



2008 Caltech International Student Orientation

Monday, 15 Sept	Welcome!	Location
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	<p>Brunch</p> <p>Welcome to Caltech & Orientation 2008! This week of activities is designed to help you feel comfortable in your surroundings and to adjust to life in the United States and at Caltech. Meet the staff and students who make this orientation possible and who will be important resources for you throughout your stay at Caltech.</p>	Avery Dining Room (Bldg. #99)
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	<p>Opening Ceremonies</p> <p>Welcome to Caltech! Meet the students and staff who are bringing you this exciting week of programs. Meet your fellow students in the incoming international class, who represent 38 different countries! And, review the schedule for the week, plus some important highlights about your immigration documents.</p>	Avery Dining Room (Bldg. #99)
2:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<p>CaLteCh: A hUnT fOr HiDdEn SeCrEtS</p> <p>The best way to learn about campus is to let your fellow Caltech students lead you on a wacky journey through campus. Join teams, meet friends, and explore the campus on this unique scavenger hunt that will have you learn all kinds of exciting and useful information about campus! Follow the clues, and you may even learn where dinner is to be served!</p>	Avery Dining Room (Bldg. #99)
4:30 p.m.	<p>Parade of Nations and Opening Games!</p> <p>Come, relax, meet people, and play games. Challenge the Caltech Chess Master (he can play up to 15 students at once), or join in one of the many game options while feasting on international cuisine prepared by members of Caltech international student clubs!</p>	Dinner location posted on the office door of ISP, Center for Student Services (Rm 250, Bldg. #86)

Tuesday, 16 Sept	Life in the U.S.	Location
8:45 - 9:15 a.m	Breakfast <i>Breakfast sponsored by Citibank</i>	Avery Dining Room (Bldg. #99)
9:15 - 9:30 a.m.	Review of the Day's Orientation Activities	
9:30 - 11:15 a.m.	Adjusting to Life in the U.S. Performances, discussions, and movie clips demonstrate what you might expect from yourself and your American hosts as you settle into your life in the US. Whether this is your first week in the US or your fifth year, you will find this session engaging. <i>Presented by the Counseling Center & ISP</i>	Avery Dining Room (Bldg. #99)
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Health Care in the U.S. Where do I go when I get sick? Who can I talk to about my medical concerns? This session introduces you to the health services on campus and healthcare in the US. <i>Presented by the Caltech Health Center & Health Educator</i>	Avery Dining Room (Bldg. #99)
12:00 - 12:30 p.m.	Managing Your Money Debit vs. credit? Checking vs. savings? Can I get a credit card? This session introduces you to banking in the US and how to effectively manage your money. <i>Presented by Citibank & ISP</i>	Avery Dining Room (Bldg. #99)
12:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Personal Safety in the U.S. Tips on how to keep yourself, and your belongings, safe while on campus and living in the Pasadena area. <i>Presented by Campus Security, the Women's Center & ISP</i>	Avery Dining Room (Bldg. #99)
1:00 p.m.	Lunch hosted by ISP (for morning participants only)	Avery Courtyard (Bldg. #99)
3:00 - 5:00 p.m	An Afternoon at the Braun Athletic Center An introduction to Caltech's great recreational facilities. Check out the soccer fields, basketball and squash courts, and outdoor pool, plus table tennis, badminton, weight room, and much more. Work out any of the remaining jet-lag and enjoy the afternoon exploring this facility that is free to all Caltech students. Dress comfortably, and remember your Caltech Student ID (if you do not yet have your student ID, you can still join us).	Meet in front of Brown Gym (Bldg. #1 & 2)
5:00 p.m.	Dinner - An American-style Cookout After you have had a chance to exercise, you will want to join us for an American style cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs (Vegetarian options will also be available)! If you only want a short break from working out, no problem, we can use the Athletic facilities until they close! Eat and relax in the company of friends. <i>Co-sponsored by the Dept. of Athletics, Physical Education & Recreation</i>	Braun Athletic Center
7:00 PM	Ice Cream in Old Town Current international students lead you on an evening trip to Old Town Pasadena on the ARTS Bus (bus service ends at 8pm, so wear comfortable shoes for the walk back to campus). See the town and enjoy some ice-cream, too. (Bring money if you wish to buy food.)	Meet in front of the Red Door Café (Bldg. #51)

Wednesday, 17 Sept	Life at Caltech: Great Expectations	Location
8:45 - 9:15 a.m.	Breakfast <i>Breakfast sponsored by Citibank.</i>	Avery Dining Room (Bldg. #99)
9:15 - 9:30 a.m.	Review of the Day's Orientation Activities	
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.	What Immigration Expects of You Now that you are here, it is important for you to follow the rules that the Immigration Service has established for students in the US. Learn the basics immigration regulations and what is expected of you here at Caltech. <i>Presented by ISP.</i>	Avery Dining Room (Bldg. #99)
10:15 - 12:00 p.m.	What You Might Expect of Your Friends & Classmates Current Caltech international students share their experiences and discuss the challenges and rewards of their first year at Caltech. <i>Presented by the Counseling Center and ISP</i>	Avery Dining Room (Bldg. #99)
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	What Your Faculty Expect of You An opportunity to hear from Caltech faculty about what they expect from you. Get advice for surviving the rigors of Caltech. <i>Panel of Faculty.</i>	Grads - Avery Dining Room (Bldg. #99) / Ugs - Avery Library
1:00 p.m.	Lunch hosted by ISP (for morning participants only)	Avery Courtyard (Bldg. #99)
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Walking Tour of the Huntington Museum & Gardens Pasadena has a number of fantastic cultural attractions including the Huntington Museum. Meet others while we walk to the Huntington and then tour the fantastic museum and gardens. (Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. Bring a hat and/or sunglasses and money for refreshments. Vans will shuttle students back to campus from 4:00 until 4:45 p.m.)	Meet in front of the Center for Student Services (Bldg. #86)
6:00 p.m.	A Classic Dinner While we have enjoyed many meals and activities together, tonight we will separate by class and enjoy a dinner. Undergraduate students are invited to join the Master of Student Houses (referred to as the MOSH) for a dinner in her home. Graduate students will enjoy dinner in the Avery Dining Hall. The graduate student dinner is co-hosted by the Catalina Resident Assistants and Apartment Manager.	Undergraduates meet at the MOSH's House (536 S. Catalina Avenue); Graduate students meet in Avery Dining Hall (Bldg. #99)
8:00 p.m.	Outdoor Film Relax under the stars in the sky while watching the Hollywood stars on the big screen. Snacks provided.	SFL Ampitheatre (between buildings #41 and 44)

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9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	<p>Open Check-In: Immigration & Registration Information Immigration check-in is mandatory for all new international students. Please bring your passport and I-20 or DS-2019 with you. During this session, you will also receive information about registration and much more.</p>	ISP, Center for Student Services (Rm 250, Bldg. #86)
9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	<p>Meet the Registrar (Graduate Students Only) Caltech's Registrar, Mary Morley, introduces the Online Course Registration System (known as REGIS). Learn how to enroll for the Fall Term and ask any questions you may have about registration.</p>	Brennen Conference Room, Center for Student Services (3rd Floor, Bldg. #86)
10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	<p>Meet the Registrar (Undergraduate Students Only) Caltech's Registrar, Mary Morley, introduces the Online Course Registration System (known as REGIS). Learn how to enroll for the Fall Term and ask any questions you may have about registration. Next, Caltech's Bursar, Heidi Dillon, explains all you need to know about your student account.</p>	Brennen Conference Room, Center for Student Services (3rd Floor, Bldg. #86)
1:00 p.m.	<p>Lunch hosted by ISP</p>	Lunch on the front lawn of the Center for Student Services (Bldg. #86)
2:00 - 9:00 p.m.	<p>Scotland Yard - LA Style! & Dinner</p> <p>2:00 - 2:30 PM Team Assignments/Metro Pass Pickup 2:30 - 9:00 PM Game & Dinner</p> <p>Are you ready to explore Los Angeles? Did you know that, contrary to what many people believe, LA has a good metro system. To discover LA, you are invited to join us for an exciting game of hide-and-seek on the Los Angeles metro system. Take advantage of this opportunity to explore LA with a team of your fellow students. After exploring the Metro, you will enjoy a dinner where ever you end up. Metro Passes provided, but please bring money for dinner.</p>	Meet in front of the Center for Student Services (Bldg. #86)

Friday, 19 Sept		Location
10:00 - 11:30 a.m	<p>Brunch - Closing Ceremonies</p> <p>Our last meal together to mark the culmination of International Student Orientation. On Sunday, you will join your American counterparts and begin learning more about campus and the Caltech experience. Thank you for spending this week with us! Welcome to Caltech!</p>	Alumni House Backyard (Building #97)
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.	<p>Grocery Store Trip</p> <p>Join Caltech's Health Educator, Wendy Lopata, for a trip to local grocery stores. Learn about the health and nutrition labeling on US food, how to make healthy food choices, and the economics of eating healthy. The group will go to two grocery stores that are within walking distance of the Caltech campus.</p>	Meet in front of the Center for Student Services (Bldg. #86)
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	<p>Open Check-In: Immigration & Registration Information</p> <p>Immigration check-in is mandatory for all new international students. Please bring your passport and I-20 or DS-2019 with you. During this session, you will also receive information about registration and much more.</p>	ISP, Center for Student Services (Rm 250, Bldg. #86)

Saturday, 20 Sept		Location
12:00 - 2:00 p.m	<p>Off-Campus Lunch</p> <p>Hungry and not sure where to eat? Join the orientation volunteers as they take you to their favorite eating places around campus. Remember to bring your lunch money.</p>	Meet on the lawn in front of the Center for Student Services (Bldg. #86)