



# GRADUATE ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

**12:00-4:00 pm** **Hospitality Suite**  
The Stamp Student Union: Atrium

Students who arrive early on-campus can take advantage of our Hospitality Suite in the Stamp Student Union!

**1:30-8:30 pm** **Airport Pick-up**  
Washington-Dulles International Airport or  
Baltimore-Washington International Airport

Schedule a free airport pick-up at [http://gsg.umd.edu/resources/airport-pickups!](http://gsg.umd.edu/resources/airport-pickups)

## MONDAY, AUGUST 26

**8:00 am-1:00 pm** **English Placement Exams**  
Check-In at the front hall of the Biology-Psychology Building

**REQUIRED** (of conditionally admitted graduate students if noted on Admission letter): Check-in begins at 8:00am, tests begin promptly at 9:00am. Bring ID, a pencil and eraser.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

**3:00-8:00 pm** **Graduate Student Orientation & Kickoff**  
Stamp Student Union: Colony Ballroom

Welcome event for new and returning grad students

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

**See back page for full schedule of Elective Sessions, Welcome Lunch, and Services Fair**

### DROP OFF IMMUNIZATION FORM AT THE HEALTH CENTER

If you did not yet get your Immunization Form checked by the Health Center, you may do so during the following times. (Please bring associated medical records with you.)

**Monday, August 26, 1:00-4:00 pm**

**Tuesday, August 27 or**

**Friday, August 30, 8:30-11:00 am or 1:00-4:00 pm**

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

**Immigration and Academic Requirements**  
Tydings Hall 0130

**REQUIRED:** Sessions on your academic life and maintaining your immigration status during your studies.

Please attend the relevant session:

### 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Graduate students admitted to Agriculture and Natural Resources, Architecture, Arts & Humanities, Behavioral & Social Sciences, Education, Journalism, Information Studies, Public Health, Public Policy Colleges ONLY

### 1:30-3:30 pm

Graduate students admitted to Engineering or Computer, Math, and Natural Sciences programs ONLY

### Campus Facility Tours

All tours depart from Tydings Lower Lobby

Several time slots available; register online at [ter.ps/orient13](http://ter.ps/orient13)

McKeldin Library (**10:00 am, 11:00 am, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm**)  
Eppley Recreation Center (an amazing gym – **11 am, 3:30 pm**)  
Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (**10:30 am, 1:30 pm**)

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

**DC Excursion: Photo Scavenger Hunt on The National Mall**  
Meet outside of The Stamp main entrance (by columns)

**1:00-7:00 pm** (several departure times; register at [ter.ps/orient13](http://ter.ps/orient13))



After your first week of classes, join us for a fun day in Washington, D.C. You and your family are invited! Bring your camera, \$10 for Metro fare and \$20 if you decide to go shopping or grab a bite to eat.

**International Student & Scholar Services**  
3109 Susquehanna Hall  
301-314-7740; [iss.umd.edu](http://iss.umd.edu)



# ELECTIVE SESSIONS

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

Register online at [ter.ps/elect13](http://ter.ps/elect13) for any of the sessions that interest you!

<p><b>10:00-10:50 am</b> Tydings Hall 1102</p>	<p><b>TIPS FOR TENANTS: RENTING OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING</b> Discover online and campus resources for researching and locating housing in or near College Park. Hear critical information to consider before signing a lease agreement for your housing.</p>
<p><b>10:00 am-12:00 pm</b> Tydings Hall 0111</p>	<p><b>INTERNATIONAL SPOUSES ORIENTATION</b> Spouses and children of new international students and scholars – come meet new and returning international spouses. Learn about resources on and near campus including the International Spouses Organization!</p>
<p><b>11:00-11:25 am</b> Tydings Hall 0130</p>	<p><b>GETTING AROUND: TRANSPORTATION SERVICES</b> Get first-hand information about Shuttle UM routes, services offered by the Dept. of Transportation Services, and how your dependents can use the Shuttle UM services!</p>
<p><b>11:00-11:25 am</b> Tydings Hall 1102</p>	<p><b>SAFETY &amp; SECURITY</b> Learn tips for remaining safe during your stay in the College Park area.</p>
<p><b>11:30-11:55 am</b> Tydings Hall 1102</p>	<p><b>UMD PAYROLL ISSUES</b> This session is intended for students with Graduate Assistantships. Learn about the UMD payroll system and tax filing.</p>
<p><b>11:30-11:55 am</b> Tydings Hall 0130</p>	<p><b>BEING ACADEMICALLY SUCCESSFUL</b> Discover on-campus resources and tools to help you succeed with your studies.</p>
<p><b>12:00-12:50 pm</b> Tydings Lobby and Terrace</p>	<p><b>WELCOME RECEPTION</b> Please join fellow students, ISSS staff, and elective session presenters for a light lunch break.</p>
<p><b>1:00-1:50 pm</b> Tydings Hall 0130</p>	<p><b>FINDING ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT</b> Discover on-campus and online resources for finding an on-campus job. Also learn how on-campus work experiences can help you develop transferable skills for future career aspirations.</p>
<p><b>2:00-2:25 pm</b> Tydings Hall 0117</p>	<p><b>MANAGE YOUR MONEY</b> Receive an explanation about understanding your student account and payment plans in addition to a tool to help you learn to manage your budget.</p>
<p><b>2:00-2:50 pm</b> Tydings Hall 0130</p>	<p><b>HEALTHCARE &amp; INSURANCE IN THE U.S.</b> Health insurance can be difficult to understand in the U.S. Learn key terminology, why it is important to have health insurance in the U.S., and what services are offered by the University Health Center.</p>
<p><b>2:00-3:00 pm</b> Tydings Lobby and Terrace</p>	<p><b>TEA &amp; COFFEE BREAK / UMD SERVICES FAIR</b> Have a refreshing drink between sessions while chatting with students and UMD representatives from various campus offices. Learn about student activities you can get involved with to start developing a community here at Maryland, as well as services to aid you academically and personally during your program. It's a great transition before the American Culture session!</p>
<p><b>3:00-3:55 pm</b> Tydings Hall 0130</p>	<p><b>ADJUSTING TO AMERICAN CULTURE</b> Come explore the topic of culture and personal values. Think about your culture and how it may differ from the U.S. Also listen to tips and tidbits from current undergraduate and graduate students.</p>

### Missed a Welcome Session or your ISSS Orientation?

Makeup sessions are offered during the first 2 weeks of classes. Online registration available at [www.iss.umd.edu](http://www.iss.umd.edu) at the end of August. It is mandatory to have your immigration documents checked and complete the orientation before we can activate your SEVIS record.