

Fall 2008 Calendar of Events for New Graduate Students

Monday, August 11 through Tuesday, August 19

International Student Orientation (STRONGLY ENCOURAGED for new INTERNATIONAL students)

Information about the fall 2008 new international student orientation is available at:

http://www.international.psu.edu/iss/fall_orientation.html

Tuesday, August 19

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.:

School of Music Graduate Competency Exams in Music Theory & History (REQUIRED)

Unless you have previously taken and passed the exams, you are required to take the exams on this date. Sample questions were included with your offer of admission letter.

***Theory 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - report to Room 117 Music Building I**

9:00-9:20

*Aural Skills/Dictation (Part IV)

9:30-11:10

Part-Writing and Tonal Analysis (Parts I and II)

11:30-12:20

20th Century Analysis (Part III)

History 1:30-4:00 p.m. - report to Room 117 Music Building I

*As part of the Aural Skills exam, Professor Tom Cody (tmc14@psu.edu) will ask each student to schedule a 10-minute sight singing exam for the morning of Wednesday, August 20.

Wednesday, August 20

1:00-4:45 p.m.:

Graduate School Half-Day Orientation, Forum Building (STRONGLY ENCOURAGED)

This half-day orientation session for all new graduate students, including new international graduate students, will cover important topics for new graduate students, including plagiarism, graduate student life, e-portfolios and health insurance. Please note that all graduate students, both international and domestic on any form of assistance administered through the university, are automatically enrolled in the graduate assistant benefits program that will be covered during this session. **The health insurance session is mandatory for all new international graduate students.**

5:00 p.m.:

Graduate School Reception, Kern Building Lobby (ENCOURAGED)

The reception will include refreshments and an informal networking session for graduate students. Students will have an opportunity to visit with representatives of various organizations invited to the reception, including the Office of Disabilities Services, Career Services, the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, and the Graduate Writing Center, among others. **Please respond no later than Tuesday, August 12th, either by calling (814) 865-2516 or by emailing Mary Neff (meh1@psu.edu) or Rhonda Perryman (rdp3@psu.edu).**

Friday, August 22

10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.:

School of Music Graduate Student Orientation, Room 122 Music Building II (REQUIRED)

Refreshments: 10:45-11:00 a.m. (meet faculty and fellow graduate students)

Information meeting: 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

During this meeting you will meet the Graduate Officer of the School of Music and become acquainted with important information concerning graduate studies at Penn State. Several members of the faculty will address various aspects of graduate education in music. New graduate students are required to attend.

3:00-4:00 p.m.:

Online fall course registration, Room 15 Music Building II (STRONGLY ENCOURAGED)

The music technology lab will be available to new graduate students during this time to register online for fall courses. A person will be in the music tech lab during this hour if you need assistance using one of the computers in this lab.

Monday, August 25

Classes Begin - see "Academic Calendar - Fall 2008" at http://registrar.psu.edu/academic_calendar/fall08.cfm

Note: The Bursar's website states, "Beginning with the first day of classes, students that drop below full-time or drop below their originally registered credit level may be assessed a tuition penalty."

Wednesday, September 3

Add/Drop Deadline - see "Academic Calendar - Fall 2008" at http://registrar.psu.edu/academic_calendar/fall08.cfm

Thursday, September 4

Add/Drop with \$6 Fee and Late Registration Period Begins - see "Academic Calendar - Fall 2008" at http://registrar.psu.edu/academic_calendar/fall08.cfm