



CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

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Dear Incoming Student:

We are looking forward to your arrival at the Center for International Studies. I am sure that you will find your enrollment in this interdisciplinary program both challenging and rewarding. Please view the agenda/schedule of important dates and other information. Also, note that ALL students must meet with their academic advisor before registering for any classes.

All newly entering students, both American students and International students, are required to attend the International Studies orientation program on **Friday, September 4**, as described on the attached agenda. At this orientation you will meet your Program Director who will serve as your academic advisor. This meeting is an opportunity for each program to outline important requirements that you must meet to qualify for the MA degree. You will receive instructions on course selections, your registration access code (RAC), the on-line registration process, and other information.

For those coming from overseas, be sure your flight reservations are made to Columbus, Ohio. An option available for transportation from Columbus to Athens, Ohio-Athens Airport Shuttle can be found on the ISFS website <http://www.ohiou.edu/isfs/arrival/transportation.htm>. That office will be updating the sight periodically as options are added. Also available is Express Coach shuttle service that is running between Baker Center and the airport. The cost is only \$30 per person each way and runs several times a day. The website is: www.expressaircoach.com.

International students should arrive no later than **Thursday, August 27**. <http://www.ohiou.edu/isfs/arrival/orientation.htm> You must go to the International Student & Faculty Services located in the new Baker University Center – Room 348 before coming to our office in Yamada International House. There you will receive information concerning the Ohio Program of Intensive English (OPIE Test), application for social security numbers, and other important matters.

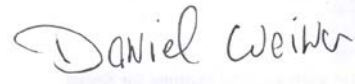
All graduate students are required to attend the General Graduate Student Orientation scheduled for **Thursday, September 3** at 10:00 in the Templeton-Blackburn Memorial Auditorium. <http://www.ohio.edu/graduate/gorientation07.cfm> This is a comprehensive introduction to Graduate Appointment Information, Registration and RAC numbers, activating your OU email, Health Insurance Information, Library Information, Safety & Security, Technology Information, Parking, etc.

Also attached is a welcome letter from your Program Director with some specifics about the program.

NOTE: All non-native speakers of English are required to fulfill the university's English language assessment. For those students who submitted TOEFL/IETS scores at or above the Center's requirements (550, 213 or 80 on a TOEFL test, or 6.5 on IETS test) and have also scored a 5.0 or above on the TWE (writing) test, you will not be required to take the TOEFL test upon arrival at Ohio University. All incoming international students who do not meet the above criteria or those students who will be Teaching Assistants, please check the list provided at Yamada House (Center for International Studies) to determine which English language tests you are required to take. Incoming international students will not have access to class registration until they have fulfilled the university's English language assessment.

If for some reason you are not able to join us, please let us know immediately. I wish you a good journey and look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Weiner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Dr. Daniel Weiner
Executive Director
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