

ORIENTATION



International Center - International Student & Scholar Services
University of Missouri
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International Student Orientation Schedule

August 17-21, 2009

Undergraduates



Monday, August 17th

- 9:00am **Welcome**
S107 Memorial Union
- 10:00am **Immigration check-ins,
health screenings, resource fair,
and more in rotations with
small groups**
Various locations
- 12:00pm **Lunch**
Lowry Mall
- 1:00pm **Photo Scavenger Hunt**
*Various locations - begin at
Lowry Mall*

Undergraduates



Tuesday, August 18th

8:00am **English Language Exam**
208 McReynolds Hall

3:00pm **Missouri Math Placement Test**
126 Physics Building

Wednesday, August 19th

10:00am **International Undergraduate
Student Orientation**
S107 Memorial Union

Afternoon **Academic Advising**
*Check with department for specific
time and location.*

Graduate Students



Monday, August 17th

- 9:00am **Graduate School Orientation**
Jesse Hall
- 12:00pm **Lunch**
Lowry Mall
- 1:00pm **International Graduate Student
Orientation**
S107 Memorial Union

Tuesday, August 18th

- 9:00am – 12:00pm **Immigration Check-in**
Drop by anytime *International Center*
- 8:00am – 4:00pm **Health Center Screening**
Drop by anytime *Stotler Lounge, Memorial Union*

Sponsored Students



The sponsored student session is mandatory for students who are here to study with funding through an official U.S. government sponsor or a home country sponsoring agency. In this session, you will need to complete forms in order to help you meet the requirements of your sponsorship. Please bring documents related to your funding to the meeting (such as contracts and your DS-2019/I-20). We will also help with general questions about life on campus and within the community. Lunch will be served during the meeting.

Undergraduate sponsored students:

Tuesday, August 18, 1:00-2:00pm

S204 Memorial Union

Graduate sponsored students:

Wednesday, August 19, 1:00-2:00pm

S204 Memorial Union

Dependents



Welcome to the spouses, children and other family members accompanying our new students here to Columbia! Please feel free to join your student in any of the orientation activities he/she is participating in.

Additionally, we have planned a special session geared towards **new family members who will be living here in Columbia**. Topics covered include the new International Spouses Network, local resources for spouses, and adjusting to a new culture. Current international spouses will be present to help answer your questions and offer advice. This is a great opportunity to meet other spouses and learn how to get involved! Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, August 18

10:00am – 12:00pm **International Spouse Orientation**

S110 Memorial Union

Late Arrivals



New students who are unable to arrive in Columbia in time for orientation activities, don't worry! First of all, you may drop by the International Center any day the week of orientation during the following times to complete your **immigration check-in**:

August 17 and 18: 9:00am – 12:00pm

August 19 - August 21: 1:00 – 2:00pm

Additionally, we have scheduled a brief make-up orientation in place of our mandatory orientation sessions, overviewing the basic information about health insurance and immigration status for late arrivals:

Friday, August 28

1:00 – 2:30pm

**International Make-up
Orientation**

S107 Memorial Union

Informational Workshops

*These workshops are optional.
All are welcome to join!*



Tuesday, August 18th

2:00pm

Living in Columbia

S110 Memorial Union

Come learn everything you need to know about living in Columbia! Topics include buying a cell phone, banking, transportation, shopping, and things to do in town.

Wednesday, August 19th

2:00pm

Get Connected!

S110 Memorial Union

Do you know the many traditions of MU? Do you know ways to get involved on campus and how to interact with fellow students and community members in this culture? Join us in learning about fun traditions, why and how to get involved at MU, and how we can interact in many ways with people here and GET CONNECTED!

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Thursday, August 20th

2:00pm

**International Students'
Career Services (ISCS)**
S110 Memorial Union

Come join the ISCS staff for a fun workshop to introduce new students to ISCS services. Participants will learn of the resources available in ISCS related to various issues, such as looking for on-campus jobs, working with advisers, preparing for future careers, etc.

Friday, August 21st

2:00pm

What I Wish They'd Told Me
S110 Memorial Union

Very casual workshop! Current students will be here to answer your questions and to share advice they wish they had known when they first came to MU.

Upcoming Events



Monday August 17

WalMart Shopping

Here is your chance to pick up anything you might have forgotten to pack! Our volunteers will be driving students to Walmart to pick up clothes, school supplies, food, furniture, and whatever else is needed.

3:30 – 5:30pm *Meet at the International Center*

MUIC Welcome Dinner

Join the MU International Club for dinner and socializing at the Heidelberg, a popular restaurant in downtown Columbia. Bring money for your meal.

7:00pm *Meet at Memorial Union and walk together to the Heidelberg or join us there at your convenience.*



Upcoming Events



Tuesday August 18

Picnic at the lake!

Welcome to Columbia! New international students from MU and Columbia College are invited to a free picnic at Stephen's Lake Park. Food, games, and summer nights – what's not to love?

6:00pm *Meet at the International Center to travel to the park together or meet us at Stephen's Lake Park at your convenience.*



Wednesday August 19

Downtown Small Group Dinners

Venture downtown with a group of current MU students and discover some of the best Columbia restaurants, while learning more about the District. Enjoy dinner and discussion with a new group of friends! Bring money for your meal.

6:00pm *Meet at the International Center*

Upcoming Events



Thursday August 20

Campus Tour

MU is a large campus and can take some time to learn to navigate. Join us for a walking tour of some of the highlights on our campus!

4:00pm *Meet at the International Center*

Friday August 21

Target Shopping Shuttles

Still need to go shopping? Target is opening late for special hours just for new MU students! Shuttles will be taking students to and from Target throughout the night.

10:00pm - 1:00am *Meet at Lowry Mall to catch the shuttle*



First Week of Class



Social Security Application Day

Thursday August 27 at the International Center
9:00am - 3:00pm (sign up for appointments on-line)

Representatives from the Social Security Administration will be on campus to register international students and scholars for social security cards. You are eligible to apply if you are an F-1 or J-1 student with a job offer to work on campus. To learn more about the application process and to sign up for an appointment, visit us on the web at <http://international.missouri.edu/iss/students-f1/socialsecurity.shtml>.

Welcome Back Coffee Hour

Friday August 28 at the International Center
3:30 - 5:00pm (Open house - drop by anytime)

Drop by the International Center after your first week of classes to meet new friends and reconnect with old ones. Light refreshments served, so come get a cup of coffee and let us know how the first week went!

Thank You!



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Thank you volunteers and leaders!

This orientation is a result of the combined efforts of over 60 warm and enthusiastic volunteers helping to guide new students through the various events of this week. In addition, a small but dedicated group of student leaders have spent countless hours over the summer preparing these orientation events and looking forward to welcoming new international students to MU. ISSS appreciates all of your contributions, and we thank you so much for all you have done.



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