

International Student Orientation

August 26 - 29, 2008

International Student Orientation takes place in the Memorial Union Building (MUB).

Attendance at International Student Orientation is required for new international students, undergraduate and graduate. This is a cumulative program, - i.e. none of the sessions are repeated - so it is important that new students arrive on campus by the dates specified and attend all sessions.

Tuesday, August 26

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. UNH Residence Halls
International undergraduate and exchange students move into UNH residence halls assisted by Orientation staffers.

8:00 a.m. – 12:30 pm MUB Theater II
UNH Graduate School orientation and I-9 completion for new graduate assistants (mandatory): Bring your passport, I-20 or DS-2019 form, and I-94 card. Info about paying bills via payroll deduction will be provided.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. MUB Strafford Room
Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. MUB Strafford Room
New Students Welcome & Check In with OISS: Bring your passport, I-20 or DS-2019, I-94 card, your local living address and emergency contact info. Meet your Orientation group leader and OISS staff.

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. MUB
Campus Tour. Leave from MUB on a guided tour of campus.

4:15 p.m. T Hall Bus Stop, Main Street
OPTIONAL: Dinner at a local restaurant and shopping for necessities. (Prior registration is closed.)

Wednesday, August 27

8:30 a.m. MUB Strafford Room
Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Holloway & Dimond
Bring your passport and your UNH ID number to get your UNH identification card. Then go to Dimond Library's Academic Commons to open your CIS accounts.

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. MUB Theater II
US Immigration Rights and Rules
MANDATORY attendance: Learn the US federal regulations governing F-1 and J-1 students.

Wednesday, August 27, continued...

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. MUB Theater II
Resources and Information: banking, area transit, UNH Police, ESL, OMSA, DMV, local lingo, and more!

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Holloway Commons
Lunch. Meet at the lobby entrance to Holloway Commons.

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. MUB Theater II
Greetings from Graduate School & Academic Expectations: a panel presents information on how to succeed at UNH.

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Various buildings
Undergraduates meet with academic advisors, including CIE & Honors.

5:15 p.m. MUB Front Circle Entrance
Dinner at a local restaurant: Meet at the front circle of the MUB and we'll walk there together.

Thursday, August 28

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. MUB Theater II
Cultural Adjustments and Making Transitions
A program with information and advice about culture "shock".

11:30a.m. – 12:30p.m. MUB Strafford Room
Lunch

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. MUB Theater II
Employment and Taxation in the U.S.:
Required for students who have assistantships and scholarships, this session focuses on laws governing employment and taxes. Turn in payroll deductions forms and learn the benefits of tax treaties.

Mark Your Calendars!

Thursday, August 28, continued...

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. MUB Theater II

Apply for your U.S. Social Security Number (SSN) with representatives from the U.S. Social Security Administration. Bring your passport, I-94, DS-2019 or I-20. Only students with offers of employment (assistantships or other on-campus employment) are eligible to apply for U.S. Social Security Numbers.

5:00 p.m. Smith Hall

Dinner: Pizza Party! A group photo will be taken. Raffle prizes will be awarded.

Evening Congreve/Scott/Smith Hall Lawn
MUB Resource Fair and Outdoor Movie

Friday, August 29

8:30 a.m. MUB Strafford Room

Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Health Services

How Health Insurance Works. Learn about medical insurance and tour the facilities of UNH Health Services (meet at Strafford Room, MUB)

11:00 a.m. – 12 noon MUB Strafford Room

Closing remarks, pick up box lunch

12:00 noon T Hall Bus Stop, Main Street

OPTIONAL: Trip to Portsmouth including a Harbor Cruise (prior sign-up is required). Planned return to campus around 6:00 p.m.



IMPORTANT DATES:

September 1	Labor Day Holiday: <i>many UNH Offices will be closed</i>
September 2	First Day of Classes
September 19	Last Day to Add Courses
October 3	Last Day to Drop Courses
October 17	No Classes-Mid Semester break
November 4	Election Day no exams
November 11	University Holiday
November 27-28	University Holidays
December 12	Classes End
December 15	Reading Day & Final Exams Begin 6:00 p.m.
December 20	Final Exams End



International Student/Scholar Circle Meetings

Thursdays, beginning September 4
12:00-1:30 pm, MUB Entertainment Center

The Circle is a drop in group that meets weekly throughout the semester to provide opportunities for you to obtain information and practical advice. We discuss transition issues, coping strategies and share experiences. New students/scholars and spouses are strongly encouraged to participate. Contact oiiss@unh.edu to sign up.



International Community Reception

Tuesday, September 9
Strafford Room, Memorial Union Building
5:00-7:00 pm

A reception will be hosted by the UNH President's Office. Meet UNH administrators, faculty, staff, current students and scholars, and community members. Spouses and children are welcome. An event not to be missed! If you wish, wear clothing representative of your home country.



Cultural Connections

Fridays beginning September 12
4:00 – 5:30 pm
MUB Entertainment Center

Join us in this series of cultural explorations. Students give brief presentations on a variety of topics such as educational systems in their home countries, festivals, rituals, history, religion, music, literature, popular culture and more! Refreshments served. Co-sponsored by the OISS and the MUB.