

2012 GRADUATE STUDENT FALL ORIENTATION PROGRAM

These events are a great way to meet graduate students from outside your department. Several events have limited capacity and require an RSVP. For those events please respond to Graduate.Studies@umb.edu.

NEW AND RETURNING GRADUATE STUDENT OPENING RECEPTION

Wednesday, September 5th, 3:00-6:00 PM Campus Center Ballroom

Welcomes by Chancellor J. Keith Motley, Provost Winston Langley, and Graduate Dean, Zong-Guo Xia; a poetry reading by Theodora Siranian, a student in the MFA program in Creative Writing.

4:45 pm -Raffle for Kindle and Amazon gift cards! (must be present to win)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

Wednesday, August 29th – Campus Center Ballroom

11:30 -12:00 Check In for all International Graduate Students

12:00 – 5 - OITA International Student Orientation

OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES OPEN HOUSE (new and returning students welcome) **Pizza and Conversation** (with individuals prepared to answer questions about GEO/GSA, graduate assistantships, billing, international student issues, health services, public safety, Beacon Fitness etc.)

Tuesday, September 4 4:00-6:00 pm Campus Center 2115

WELCOME WEEK WOW – Stop by for refreshments and get answers to questions you may have about being a graduate student at UMass Boston

Thursday, September 6 3:00-5:00 pm Campus Center 2nd Floor Catwalk Entrance

LIBRARY WORKSHOPS

Using Library Resources And Online Services For Class Assignments, Research Papers, Theses, And Dissertations –Library Staff

Healey Library Classroom 015 - 4th Floor (Center for Library Instruction)

These are drop-in sessions. You do not need to pre-register. Materials for this workshop are available at <http://umb.libguides.com/GraduateStudiesStructured>

- **Monday, September 17th – 5-6 pm**
- **Tuesday, September 25 – 5-6 pm**
- **Wednesday, October 3 – 5 – 6:30 pm** This workshop also includes a RefWorks workshop. **RefWorks** is a web-based citation management tool that facilitates collecting and organizing references and formatting research papers.

**STANDARDS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THESES AND DISSERTATIONS AND ELECTRONIC THESIS AND DISSERTATION SUBMISSION - Rita Poussaint Nethersole, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Sara Leahy, Format Editor
Tuesday, October 16 1-3 pm Campus Center CC 2115**

- This workshop is strongly recommended for any student considering writing a thesis or dissertation this academic year

USING SPSS AND SAS IN RESEARCH – Jie Chen, Senior Statistician

Descriptions of the workshops can be found at the end of the schedule of events.

Healy Library, Lower Level Presentation Room #1

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SPSS1: **Thursday, September 20 4 - 6pm**
 Wednesday, September 26 10:00 am - 12:00
 Tuesday, October 23 3 – 5 pm
 Wednesday, October 31 10 am - 12
 Thursday, November 8 4 - 6pm

SPSS2: **Wednesday, October 3 10 am - 12:00.**
 Wednesday, November 7 10 am - 12.

SAS 1: **Wednesday, October 10 10 am - 12**
SAS 2: **Wednesday, October 17 10 am - 12**

INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE WRITING: *Interactive Workshops Focusing on Generating, Organizing, and Revising Your Writing* –Meesh McCarthy and staff of the Graduate Writing Center

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Please note that these three workshops work both as a series and as stand-alone workshops. Also please note that these are participatory workshops. You will be practicing writing strategies that work.

- **Generating:** **Thursday, September 6: 4:30-6:00 pm CC 2115**
- **Organizing:** **Tuesday, September 11: 2:30-4:00 pm CC 2115**
- **Revising:** **Wednesday, September 19: 5:30-7:00 pm CC 2115**

THE ETHICAL CONDUCT OF RESEARCH AND THE IRB PROCESS – Kristen Kenny, IRB Administrator

Tuesday, September 25 1:00-3:00 pm CC 2115

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Descriptions of the SPSS and SAS Workshops

SPSS I:

This is a hands-on workshop to enable students to perform useful analysis of data using SPSS for Windows. The topics covered include: entering and reading data, documenting the file with variable and value labels, examining frequency and crosstab tables for individual and group data, recoding variables, independent sample t-test and simple linear regression. Participants will be provided extensive notes on the topics covered in the workshop, work with sample datasets and will produce examples of the graphic output available from the program.

SPSS II:

This workshop covers more data management and statistical procedures. Data management includes selections of cases, combining cases from two files and linking together files with different information. Statistical procedures include Chi-square test, One-way ANOVA, repeated measurement analysis, non-parametric statistics, multiple regression and logistic regression.

SAS I:

This workshop is an introduction to the SAS system that concentrates on the SAS DATA STEP with emphasis on data input, manipulation, output and summary. The topics covered include: creating SAS working data sets and data files, importing data from SPSS and Excel files, formatting variable and value labels, and simple statistical procedures such as PROC FREQ, PROC MEANS.

SAS II:

This workshop covers the analysis of designed experiments with PROC ANOVA and PROC GLM and Analysis of data utilizing linear and non-linear regression techniques in SAS with PROC REG, and PROC GENMOD. Topics include ANOVA, linear and multiple regression, regression diagnostics, and logistic regression.