WELCOME OTIS OWLS!

During Orientation Week, you will be able to join Virtual Orientation Sessions, complete your self-guided Online Orientation Course, meet your Orientation Leaders, connect with other new Owls, and get acquainted to life as a student at Otis College of Art and Design.

We look forward to meeting you!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

The college is excited to welcome all newly admitted International students! The International Student Virtual Orientation Session is your first 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 USA, 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. To join an additional International Student Q&A Session, please find more information under the tab for Friday, August 28th. All newly admitted International students are required to attend.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
NEW OWL WELCOME DAY

New Owl Welcome Day includes three programs: Family and Friends Welcome, Letting Go, and Welcome Ceremony. When you register for New Owl Welcome Day in Mid-July, you and your loved ones may choose to attend one, two, or all three of those programs. Please see the details for each program below.

1. On New OWL Welcome Day, Otis College welcomes all newly admitted students and their family and friends to the Owl Community. Parents and families will have the chance to learn about campus resources and ask Otis College staff questions during our Family and Friends Welcome at 2:00pm (PDT).

   Schedule At-A-Glance:
   Family and Friends Welcome (Pacific Daylight Time)
   2:00pm       Welcome
   2:10pm       Virtual Orientation Introduction
   2:20pm       Campus Resource Panel
   2:40pm       Closing Q&A

2. Parents and families will then have the chance to join the Virtual Letting Go workshop at 3:30 PM (PDT), presented by the Otis College Director of Counseling Services, James Birks. This session provides helpful tools on how to best support your Otis College student through their academic journey.

   3:30-4:00pm       Letting Go Workshop

3. Lastly, all new students will be celebrated during our Virtual Welcome Ceremony in the evening. During this ceremony, we will formally welcome all new students, along with Otis College faculty and staff. We encourage all students to attend.

   6:00-7:00pm       Virtual Welcome Ceremony
This year, there are two Live Virtual Orientation sessions that Foundation and Foundation Transfer students can sign up for. Attendees only need to register for one of the sessions being offered (links will be provided below in Mid-July). This Virtual Orientation Day is especially important for students entering college for the first time or transferring from another college and starting at Otis College as a Foundation student.

Students and families will gain a basic understanding of the college and the Foundation year for the student. There will be an opportunity for students to meet their Orientation Week Leaders and speak with various staff and faculty representing different resources at the college.

Family and Friends are welcome to join this virtual event! All newly admitted Foundation and Foundation Transfer students are expected to attend.

**Schedule At-A-Glance (Pacific Daylight Time)**

9:00am  Welcome  
9:10am  Meet Your Orientation Week Leaders  
9:30am  How to Complete Orientation on the Nest  
9:40am  Tech Essentials  
10:05am  Break  
10:10am  Academic Overview  
10:35am  Pathways to Student Success  
10:55am  Campus Resources  
11:00-11:15am  Q&A
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25
FOUNDATION AND FOUNDATION
TRANSFER STUDENT ORIENTATION

This year, there are two Live Virtual Orientation sessions that Foundation and Foundation Transfer students can sign up for. Attendees only need to register for one of the sessions being offered (links will be provided below in Mid-July). This Virtual Orientation Day is especially important for students entering college for the first time or transferring from another college and starting at Otis College as a Foundation student.

Students and families will gain a basic understanding of the college and the Foundation year for the student. There will be an opportunity for students to meet their Orientation Week Leaders and speak with various staff and faculty representing different resources at the college.

Family and Friends are welcome to join this virtual event! All newly admitted Foundation and Foundation Transfer students are expected to attend.

Schedule At-A-Glance (Pacific Daylight Time)

6:00pm  President’s Welcome
6:10pm  Meet Your Orientation Week Leaders
6:30pm  How to Complete Orientation on the Nest
6:40pm  Tech Essentials
7:05pm  Break
7:10pm  Academic Overview
7:35pm  Pathways to Student Success
7:55pm  Campus Resources
8:00-8:15pm  Q&A

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26
UPPER DIVISION TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE STUDENT ORIENTATION

The college recognizes that Transfer and Exchange students have already been to college and are a unique population with specific needs. This orientation day 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 your representatives from your academic departments. All newly admitted transfer and exchange students are expected to attend.

Schedule At-A-Glance (Pacific Daylight Time)

6:00pm  Provost Welcome
6:10pm  Meet Your Orientation Week Leaders
6:30pm  Introduction to Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS)
6:45pm  Virtual Department Meet and Greets
7:05pm  Break
7:10pm  How to complete Orientation on the Nest
7:20pm  Tech Essentials
7:45pm  Pathways to Success
8:05-8:15pm  Final Q&A
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27
GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION

The Live Virtual Graduate Student Orientation session will provide all incoming MFA students with information intended to help navigate their academic program. As an incoming graduate student, you will be able to meet other graduate students virtually, as well as representatives from your prospective departments. All newly admitted MFA Students are required to attend.

Schedule At-A-Glance (Pacific Daylight Time)

6:00pm  Graduate Student Welcome Statement
6:10pm  Student Introductions
6:20pm  How to Complete Orientation on the Nest
6:30pm  Pathways to Success
6:45pm  Tech Essentials
7:10pm  Campus Resources
  • Campus Partners Video
  • Library
  • Career Services
  • Student Health and Wellness Center
  • One-Stop
  • Shops (Print, Ceramics, 3D)
7:40-7:45pm Final Q&A

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28
VIRTUAL REGISTRATION DAY/INTERNATIONAL STUDENT Q&A

Students that have not yet registered for classes will be advised online via Zoom. The One Stop will also be available to help students who have not yet cleared any holds. The Admissions Office will be in contact with students who have still not registered via email with more details.

5:00-6:30pm (PDT)
Step Up- Bystander Intervention
All students are required to attend a Step-Up Bystander Intervention presentation lead 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, bystander intervention session will help you recognize potentially dangerous situations; provide you with action strategies for intervention and familiarize you with resources for assistance.

7:00pm-8:00pm (PDT)
International Student Q&A
Otis College DSO, Alia Saeed, will lead an interactive session for international students to be able to ask any questions they may have about maintaining their visa status or succeeding as an international student at Otis College of Art and Design.
ADDITIONAL ORIENTATION WEEK PROGRAMMING

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

12:30 PM–1:30 PM (PDT)
Virtual Orientation Week Leader (OWL) Chat 1
Meet your incredible orientation leaders and connect with your peers by joining this interactive OWL Chat!

2:00 PM–3:00 PM (PDT)
Virtual Getty Museum Tour
Join the Dean of Enrollment Management and J. Paul Getty Museum Docent, Matthew Gallagher, on an interactive virtual tour of the Getty museum’s collection.

3:30 PM–4:30 PM (PDT)
Virtual Block Party
Residential students will be able to virtually connect with their RA and closest neighbors. A zoom link will be provided through your assigned RA.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

11:00 AM–12:00 PM (PDT)
Virtual Foundation 101
Learn more about what it means to be a Foundation student and meet the faculty chair of the Foundation department!

12:30 PM–1:30 PM (PDT)
Virtual Ergonomics and the Artist
Learn how positioning the body while practicing your art to help prevent long term health problems. Students will learn techniques for proper posture, stretching and movement.

2:00 PM–3:00 PM (PDT)
Virtual Orientation Week Leader (OWL) Chat 2
Meet your incredible orientation leaders and connect with your peers by joining this interactive OWL Chat!
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

11:00 AM–12:00 PM (PDT)
Virtual Orientation Week Leader (OWL) Chat 3
Meet your incredible orientation leaders and connect with peers by joining this interactive OWL Chat!

12:30 PM–1:30 PM (PDT)
Virtual Ergonomics and the Artist
Learn how positioning the body while practicing your art to help prevent long term health problems. Students will learn techniques for proper posture, stretching and movement.

2:00 PM–3:00 PM (PDT)
Virtual BINGO
Join Residence Life and Housing for a friendly and fun afternoon of virtual BINGO! Win Otis Swag and other items to help you settle into your new home. A link will be provided to all residential students by email.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

11:00 AM–12:00 PM (PDT)
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Virtual Orientation Week Leader (OWL) Chat 4
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3:30 PM–4:30 PM (PDT)
Virtual Orientation Week Leader (OWL) Chat 5
Meet your incredible orientation leaders and connect with peers by joining this interactive OWL Chat!

7:00 PM–8:30 PM (PDT)
Trivia Night
Each residential location will sponsor a trivia night for their residents. More information on how to access the link will be provided to students as they move in.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION!
Register for orientation through: otis.edu/o-week
Stay updated by downloading the Otis Owl Events App on your phone!
Complete your Orientation Course (through The Nest) by September 7th to receive your New Owl Gift.