2015 Fall International Student Orientation

Thursday, August 13
Power Center (Ballroom and Shepperson Suite, 5th floor)

WELCOME TO DUQUESNE!

8.30—9.00  Registration, Breakfast, and “Ice-breakers”
9.00—9.15  Office of International Programs: What We Do For You...
9.15—9.30  Computing & Technology Services: Email, Blackboard, Multipass, Starfish, Campus Link

Immigration
9.30—10.00  Keeping “In-Status”: Being Responsible with Immigration Policy

Keeping Safe and Healthy
10.00—10.15  Campus Safety: A little knowledge goes a long way...
10.15—11.00  Staying Healthy: Health Services and Insurance while away from home...

11:00-1:00  RESOURCE FAIR
Your New Life in Pittsburgh: Help with your Everyday Needs...
Useful Information and Representatives from the Local Area
(see page 3 for vendor list)

12:30-1:00  Lunch with Cultural Ambassadors

1:00-4:00  Program Specific Sessions:
Group #1: Undergrads and Exchanges – Power Center A
Group #2: Graduate Students – Power Center B
Group #3: English as a Second Language – Power Center C

5:00  Welcome Dinner on Mellon Patio:
Live Music and Entertainment provided by DU Students
Undergraduate and Exchange Student Breakout Session
Thursday, August 13 - Afternoon
Power Center Ballroom A

1:00  English Language Proficiency Requirements
      Understanding Testing and Placement

1:30  Your New Home: Living in Pittsburgh and attending Duquesne University
      DU Cultural Ambassadors

2:00  Student Engagement: International Student Organization,
      Volunteering, Multicultural Affairs, Student Life and Organizations

2:30  Choosing your Classes: Academic Advisement

3:00  Campus Tour and Student Services Offices
      Students will be split into small groups to visit the following offices on campus:
      - Residence Life and Dining Services
      - Campus Ministry
      - Learning Skills/Tutoring
      - Career Services
      - Counseling and Wellbeing Center

5:00  Welcome Dinner on Mellon Patio:
      Live Music and Entertainment provided by DU Students
Graduate Student Breakout Session
Thursday, August 13 - Afternoon
Power Center Ballroom B

1:00  English Language Proficiency Requirements
     Understanding Testing and Placement

1:30  International Graduate Mentoring Program:  
     Living in Pittsburgh and Attending Duquesne University

2:15  Center for Teaching Excellence: Valuable Support for Graduate Students

2:45  Graduate Student Council: How to Get Involved

3:00  Campus Tour and Graduate Student Services  
     Students will be split into small groups to visit the following offices on campus:  
     - Duquesne Library and Research Facilities  
     - Commuter Affairs  
     - Career Services

4:30  Individual ESL Assessments

5:30  Welcome Dinner on Mellon Patio:  
     *Live Music and Entertainment provided by DU Students*
English as a Second Language (ESL) Breakout Session
Thursday, August 13 - Afternoon
Power Center Ballroom C

1:00   ESL Program Testing, Placement and Registration Procedures
       Understanding Testing and Placement
       Learning in ESL: Conversation Partners, Tutoring and Support

1:30   Your New Home: Living in Pittsburgh and Getting Involved at Duquesne University

1:45   ESL Program Guidelines: How to Succeed in Learning English

2:00   Campus Tour and Student Services Offices
       • College Hall ESL Program Office: Support Services and Activities
       • Campus Ministry: Duquesne University - Its History and Mission (Luci Jo Demaggio)
       • Learning Skills Program: Conversation Practice
       • Administration Offices: Registrar, Student Accounts
       • Fisher Hall Classrooms
       • Book Store: Materials for class

3:15   Immigration Regulations and Making Progress in English

3:30   Health Services Requirements and Procedures

5:30   Welcome Dinner on Mellon Patio:
       Live Music and Entertainment provided by DU Students
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

8.30am-12noon  You need stuff! Now, let’s go get it!
Shopping trip to local discount stores to purchase everything you need to feel more comfortable upon arrival.
Buses will depart from behind Mellon Hall at 8.30am

1pm-4pm  Relaxing in your new city....
Enjoy an American picnic, with soccer, kickball, games, and other activities with our Duquesne Cultural Ambassadors.
Buses will leave the Shopping area at 12.30pm / Buses will leave from Duquesne at 12.15pm.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

11am-12.30pm  Pittsburgh Downtown Walking Tour
Learn more about Duquesne’s surrounding area with Cultural Ambassadors.
Meet at 11am outside Starbucks.

1pm-4pm  In Pittsburgh, It’s all about the Neighborhoods
Take the bus with a Cultural Ambassador and get to know some of the popular neighborhoods where international students choose to live during their time here.

Come and enjoy lunch and a walk through the neighborhood and/or nearby parks.
Meet at 1pm outside of Starbucks. BRING BUS MONEY AND SPENDING MONEY.
Sign-up sheets for each walk will be available on Friday during the resource fair.
RESOURCE FAIR: YOUR NEW LIFE IN PITTSBURGH-HELP WITH YOUR EVERYDAY NEEDS...

**Participating Organizations/Services**

- **Getting Around Pittsburgh:** Pittsburgh Port Authority, Healthy Ride
- **Settling In:** International Student Organization, Union of African Students, DU Dining Services, DU Orientation, CORT, DU Computer Store, Photobooth
- **Career Services:** Career Services, Human Resources (Marissa Sundberg)
- **Keeping in Touch:** AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile, Verizon
- **Pittsburgh’s Intl Community**
  - Local Homestays: PRISM: Pittsburgh Region International Student Ministries
  - Spiritual Communities: Pittsburgh Chinese Church Oakland
  - Spending (and Saving): PNC Bank
  - Health Services: Duquesne Health Services, DU Center for Counseling and Wellbeing

**Information:**

- **The Flavors of Pittsburgh:** Our recommendations for restaurants and grocery stores
- **Living in Pittsburgh:** Apartments and other useful information
- **Practicing Your Faith:** Places of Worship

**Sign-up Sheets:**

- **Weekend Activities:** Picnic, shopping and city tours for this weekend!
- **Freshman Orientation:** Join the rest of Duquesne’s new students for activities next week!
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

UNDERGRADUATE MATRICULATION (ENTRANCE) CEREMONY
Wednesday, August 20, 2.45pm-4pm
A.J. Palumbo Center

**Wednesday, August 20 – Sunday, August 24**
New Undergraduate (Freshman/Transfer) Orientation
*All new undergraduate students, including Exchange students, are welcome to attend! Stop by the Orientation Tents on Assumption Commons to pick up an orientation packet and schedule.*

Graduate Program Orientation Dates
*(check with your individual departments for details and room locations)*

**Liberal Arts:** Aug 21
**Music:** Aug 20
**Pharmacy:** Aug 17-21

**Natural Sciences**
- **Biology:** Aug 17-21
- **Biotechnology:** Aug 20 (Dinner only) – date pending
- **Chemistry:** Aug 17-22

**Business Programs**
- **Master of Accounting:** Aug 22, 8am-2pm
- **MS-ISM:** Aug 22, 8am-2pm
- **MBA Program:** Aug 22, 8am-2pm
- **MBA-Sustainability:** Aug 17-20, 8:30am-4:30pm; August 22, 8am-2pm