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FALL 2022

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ORIENTATION WEEK
AUGUST 21-AUGUST 26, 2022
FALL 2022 ORIENTATION SESSIONS

WELCOME OTIS OWLS!

During Orientation Week, you will be able to join in-person and virtual Orientation sessions, complete your self-guided Online Orientation Course, meet your Peer Mentors/TISOs, connect with other new Owls, and get acquainted with life as an Otis College student.

We look forward to meeting you!

1. **Sign up for your Orientation sessions taking place throughout the week. Registration will open in early August.**

Making the transition to college can be exciting, eye-opening, and perhaps a bit overwhelming at times. Through our virtual and in-person Orientation sessions, we will provide you with important information and tools to help you become the most successful Otis Owl that you can be. Through these sessions, you will learn about strategies and resources you can utilize to strive academically, creatively, and personally during your time at Otis College. Lastly, you will have the chance to ask any questions you have and connect with Student Leaders, other Otis College students, and members of our community.

There are other optional O-Week programs that are highly recommended for new incoming students to join. We suggest that you look through the list at the bottom of this program and attend additional O-Week programs that you are interested in. Feel free to join as many as you would like!

2. **Complete your self-guided Orientation Course through the Otis College learning management system, The Nest.**

The Online Orientation Course is created to help you learn about all the resources that you can access as an Otis Owl. Through this course, you will be able to navigate through informational modules that serve as essential introductions to the Otis College student experience. There are required steps to complete throughout the course.

All new students will be able to access the Online Orientation Course on August 15. Your orientation course can be accessed by logging in to your Otis College student dashboard (my.otis.edu), and clicking on The Nest icon on the right side of the page, below “Events.”

**ALL SESSION TIMES WILL TAKE PLACE IN PACIFIC TIME.**
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18–FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

ALL DAY
New Student Housing Move-In
IN-PERSON

Move-in appointments will be staggered between August 18 through August 19. Residential students will be emailed a link to sign up for the day and time that work best for them.

Additional details will be emailed to students with confirmed places in housing. Contact Residence Life and Housing at studenthousing@otis.edu for any questions or concerns.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

3:30 P.M.
International Students—Meet Your TISOs
IN-PERSON

This is an optional program for international students to have the chance to meet and connect with their Team International Student Outreach (TISO) mentors. This will take place in the Owl Lounge at 3:30 p.m.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

8:15 A.M.–1:30 P.M.
Foundation and Foundation Transfer Orientation
IN-PERSON

Schedules At-A-Glance*

Session A:
8:15 a.m.  Student Check-In/
          Student ID Cards
          (Campus Safety and Security)
9:00 a.m.  Welcome
9:10 a.m.  Meet Your Orientation Leaders
          (O-Leaders)
9:35 a.m.  Academic Overview
10:00 a.m. Pathways to Success
10:00 a.m. Letting Go: How to Support
          Your Students (Parents and Families Only)
          *Virtual Session
10:30 a.m. Break
10:35 a.m. Tech Essentials: Academic Tools
          for the Classroom
11:05 a.m.-Breakout Sessions
11:35 a.m.  (Various Locations)
11:45 a.m.-1.  Campus Resource Panel
              (Forum)
2.  Landing a Job: Getting Started
    (Ahmanson 301)
3.  Connecting as a Commuter
    (Owl Lounge)
4.  Student Leadership and Getting
    Involved (Galef 105)

Note: You may attend two sessions,
one in each block listed.

11:30 a.m.-Lunch with
1:30 p.m.  Information Fair (Commons).

*Livestream option available at
otis.zoom.us/my/oweek for parents and families for this session only. Livestream will begin at 9am and end at 10:30am.

There are two in-person Orientation sessions that Foundation and Foundation Transfer students can sign up for during O-Week. These two sessions are offered on Sunday morning (Session A) and afternoon (Session B). Attendees only need to register for one of the sessions. Parents and families interested in attending can register for Session A, which will be livestreamed.

This Orientation is especially important for students entering college for the first time or transferring from another college and starting at Otis as a Foundation student. Students will gain a basic understanding of the college and and their foundation year. There will be an opportunity for students to meet their Orientation Leaders (O-Leaders) and speak with various staff and faculty representing different resources at the College. These sessions take place in the Forum on the Goldsmith campus. Lunch will be provided.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 (CONT’D)

11:30 A.M.–1:30 P.M.
Foundation and Foundation Transfer Orientation

IN-PERSON

Schedules At-A-Glance

Session B:
11:30 a.m.-Lunch with Information Fair
1:30 p.m. (Commons)
12:30 p.m. Student Check-In
1:00 p.m. Welcome
1:10 p.m. Meet Your Orientation Leaders (O-Leaders)
1:35 p.m. Academic Overview
2:00 p.m. Pathways to Success
2:30 p.m. Break
2:35 p.m. Tech Essentials: Academic Tools for the Classroom
3:05 p.m.- Breakout Sessions
3:35 p.m. (Various Locations):
3:45 p.m.- 1. Campus Resource Panel (Forum)
4:15 p.m. 2. Landing a Job: Getting Started (Ahmanson 301)
3. Connecting as a Commuter (Owl Lounge)
4. Student Leadership and Getting Involved (Galef 105)

Note: You may attend two sessions, one in each block listed.
The college is excited to welcome all newly admitted international students! The International Student Virtual Orientation Session is your chance to learn about all that Otis College has to offer you. You’ll receive valuable information to ease your transition to campus and life in the U.S., as well as federal requirements to maintain your student visa status. You will also have the opportunity to engage with your Team International Student Outreach (TISO) leaders.

All newly admitted international students are required to attend.

Zoom link to attend: otis.zoom.us/my/owweek
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

9:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.
Upper Division Transfer and Exchange Student Orientation

IN-PERSON

Schedule At-A-Glance
9:00 a.m. Student Check-In
9:30 a.m. Welcome
9:40 a.m. Liberal Arts and Sciences Overview & Keynote Speaker
10:20 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. Synching into Technology
11:00 a.m. Pathways to Success
11:30 a.m. Lunch & Transfer Student Social
12:30 p.m. Campus Tour
1:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions
   (Various Locations):
   1. Campus Resource Panel
      (Forum)
   2. Connecting as a Commuter!
      (Owl Lounge)

This Orientation is for those students who have previously attended either a two-year or four-year institution and have been admitted to Otis College as a transfer student. You will learn about academic expectations and opportunities for involvement and get the chance to meet representatives from your academic departments. This is an in-person session that takes place on the Goldsmith campus in the Forum.

All newly-admitted upper division transfer students and exchange students are expected to attend.
Otis College officially celebrates all newly admitted students at the beginning of their academic year. You will be officially welcomed during a Convocation-style Welcome Ceremony, taking place in the Commons area on campus. President Charles Hirschhorn will formally welcome all new students, along with Otis College faculty and staff. A light breakfast will be provided!

There is no registration required for this event. At 9:00 a.m. students must arrive at the Forum, which is located in the Anne Cole Building next to Elaine's Dining, to check-in, get your commemorative T-shirt, and join the pre-ceremony activities!

O-Beach is a program immediately following the Welcome Ceremony that offers students a chance to get to know your peers even better. Students will hop on a bus to Dockweiler Beach to spend time with other students, get to know the O-Leaders, and enjoy games at the beach. By the end of the day we hope you will have made new connections with students and enjoyed a local spot near Otis College.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.
Step-Up Bystander Intervention (Required)

All students are required to attend a Step-Up Bystander Intervention presentation led by our Assistant Dean and Title IX Coordinator, Dr. Carol Branch.

Bystander intervention is the act of stepping up when there is a problem, rather than assuming someone else will intervene. To prepare you to be a proactive member of the Otis Community, the bystander intervention session will help you recognize potentially dangerous situations, provide you with action strategies for intervention, and familiarize you with resources for assistance.

Zoom link to attend: otis.zoom.us/my/oweek

11:45 A.M.–3:00 P.M.
MFA Fine Arts Orientation

The In-Person MFA Fine Arts Orientation session will provide all incoming MFA Fine Arts students with information intended to help navigate their academic program. As an incoming graduate student, you will be able to meet other graduate students and representatives from your department.

Location: Forum

All newly admitted MFA Students are strongly encouraged to attend.

Schedule At-A-Glance
11:45 a.m. Student Check-In
12:00 p.m. Lunch
12:40 p.m. Student Affairs Welcome
1:00 p.m. MFA Fine Arts Meet & Greet
1:30 p.m. Tech Essentials: Academic Tools for the Classroom
2:00 p.m. Campus Resource Panel
2:35 p.m. Campus Tour
FRIDAY, AUGUST 26
11:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M.
Field Trip:
Santa Monica Pier Outing

Join us on an excursion to the Santa Monica Pier! The pier symbolizes the heart of Santa Monica and is one of the most photographed locations in the world. The Santa Monica Pier offers a wide variety of activities for everyone. Enjoy Pacific Park’s rides—like the West Coaster and the Pacific Wheel—carnival games, and food. Purchase gifts from the vendor carts, catch a show from one of the many street performers, or treat yourself to a thick and creamy milkshake. Additionally, you can lay out on the beach next to the pier or take a stroll on Santa Monica’s premiere shopping destination, Third Street Promenade. Transportation will be provided for up to 200 students (no reservation required). Pickup will happen at the front gates of Otis College on La Tijera Blvd. Make sure to arrive 15 minutes early, as the buses will leave promptly at 11:00 a.m. The buses will leave Santa Monica at 2:30 p.m. to return to campus at 3:00 p.m. We look forward to showing you one of L.A.’s most toured locations.
ADDITIONAL O-WEEK PROGRAMS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M.  
CAB Kick-Off Social  
IN-PERSON
Join the Campus Activities Board (CAB) in their kick-off social to welcome all new students! This will be a casual and fun space to meet our CAB Chair members and mingle with other new incoming students.

Location: Commons

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

11:15 A.M.–12:00 P.M.  
OWL CHAT #1  
IN-PERSON
Meet your incredible Orientation Leaders (O-Leaders) and connect with your peers by joining this interactive OWL Chat. Your O-Leaders are here to support you through your Orientation Week. Each OWL Chat will consist of different discussions, such as “What I Wish I Knew as a First-Year Otis College Student,” “Self Care Tips for Art Students,” “How to Get Involved,” and more!

Foundation and Foundation Transfer students will also be able to choose one of the Orientation Leaders as their Peer Mentors/ TISO (International Peer Mentors) through their Orientation course on The Nest by the end of the week. Joining several OWL chats is a good way to get to know them all a little better before submitting a final choice!

Location: Owl Lounge

12:00 P.M.–1:00 P.M.  
Telenovela Telephone: Storyboarding Game of Drawing & Writing  
IN-PERSON
Join the staff in the Owl Lounge in a telenovela-themed game based on “telephone.” In this engaging program, you will use prompts to create improvised sketches and captions that will result in a storyboard for an episode full of chisme and drama! Students will ultimately practice the magic of letting ideas flow, play with the concept of revision, and discover how collaborative learning can have rich results.

Location: Owl Lounge

1:00 P.M.–2:00 P.M.  
Housing Bingo  
IN-PERSON
Students are invited to join the Residence Life and Housing Office for an afternoon of BINGO! Throughout the game, students will have opportunities to chat with other students and win prizes.

Location: Commons
ADDITIONAL O-WEEK PROGRAMS

MONDAY, AUGUST 22 (CONT’D)

2:00 P.M.–3:00 P.M.
Ergonomics & Movement for the Artist
IN-PERSON
This is an introduction to body positioning while practicing one’s art to help prevent long-term health problems. Students will learn techniques for proper posture, stretching, and movement. This program is open to all Foundation students.

Location: Commons

3:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.
Mind the Gap: Emotions & Mindfulness
IN-PERSON
Students will have the time to learn about their emotions and how to regulate them with some mindfulness techniques especially in regard to starting something new!

Location: Commons

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

10:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.
Understanding your Financial Aid Package
VIRTUAL
Students will learn how to navigate their financial aid package, the timing of when to submit the FAFSA, and how to deal with intricate matters like the PLUS loan.

Zoom link to attend: otis.zoom.us/my/oweek

11:15 A.M.–12:15 P.M.
Tat-Tuesday
IN-PERSON
Students will be provided a handful of temporary tattoos to choose from and use. Tat-Tuesday is a Residence Life and Housing O-Week tradition that provides a space to meet and connect with other Owls, HOOT!

Location: Commons

1:00 P.M.–2:00 P.M.
Make-a-Toy
IN-PERSON
Come make a toy with students from the Toy Design department! You can have fun while learning about what the Toy department and industry has to offer!

Location: Commons
ADDITIONAL O-WEEK PROGRAMS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23 (CONT’D)

2:15 P.M.–3:15 P.M.
OWL CHAT #2
VIRTUAL
Meet your incredible Orientation Leaders (O-Leaders) and connect with your peers by joining this interactive OWL Chat. Your O-Leaders are here to support you through your Orientation Week. Each OWL Chat will consist of different discussions, such as “What I Wish I Knew as a First Year Otis College Student,” “Self Care Tips for Art Students,” “How to Get Involved,” and more!

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3:30 P.M.–4:30 P.M.
Disability Services: Navigating the Classroom
VIRTUAL
Join our Assistant Dean and Title IX Coordinator, Dr. Carol Branch, for an introduction to Disability Services and what it means to access your accommodations.

Zoom: otis.zoom.us/my/doctorcarol

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

10:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.
OWL CHAT #3
IN-PERSON
Meet your incredible Orientation Leaders (O-Leaders) and connect with your peers by joining this interactive OWL Chat. Your O-Leaders are here to support you through your Orientation Week. Each OWL Chat will consist of different discussions, such as “What I Wish I Knew as a First Year Otis College Student,” “Self Care Tips for Art Students,” “How to Get Involved” and more!

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Location: Owl Lounge
ADDITIONAL O-WEEK PROGRAMS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25 (CONT’D)

12:00 P.M.–1:30 P.M.  
Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) Honors Program Lunch  
**IN-PERSON**

Join the LAS Honors Program faculty in a welcome lunch. *Honors programs students only.*

Location: Ahmanson 314

4:30 P.M.–5:30 P.M.  
Understanding your Financial Aid Package  
**VIRTUAL**

Students will learn how to navigate their financial aid package, timing of when to submit the FAFSA, and how to deal with intricate matters like the PLUS loan.

Zoom link to attend: [otis.zoom.us/my/oweek](otis.zoom.us/my/oweek)

6:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M.  
Alumnx Exploration Series with Daphne Yap, ’04 BFA Toy Design  
**VIRTUAL**

Join us for this Alumnx Exploration Series presentation by Daphne Yap, who will present on her career trajectory and current projects. Learn more here: [otis.edu/calendar/alumnx-exploration-series-daphne-yap](otis.edu/calendar/alumnx-exploration-series-daphne-yap)

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