

Fall 2009
International Graduate Student Orientation
and
Celebrating New York! Activities

The International Graduate Student Orientation program takes place on Friday, August 28th but orientation to Columbia and New York City may begin before and extends through your first few weeks here. Through *Celebrating New York!* (CNY!) activities, you will have opportunities to get acquainted with other new students, peer advisers, and your new home, NYC! The ISSO and Peer Advisers are currently working on the schedule of activities that will include visits to museums, walking tours of different NYC neighborhoods, Broadway plays, outdoor musical performance and more! Please check back in July as we post arrangements that have been finalized.

For those who are arriving early to enroll in summer programs or to settle in, the ISSO has arranged with several campus offices for information sessions and tours.

- ❖ Health Services
- ❖ Visitors Center / Campus Tours
- ❖ Butler Library

Friday, August 28 — International Graduate Student Orientation Program and Welcome Reception

Time: 1:30 – 5:30 PM. Orientation Program at Roone Arledge Auditorium, Alfred Lerner Hall

Today's program is for students in the graduate and professional schools and the School of General Studies. **Columbia College and School of Engineering and Applied Science undergraduate** students will have information sessions incorporated into the New Student Orientation Program (NSOP).

Columbia University welcomes you! You will be introduced to the ISSO staff who are available to assist you throughout your stay, and international student Peer Advisers who know from experience what it's like to be new to NYC and Columbia. Essential information will be presented from 1:30 - 4:30 PM

1:30 pm Welcome and Introductions

2:00 pm Immigration: the Essentials

What you must know about SEVIS and your immigration status, including basic F-1 and J-1 documents and regulations as well as rules for travel and re-entry to the U.S.

2:30 pm Safety Tips for the "Big Apple"

New York has all the advantages and some of the disadvantages of most large cities. This presentation will help you determine the appropriate level of concern for your personal safety.

3:15 pm Break

3:30 pm Peer Advisers Present!

Peer advisers will present student-to-student information in an original way.

3:45 pm Working in Student Status

The rules and procedures for employment authorization, both on-campus—TAs, RAs, GRAs, and hourly part-time work during the academic year—and off-campus in summers after your first year of study.

4:15 pm The U.S. Academic System and Issues of Academic Integrity

How do you write papers, conduct research, give presentations, and contribute to scholarly discourse in your classes and seminars at Columbia with the highest standards of academic integrity? What are the policies and practices you should follow? What resources are available to answer your questions about academic integrity and responsible conduct of research? This session will provide an overview of these issues with practical suggestions for learning about and using resources on academic integrity available for Columbia graduate students.

4:30 pm SEVIS Registration and review of immigration documents for students who haven't yet had a chance to check in at the ISSO since arriving in NY. Bring with you your passport, I-94 card, and student immigration documents, the I-20 or DS-2019.

to

5:30 pm Peer Adviser Q & A and sign up for Saturday Scavenger Hunt For all the things you'd like to ask "student to student", visit the Peer Adviser tables in the lobby.