2016 Spring Graduate Student Orientation
Monday, January 11, 2016

As you begin this new academic journey as a graduate student at UL Lafayette, Orientation provides an overview of the tools and resources available to you to complete your studies and excel at them. Orientation is also a great opportunity to meet fellow students, both new and old, as well as graduate faculty. So make plans to attend the sessions below and let us welcome you to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Graduate School.

8:00am-12:00pm
Student Union

Cajun Card Services
Your Cajun Card—your University ID—will be one of the most important items in your wallet during your time at UL Lafayette. For those who haven’t yet had time to get their picture taken and get their Cajun Card, this time is available to visit Cajun Card Services in the Student Union. All you need to bring is a form of picture-ID, your CLID number, and a “Ragin’ Cajun smile.”

8:00am
Dupré Library Reference Desk
Martin Hall

Campus and Library Tours
Optional Campus tours and Library tours will be offered concurrently at 8:00am for those wanting to get the grad student-view of the campus and the Dupré Library. Students can attend either tour or choose to take a tour during breakout sessions in the afternoon. Library tours will begin at the Dupré Library Reference Desk, while campus tours will start in front of Martin Hall.

8:30am-1:00pm
Moody Hall Foyer

Orientation Sign-In
Students are asked to sign in and receive Orientation materials. Sign-in will take place in the Moody Hall foyer.

9:00am-10:00am
Moody Hall, Room 103A

The UL Lafayette Experience
This early session is designed for students new to UL Lafayette and the Lafayette area. We’ll walk students through the basics of being a student at UL Lafayette and a transplant to the heart of Cajun Country.

10:15am-10:45am
Moody Hall, Room 103A

Welcome Session
A general welcome session for all new graduate students.

11:00am-12:00pm
Moody Hall, Room 103A

Session A: Making the Transition to Grad School
(for those beginning Master’s or Graduate Certificate programs)
Hear from current Master’s-level students regarding what to expect as a grad student from course work to scheduling to final exams. The student panel will also provide insights and advice for making the transition to graduate studies as a lifestyle, providing tips for time management, interactions with faculty, friends, and family, and stress management.

Moody Hall, Room 120

Session B: Making the Transition to Doctoral Studies
(for those beginning Ph.D., Ed.D., or D.N.P. programs)
Current doctoral students will share their own experiences when entering a doctoral program and with the transition from the Master’s level to the doctoral level. Students will discuss research strategies, the advisor-advisee relationship, and the dissertation writing process.

12:00pm-1:00pm
Moody Hall Foyer

UL Lafayette for You: Mingle, Meet, & Eat
Learn about campus organizations and resources for graduate students through a networking session, complete with lunch provided, in the Moody Hall foyer.
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1:00pm-1:45pm
Moody Hall, Room 103A

Breakout Sessions #1

Session A: Graduate Coordinators, Graduate Mentors, and You: Creating and Maintaining Good Relationships from the Start
It’s important to get off to a good start in grad school. Hear firsthand from a Graduate Coordinator panel about doing just that. Graduate Coordinators serve as a student’s primary academic advisor, and as such, an amicable yet professional relationship should be built with them from day one.

Moody Hall, Room 120

Session B: Getting to Know the Needs and Resources for Your Students (and You)
Knowing what resources are available for you and your undergraduate students is a must. This session is designed for grad students who will be teaching their own courses, whether as instructors or assistants, but is also a valuable resource for grad students without teaching duties. Representatives from across campus will provide attendees with general information along with advice, suggestions, and guidelines for interacting with undergraduate students from all ends of the academic, athletic, and personal spectrum.

Moody Hall Foyer

Session C: Campus Tour
For those wanting to get the grad student-view of the campus, a campus tour will be offered during this breakout session time. The tour group will meet in the Moody Hall Foyer.

2:00pm-2:45pm
Moody Hall, Room 103A

Breakout Sessions #2

Session A: $$$ for You: Research and Travel Funding for Grad Students
Being successful in Grad School means conducting and presenting research—and that means having access to money to fund research and travel. This session will introduce you to the ins-and-outs of applying for and using University funds from the Graduate Student Organization, Student Government Association, and individual graduate programs.

Moody Hall, Room 120

Session B: Staying Well in Graduate School: Tips and Resources
Sure grad school is tough on the body and mind, so how do you stay healthy throughout your studies? Attend this session to learn tips and strategies for maintaining your mental and physical health while pursuing your graduate degree. Representatives from Student Health Services and Bourgeois Hall will be on hand to talk about the resources available to UL Lafayette graduate students.

Dupré Library Reference Desk

Session C: Dupré Library Tour
For those wishing to view the University Library facilities and resources, a Dupré Library tour will be offered during this breakout session time. The tour group will meet at the Dupré Library Reference Desk.
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3:00-3:45pm
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Breakout Sessions #3

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Moody Hall, Room 120

Session B: Career Planning from the Start
Grad School is but one step in your journey to a career. Building the best resume or CV means being career-focused from the start of your graduate studies and throughout. Learn about career planning strategies from Career Services representatives and select graduate faculty at this session.

Moody Hall, Room 121

Session C: $$$ for You: Research and Travel Funding for Grad Students
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4:00pm
Moody Hall, Room 103A

Human Resources: Paperwork and Policies (Mandatory for all GAs and Fellows)
Presentation of HR and Graduate School policies for GA’s and Fellows and completion of University employee paperwork.