### Orientation Week Schedule for Graduate Students

#### Monday August 24
- **Graduate School Orientation**
  - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
  - Stamp Student Union, Grand Ballroom
  - Followed by outdoor barbecue lunch

#### Tuesday August 25
- **ISSS Immigration Session for F-1 Students**
  - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
  - Shoemaker Hall 2102
- **Campus Tour and Lunch**
  - Meet your guide outside, immediately following the session.

#### Wednesday August 26
- **ISSS Immigration Session for J-1 Students**
  - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
  - Location TBD
- **Coffee Station Open!**
  - 10:30 AM
  - ISSS Welcome Desk
  - Susquehanna Hall Lobby
- **SESSION**
  - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
  - Academic Success and US Classroom Culture
  - Susquehanna Hall 1120
- **BREAK**
  - 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

#### Thursday August 27
- **Coffee Station Open!**
  - 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
  - Shoemaker Hall 2102
- **SESSION**
  - 10:00 AM - 11:10 AM
  - Finding On-Campus Employment
  - Tydings Hall 0130
- **SESSION**
  - 11:15 AM - 11:55 AM
  - Understanding US Healthcare
  - Tydings Hall 0130
- **SESSION**
  - 12:00 PM - 12:25 PM
  - Safety and Security at UMD
  - Tydings Hall 0130
- **SESSION**
  - 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM
  - Tools for Cultural Adjustment
  - Tydings Hall 0130
- **SESSION**
  - 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
  - American Culture 101
  - Tydings Hall 0130

#### Friday August 28
- **ISSS Immigration Session for F-1 Students**
  - 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
  - Shoemaker Hall 2102
- **IMMUNIZATION CLINIC, SHIFT 3**
  - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
  - Health Center, Floor 2
  - Last chance to turn in your Immunization form before you receive a registration block. Don’t forget!
- **BREAK**
  - 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
- **SESSION**
  - 1:15 PM - 2:00 PM or 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM
  - Becoming A Washington “Insider”
  - Susquehanna Hall 1120
- **DC TRIP!**
  - Meet in Susquehanna Lobby
  - Groups will depart 2:00 PM or 2:45 PM. Event ends 7:00 PM
- **Photo-Scavenger Hunt**
  - on the Washington Mall. Stay for “Jazz in the Sculpture Garden” if you wish! ($)

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**KEY:**
- **Required Event:** Choose 1
- **Fun Events**
- **General Sessions**

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*Event registration available at your iTerp account in June. Sign up there!*
Orientation Week Event Descriptions

**Required Events**

**ISSS IMMIGRATION SESSION**
Attendance at one ISSS Immigration Session is mandatory for all international students.

To accommodate students' varying arrival dates and schedules, this session is repeated multiple times during August. One session is unique to J-1 Students. You must register for your preferred date in advance (via iTerp.umd.edu).

**Session Topics:**
1. How to complete the “iTerp check-in” to report your arrival, so your F-1/J-1 record can be activated in SEVIS
2. Immigration regulations that impact you at UMD and tools to help you maintain your legal F-1/J-1 status while here.
3. You will also get a chance to meet ISSS staff who are here to assist you with any issues during your stay.

**IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**
All new students are required to submit an Immunization Form to the University Health Center (UHC). If you have not yet done so, deliver your form to UHC any time during one of the clinic times listed on this schedule. If your form is incomplete, you may schedule an appointment with UHC to complete the missing tests at UMD. Not submitting your form blocks your class registration next semester.

**Fun Events**

**WELCOME LUNCH RECEPTION**
Please join fellow students, ISSS staff, and presenters for a light lunch to celebrate your arrival!

**LUNCH MEETUP & TOUR**
This is an informal chance to meet other new students after the session. Your student guide will take the group on a brief campus tour, orienting you to the most important offices to know on campus. The tour will end at the Student Union where all who are interested can have lunch together ($ means you pay for your own meal.)

**SPOUSES ORIENTATION**
Spouses and children of new students and scholars: come meet new and returning international spouses. Learn about resources on and near campus including the International Spouses Organization! Light refreshments will be served.

**IKEA SHOPPING TRIP**
Join ISSS and other students for a trip to IKEA. Learn how to use College Park public transportation - then shop for furniture or housing necessities and have a bite to eat. ($ = Students cover their transportation and shopping expenses.)

**WASHINGTON, DC TRIP**
Join us for a fun day in Washington, DC. Bring your camera to participate in a photo scavenger hunt, exploring some of DC’s most iconic sites. Stay for free live music, “Jazz in the Sculpture Garden,” if you like. Your friends and family are invited! ($ = Students cover their own metro and food expenses.)

**General Sessions**

**ACADEMIC SUCCESS & US CLASSROOM CULTURE**
Discover on-campus resources and tools to help you succeed with your studies.

**GETTING AROUND: TRANSPORTATION SERVICES & PARKING**
Get information about Shuttle UM routes, Department of Transportation Services, and parking requirements.

**FINDING ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT**
Discover on-campus and online resources for finding an on-campus job.

**UNDERSTANDING US HEALTH CARE**
US health insurance can be confusing, even for Americans! Learn key words, why it is important to have insurance, and what services the University Health Center offers.

**SAFETY & SECURITY AT UMD**
Tips and tools for staying safe in College Park

**TOOLS FOR CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT**
Moving to a new country is exciting, but also brings challenges and stress. This session prepares you for how different people experience phases of adjustment (it’s normal!) and offers resources to support your transition.

**AMERICAN CULTURE 101**
Come explore the topic of culture and personal values. Think about your culture and communication style and how it may differ from the US. Also listen to tips and tidbits from current students.

**SERVICES FAIR**
Browse tables, chat, and learn about student activities you can get involved with to start developing a community here at UMD, as well as services to aid you academically and personally during your stay. It’s a great transition after the American Culture session!

**BECOMING A WASHINGTON, DC “INSIDER”**
Learn key terminology, fun local trivia and culture, and other “insider information” to help you navigate Washington, DC, like a Washingtonian.

We look forward to meeting you!