

GRADUATE ORIENTATION SCHEDULE 2008

Sunday, September 21

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

The Chandler Dining Hall will be open for business for anyone looking for a meal or light refreshment.

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The Card Office will be open for students to obtain their Caltech ID card.

11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Dean's Welcome to Caltech

A welcome from the Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Michael Hoffmann, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Erica O'Neal and Caltech Associate Registrar, Kim Mawhinney.

|| *Ramo Auditorium (Bldg. #77)*

12:00 Noon - 2:30 PM

Picnic Lunch, Games & Official Check-In

Get to know your fellow classmates, pile up your plates with delicious picnic foods, and have some fun!! You should also stop by one of the staffed tables to pick up an orientation packet, including a final schedule of the week's activities, the Technique, and the 2008-2009 Catalog. The Registrar's Office will also be handing out registration information and information about your ID card, and a representative from IMSS will be present to sign you up for an email account, if you have not already done this.

|| *Ramo Lawn & Patio*

4:30 PM - 5:45 PM

Convocation

We invite you to attend Caltech's annual Convocation – a formal welcome and introduction to the Institute for new undergraduate students and their parents, graduate students, and postdoctoral scholars. The program will include greetings from President Jean-Lou Chameau and speeches by Judith Goodstein, faculty associate in history; Scott Fraser, Rosen Professor of Biology and professor of bioengineering; and John Hall, professor of civil engineering and dean of undergraduate students.

|| *Beckman Auditorium (Bldg. #91)*

GRADUATE ORIENTATION SCHEDULE 2008

Monday, September 22

All Day

Registration

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9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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All Day

ESL (English as a Second Language) Screening

All international students are required to be screened for English language proficiency, even those who are native speakers should meet with one of the ESL instructors to be determined if exempt.

Red Room (2nd floor - Center for Student Services, Room 225)

All Day

Academic Orientations and Placement Testing*

Your option secretary will provide you with keys and a mail box, and provide you with information about office space, academic counseling, division academic requirements, safety, etc. *Those options requiring placement exams will provide you with the details. Please note that not all academic options have placement testing, but there will be structured orientation activities throughout the day.

Check with your option secretary for specific details

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Tuesday, September 23

All Day

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9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The Card Office will be open for students to obtain their Caltech ID card.

8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Welcome Breakfast

Join us for a full breakfast to get your day off on the right foot! Several faculty and senior students from the various divisions will be in attendance.

Beckman Courtyard & East Lawns

9:45 AM - 1:00 PM

Introduction to Caltech Resources

Health Education

Legal Issues

Safety Tips for Living in Southern California

Ombudsperson

Graduate Student Council

Honor System - Learn about Caltech's Honor Code

Beckman Institute Auditorium (Bldg. #74)

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Lunch provided by Pita Pita Restaurant

Beckman Courtyard & East Lawns

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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Red Room (2nd floor - Center for Student Services, Room 225)

7:00 PM - closing

Relax at the Athenaeum

Enjoy a game of pool, watch the big-screen TV, or just hang out with new friends. Taco/tostada bar and drinks provided.

Atheneum Rathskellar

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Wednesday, September 24

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9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The Card Office will be open for students to obtain their Caltech ID card.

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Continental Breakfast

Beckman Courtyard & East Lawns

9:30 AM - Noon

Introduction to Caltech Resources (Part II)

Beckman Institute Auditorium (Bldg. #74)

Health and Dental Insurance

Financial Services - Bursar and Payroll

Caltech Libraries

What Every Grad Student Should Know About Life at Caltech

A panel discussion with current graduate students.

Campus Housing and Student Life

Sustainability at Caltech

Noon - 1:00 PM

Lunch provided by President Thai Restaurant

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Women's Center Wine & Cheese Welcome

Center for Student Services (2nd Floor Lounge/Bldg. #86)

The Women's Center would like to extend an invitation to all new graduate women for a wine and cheese welcome mixer. This is an opportunity to meet other new graduate women to Caltech and learn about the programs and services offered by the Women's Center.

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Picnic in the President's Garden

415 South Hill Avenue

Please join us for a dinner hosted by Caltech President, Jean-Lou Chameau and Carol Carmichael. Please wear comfortable clothing as there will be opportunities for you to enjoy some lawn games or just relax by the pool.

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9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Mandatory Teaching Assistant (TA) Training

The Institute requires that every student must complete a mandatory TA Training session prior to assignment as a teaching assistant. If you know that you are expected to perform teaching assistant duties during your first year or in future years, this training session is for you. All participants will receive certification and only need to attend once.

Beckman Institute Auditorium (Bldg. #74)

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Continental Breakfast

Beckman Institute Courtyard

Noon - 1:00 PM

TA Training Lunch provided by Green Street Restaurant

Beckman Institute Courtyard

12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM

LGBTQ (Lesbian - Gay - Bisexual - Transgender - Questioning) Welcome Lunch

Sponsored by Prism, Student Affairs, Dean of Students, and the Graduate Dean's Office

Avery Library

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Women Mentoring Women

The Women Mentoring Women program matches postdoctoral scholars and graduate women for a one-to-one mentoring experience. Join us to learn more about this wonderful opportunity. *Presented by Felicia Hunt and Portia Harris of the Women's Center.*

Center for Student Services (2nd Floor Lounge/Bldg. #86)

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9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The Card Office will be open for students to obtain their Caltech ID card.

10:00 AM

Optional Off-Campus Field Trips

We will be offering an opportunity for field trips to several fun, off-campus locations. Transportation will be provided. **Please be sure to check with your academic option to make sure this does not conflict with any required meetings. Please note that some busses will not arrive back on campus until later in the evening. If you are unsure if this conflicts with any other plans, please contact Student Life to find out when the bus is due back.**

Meet in front of the Center for Student Services (Between Bldgs. #86 & #87)

Community Service Trip, Pasadena

A Trip Into the Wilderness: Hike the Angeles National Forest

Tour of L.A.

Sea Kayaking and the Beach, Sunset Beach Harbor

Knotts Berry Farm

Saturday, September 27

3:00 PM

Club Fair and Carnival

Court of Man

Monday, September 29

First day of instruction