

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION SCHEDULE Fall 2009

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

- All Day **International Students Arrive and Move In** - Please go to the Early Arrival Desk located in the Office of Residential Education, Stevenson Dining Hall, Griswold Commons, 155 North Professor Street (phone: 440-775-6739 or 440-775-8472). The desk will be open from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. If you arrive after 8 p.m., please go to the Safety and Security Office located at 159 West Lorain Street (phone: 440-775-8444). They will let you into your room for the night and you will have to check in officially with the Early Arrival Desk as soon as it opens again on the next day.
- 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. **Welcome Dinner** - Please join us as we welcome you, your families and guests. Root Room, Carnegie Building, Second Floor, 52 West College Street.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

- 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. **International Student Welcome and Introductions** - This session will be a time to begin getting acquainted with each other and help you with important information about Oberlin resources. Breakfast will be served. Peters Hall Klutznick Commons, Peters Hall, 50 North Professor Street. *NOTE: Breakfast is also served in Stevenson Dining Hall between 6:30 and 8 a.m.*
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. **Campus Tour with Lunch Break** - Gather in small groups for a tour of campus. Following the tour, join some of the new students for lunch in Stevenson Dining Hall or have lunch downtown with family or friends. *NOTE: Lunch in Stevenson is served between noon and 1:15 p.m.*
- 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. **Logistics & Basics** - This session will explore non-academic topics such as F-1 visa regulations, health insurance, banking, and others. Peters Hall Klutznick Commons, Peters Hall, 50 North Professor Street.
- 2:45 - 6:30 p.m. **Shopping Trip to Target** - This is an opportunity to buy personal items and dorm and school supplies from the Target store in nearby Amherst. Sign-up sheets will be available during the morning session. Meet in the parking lot behind Mudd Library for transportation. *NOTE: The bus will leave the Target store at 6 p.m.*
- 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. **Barbecue and Karaoke** - Relax at the end of the day with American picnic-style food and fun music. Family and guests are welcome to attend. Asia House Courtyard, 40 West Lorain Street. Rain site: Shipherd Lounge, second floor, Asia House. *NOTE: Dinner is also served in Stevenson Dining Hall between 6:00 and 7:15 p.m.*

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

- 7:30 - 8:00 a.m. **Light breakfast** will be available in Peters Hall Klutznick Commons. *NOTE: Regular breakfast is served in Stevenson Dining Hall from 6:30 to 8 a.m.*
- 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. **Social Security and Employment Workshop** - A mandatory review of employment and taxation regulations, on-campus job opportunities, and financial aid. All students will be expected to complete paperwork required for social security numbers and employment. Meet in Peters Hall Klutznick Commons.
- 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Taking care of business** - Open a bank account, explore downtown Oberlin, do more shopping if need be, visit campus offices where you may want to work, or simply take a break and relax. You can have lunch downtown or in Stevenson Dining Hall. *NOTE: Lunch at Stevenson is served between noon and 1:15 p.m.*
- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. **English as a Second Language (ESL) Placement Test** - Required of all new Conservatory students who are not native speakers of English. The test includes a short essay-writing portion and a brief web-based grammar portion. Paul and Edith Cooper International Learning Center (language lab), Peters Hall, third floor.
- 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. **Academic Introduction to the Conservatory for Artist Diploma and Master of Music Students** - Discussion of the academic requirements and policies for these degree programs. Peters Hall, Room 129.
- 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. **Academic Introduction to the College and the Conservatory** - Discussion of basic academic concepts and policies, such as liberal arts education at Oberlin, academic advising, degree requirements, grading, winter term, and more. There will be separate sessions for College and Conservatory (Performance Diploma and Bachelor of Music) students. Parents are welcome to attend. Meet in Peters Hall Klutznick Commons.
- 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. **Dinner and free time.** Feel free to have dinner in Stevenson Dining Hall or downtown, explore the campus and the town, or relax with your new friends. *NOTE: Dinner at Stevenson is served between 6 and 7:15 p.m.*
- 9:00 - 11:00 p.m. **International Bonfire** - Gather around the fire in Tappan Square and share stories about your countries, families, and friends.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Honor Code Basics - A required presentation by members of the Student Honor Committee. There will be separate sessions for College and Conservatory students. Parents are welcome to attend. Meet in Peters Hall Klutznick Commons.

All Day

Regular Orientation Begins - You can view the Orientation Schedule online at www.oberlin.edu/newstudents/orientation; you will receive an Orientation booklet when you arrive on campus.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

8:00 a.m.

CLASSES BEGIN

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

LABOR DAY

US NATIONAL HOLIDAY - NO CLASSES. There are numerous student activities to choose from during the entire holiday weekend. If you like stomach-wrenching rides or if you have never tried any and would like to experience the thrill, we recommend that you go on the Student Union's trip to Cedar Point - the world-famous, roller-coaster-filled amusement park on the Lake Erie shore. Tickets cost \$35/student (including the bus ride) and go on sale on August 25 at the Wilder Hall info desk. Buses leave Oberlin from the parking lot behind Mudd Library at 11 a.m.; buses leave Cedar Point at 8 p.m.