

## Preview of University-wide New Graduate Student Orientation and New TA Orientation Fall 2020, in Canvas and Zoom

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### New Graduate Student Orientation

- Available as a Canvas course beginning Aug. 3; will remain available for reference throughout the fall.
- Entering graduate students will receive a welcome email from the Graduate School the week of July 27, followed by an automated email from Canvas to join the orientation.

#### CONTENT Modules

- Welcome from the offices of the President, Provost, and Dean of the Graduate School
- Brief overview of the Graduate School and graduate studies at UK
  - Preface for students new to graduate studies or who have been out of school for a while
  - Preface for students who have completed a graduate degree recently and are entering UK for another degree
  - Preface for students in fully online programs
- Advice for transitioning from undergraduate to graduate school
- *Graduate Student Success Pathways: A Personalized Map to Finding Academic and Career Success*
  - PATHWAYS is a professional enhancement navigational tool developed by the UK Graduate School to guide students toward optimizing their graduate education. The Graduate School is debuting the interactive online version (in Qualtrics) this fall. PATHWAYS is organized around four areas of development: holistic wellness, impactful research, transformative teaching, and fulfilling profession. It encourages students to tailor a professional development plan according to their specific needs and goals while diversifying their career exploration and preparation.
- Video flashtalks from a wide range of graduate students sharing their experiences and advice
- The Graduate Student Congress and the benefits of campus-wide engagement
- Advice from faculty on making the most of the advisor-advisee/mentor-mentee relationship.
- Demystifying the thesis and dissertation: Some thoughts at the outset of the journey
- Introduction to tools and programs for career exploration and preparation
  - [myIDP](#), [Aurora by Beyond the Professoriate](#), [Imagine PhD](#), [Preparing Future Faculty/Professionals \(various GS courses\)](#), [GradDegree+](#)
- Skills for successful graduate studies (developing the skills to succeed in graduate school and beyond)
- Optimizing your student experience in graduate seminars that are online
- Campus resources: Making the most of those specifically relevant to graduate students
- Wellness tips (confronting imposter fears, juggling identities and roles, building community, etc.)

### New International Graduate Student Orientation (required for new international students)

- Available as part of the New Graduate Student Orientation Canvas course beginning Aug. 3; modules should be completed prior to August 17 but they will remain available for reference throughout the fall.
- Optional synchronous Q & A Sessions with returning international graduate students

- Living in the US, facilitated by Karen Slaymaker: Monday, August 3 from 2-3pm
- Staying Healthy, facilitated by Karen Slaymaker: Tuesday, August 4 from 2-3pm
- Having Fun in the Area, facilitated by Angela Garner: Friday, August 7 from 2-3pm
- Classes Start on Monday? Last Minute Questions, facilitated by Angela Garner: Friday, August 14 from 2-3pm:

#### CONTENT Modules

- Welcome and Introduction by Dr. Sue Roberts, Associate Provost of Internationalization
- Immigration Information
  - Videos from the International Center with critical information pertinent to F1 and J1 visa holders
  - Online assessment that students MUST complete after the videos
- Academic Adjustment
  - Understanding UK's academic structure
  - The American classroom
  - Seeking help
  - Resources for help
- Health Insurance
- Managing your Finances
  - Opening a bank account
  - Writing a check
  - Getting a credit card

#### **Orientation for New Graduate Teaching Assistants** (required of all new TAs)

- Available as a Canvas course beginning Aug. 3; modules must be completed prior to August 17 but they will remain available for reference throughout the fall.
- Two synchronous Microteaching sessions (both required) will occur via Zoom:
  - Introduction and Lesson Development: Thursday, Aug. 6, from 9:00 until 10:30 a.m.
  - Teaching and Peer Reviewing: Friday, Aug. 7, from 9:00 until 11:30 a.m.
- New TAs will receive a welcome email from the Graduate School the week of July 27, followed by an automated email from Canvas to join the orientation.

#### CONTENT Modules

- Welcome from the Office of the Provost and the Dean of the Graduate School
- Introduction to Your Role as a Teaching Assistant
  - The community of TAs at UK and how new TAs can make the most of their experience.
- Title IX Compliance and Responsibilities
  - UK discrimination and harassment policies and mandatory reporting requirements
- Academic Ombud Services
  - Syllabus guidelines around absences, plagiarism, and grading policies. General overview of the ombud's role on campus.
- Disability Resource Center and Accommodations
  - Overview of office and meeting accommodation requests
- Center for Support and Intervention (formerly Community of Concern)
  - Submitting student alerts and reporting structure
- Student Health Plan
  - Health insurance information for TAs

- Advice from Experienced TAs
  - Interviews with experienced TAs
- Teaching Support and Assistance
  - Video introduction of Teaching, Learning and Academic Innovations/CELT and the Teach Anywhere Website
- Tips for a Successful First Day
  - Videos and resources on best practices for the first day of class
- Essential Resources at UK
  - Virtual tours of the following: Counseling Center, Community of Concern, Academic Ombud, CELT

## **Orientation for New International Teaching Assistants** (for TAs new to U.S. higher education)

- Available as part of the New Graduate Teaching Assistant Canvas course beginning Aug. 3; modules should be completed prior to August 17 but they will remain available for reference throughout the fall.
- Optional synchronous Q & A Session on TA Language Screenings, Friday, August 6 at 1:00pm
- TA Language Screenings: Via Zoom in pre-arranged appointments for Monday, August 10. Required for TAs whose first language is not English.

### CONTENT Modules

- Welcome and Introduction by Angela Garner, Coordinator of International Graduate Student Initiatives
- Desired TA Qualities: Approachability, Enthusiasm, and Confidence
  - Videos and resources on best practices for the first day of class
  - TAs submit completed handout accompanying video series
- Responding to Student Questions: 3RAC
  - Video explaining how to best respond to student questions in various scenarios
- TA Language Screenings: Understanding the Process
  - Video explaining the Language Screening process, including the 4 components and scoring