

Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS)

Spring 2020 Calendar of Orientation Events



Color Code:	International Center Orientation Event	Campus-Wide Orientation Event
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 3RD

1pm – 4pm F-1/J-1 Law Students	Law Students Immigration & Wellness Orientation <i>WH-109G</i>	All incoming international law students are expected to attend including LLM, JD and J-1 exchange law students – All should bring passport and Form I-20. Pastries and coffee will be served.
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MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH

	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	The USD Campus and the International Center will be CLOSED .
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST

10:00am-10:00pm All Students	Early On-Campus Move-In for International Students <i>Mata'yuum Crossroads</i>	International Students are able to move into on-campus housing as early as 10:00am on this day without additional fees. Please visit the Mata'yuum Crossroads building to pick up your room key.
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND

9:30am – 3pm First-Year Students Transfer Students	First-Year & Transfer Immigration and Wellness Orientation <i>Saints Tekakwitha & Serra Hall 215</i>	This mandatory session for first-year and transfer students will cover topics including: maintaining your student immigration status, navigating the U.S. health care system, how to transition successfully to the USD college environment, and important resources that can support your success. All should bring passport and Form I-20. Light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please arrive 15 minutes early to allow time for check-in.
3pm – 3:30pm All Students	Pots and Pans Donation Event <i>International Center, Saints Tekakwitha & Serra Hall 201</i>	Each year, graduating and returning exchange students donate gently used items for new students to claim. This is a great way to save money and pick up free items like lamps, silverware, plates and other items.

3pm – 6pm All Students	Bed, Bath & Beyond Shopping Trip <i>Meet at Law Circle (next to Warren Hall)</i>	Go shopping for dormitory essentials, mobile phones and other necessities. Transportation will be provided.
6:30pm – 8:30pm All Students living on-campus	MANDATORY Resident Community Meetings & Dinner <i>Mata'yuum Crossroads</i>	Meet with your entire residence hall and hear from the community director, the staff member who lives in the halls with you and enjoy dinner with your fellow residents.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23RD

8am – 9am First-Year Students Transfer Students	Optional Advising Meetings <i>Camino Classrooms</i>	Have you yet to be assigned an academic advisor? Not sure who your advisor is or haven't been registered for classes? Come to this optional advising meeting led by the heads of Arts & Sciences & Business to gather important information.
9am – 4pm First-Year Students Transfer Students	MANDATORY Overall USD Spring Orientation <i>Various Locations</i>	Mandatory overall university orientation for all first-year/freshmen and transfer students. Topics include academic advising, academic and career readiness preparation and community values orientation. See here for details: https://www.sandiego.edu/orientation/spring-orientation/
9:30am – 3pm Undergraduate Exchange Graduate Exchange	J-1 Exchange Student Immigration and Wellness Orientation <i>Saints Tekakwitha & Serra Hall 215</i>	This mandatory session for new exchange students will cover topics including: maintaining your student immigration status, navigating the U.S. health care system, how to transition successfully to the USD college environment, and important resources that can support your success. All students must bring their Form DS-2019 and passport. Light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please arrive 15 minutes early to allow time for check-in.
4:30pm - 5:15pm All Students	Optional Campus Tour <i>Meet at the fountain in front of Maher Hall</i>	Let the International Team Ambassadors (I-Team) introduce you to USD's campus with a brief walking tour!
5:30pm – 7:30pm All Students	Pizza and Game Night <i>International Student Lounge (Student Life Pavilion, 3rd Floor)</i>	Come to the International Student Lounge to enjoy games with fellow new students and the International Team Ambassadors! Pizza and soft drinks will be served.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH

First-Year Students Transfer Students	English Writing Assessments <i>First-Years: 9am – 11:30am in Maher 114</i> <i>Transfer Students: 1:30pm – 3:30pm in Maher 114</i>	Most new international first-year and transfer students will complete a writing assessment. *Students will be contacted by email with more instructions.
2pm – 3pm All Students	Tecolote Canyon Hike <i>*Meet at SLP at 2pm</i>	Come explore Tecolote Canyon, located directly behind USD, at this casual and easy afternoon hike.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH

2pm – 5pm All Students	Afternoon at Mission Beach <i>South Mission Beach. On-campus pick-up at 1:30pm in the Law Circle (in front of Warren Hall)</i>	Come explore Mission Beach with current and returning international students. Enjoy games and beach fun hosted by our International Team Ambassadors. Transportation provided to and from event.
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH

12:15pm All Students	All-Faith Service <i>Shiley Theatre</i>	We gather at the beginning of the spring semester for a USD tradition, the annual All Faith Service. This celebration begins together in prayer the leaders of faith communities, faculty, staff and students.
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

11:30am – 2:30pm All Students	Alcalá Bazaar <i>Paseo de Colachis</i>	Explore student organizations, campus resources and USD departments. See how you can be involved in the USD community!
6pm – 8pm All Students	International Student Welcome Dinner <i>UC Forum C</i>	Celebrate the start of the new semester and meet other new and current international students. This event is free to attend and dinner will be provided.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

12:30pm-2:00pm All Students	International Student Organization First Coffee Hour <i>Student Life Pavilion 3rd Floor</i>	Join the International Student Organization for the first weekly coffee hour of the fall semester. Take the opportunity to meet fellow international and domestic students over delicious food and drinks!
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

12:30pm-2:00pm First-Year Students Transfer Students	Dean's Meeting <i>Saints Tekakwitha & Serra Hall 102</i>	This is a mandatory session with the deans of each school (School of Business, School of Engineering, and College of Arts & Sciences) where they will provide advice and tips on how to be successful.
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