right turn onto Woodland Walk (red brick walk with “University of Pennsylvania” sign in front of it). This diagonal path will continue onto Locust Walk.
3. Follow Locust Walk until you reach a bridge. Take a left before the bridge.
4. The entrance to McNeil will be the entrance at the first building on your left.
Rideshare and Cab Drop Off/Pick Up Information

The corner of 38th street (also called University Avenue) and Spruce Street is ideal for connecting with a taxi via rideshare apps.

Image Description: Photo of the corner of 38th and Spruce streets with crosswalk and traffic lights featuring the archway of The Steinberg Conference Center which frames a brown brick courtyard entrance to campus.
Street Parking Information

The nearest general and handicapped street parking is available on 38th street (also called University Avenue) between Walnut and Spruce streets. The parking is payable by license plate number at kiosks that accept coins and cards. Instructions are posted on kiosks and date and time limits and requirements are posted on parking signs throughout, there are handicapped spaces marked by signs and there are scannable QR codes on the side for Apple and Google Pay on the side of the kiosks. Instructions are posted on kiosks and date and time limits and requirements are posted on parking signs throughout.

Image Description: On the left, a photo of parking and 3 hour pay-by-plate parking signs alongside 38th and Walnut Streets. On the right, the parking payment kiosk.
Parking Garage Information

Walnut 38

Image Description: A photo of the Walnut 38 Garage, a multi level brick building on the Northeast corner of 38th and Walnut with cars entering on the ground level and retail shops along Walnut Street.

Address: 119 S 38th Street. (N.E. corner of 38th and Walnut Sts.)

Entrance: 119 S 38th Street

Hours: Mon-Sun 6AM-11PM

Daily rate: $18

Evening & Weekend rate: $14 (after 3:30 p.m., out by 11 p.m.)

Payment: Credit Card Only

Accessibility: Designated accessible parking spots are located close to the elevator on each floor. There are four parking spots on the second floor, and two each on floors three through seven. There is an accessible entrance at the southeast corner of the garage. There is a guard's desk located in the entrance area. Elevators are located immediately to the left.
Additional Resources

Sobriety Support

Advisories for The Inn at Penn Hilton Hotel, The Study at University City Hotel and Van Pelt Library Event:

- The ground floor restaurant “Louie Louie” of the Inn at Penn Hilton Hotel contains a large bar and the atmosphere may shift in the late afternoon/evenings.
- The Co-Op Restaurant on the ground floor of The Study contains a large bar and the atmosphere may shift in the late afternoon/evenings.
- Alcohol will be present at the Van Pelt-Dietrich Library Welcome Reception (Moelis Reading Terrace) and plated dinner (Class of 1978 Pavilion) on the evening of Friday October 6th.

SouthEastern Pennsylvania Intergroup Association of Alcoholics Anonymous
Meetings (database sortable by area/date/time some online options available)
215-923-7900

Greater Philadelphia Region Of Narcotics Anonymous
All Greater Philadelphia Meetings
215-NA-WORKS (215-629-6757)

Pharmacy

CVS
3401 Walnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19104
215-662-1333
0.2 Mile distance from The Inn at Penn, 0.3 from The Study
Store Hours: Monday-Sunday 7AM-11PM
Pharmacy Hours:
Monday-Friday 9AM-1:30PM, 2-7PM
Saturday 10AM-1:30PM, 2-6PM
Sunday 11AM-1:30PM, 2-5PM

Urgent Care

myDoc Urgent Care
3717 Chestnut St Ste 202, Philadelphia, PA 19104
215-921-8294
0.2 Mile distance from The Inn at Penn, 0.7 from The Study
Hours: Monday-Friday 9AM-7PM; Saturday and Sunday 10AM-3PM

Emergency Rooms

Penn Presbyterian Medical Center Emergency Room
51 N 39th St, Philadelphia, PA 19104
800-789-7366
0.6 Mile distance from The Inn at Penn, 0.8 from The Study
Open 24/7

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania - Pavilion
1 Convention Ave. Philadelphia, PA
215-662-4000
0.5 mile from The Study, 0.6 mile from The Inn
Open 24/7