

2011 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

Comments by Stephanie Hartwell, Graduate Program Director in Applied Sociology, Welcomes by Chancellor Motley, Provost Langley, and Graduate Dean, Joan Liem, a poetry reading by Sam Cha, a student in the MFA program in Creative Writing, and the Presentation of several student awards

Wednesday, September 7th, 3:00-6:00 PM Ryan Lounge

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, etc.)

- **Tuesday, Sept. 6: 4:00-6:00: 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, Sept. 8: 3:00-5:00: Campus Center 2nd Floor Catwalk Entrance**

Using Library Resources and Online Services for Class Assignments, Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations – George Hart and Library Staff
Healey Library Classroom 015 - 4th Floor (Center for Library Instruction)

All session will run from **4:30-5:30**. These are drop-in sessions. You do not need to pre-register.

- Thursday, Sept. 8
- Tuesday, Sept. 13
- Wednesday, Sept. 14
- Monday, Sept. 19
- Tuesday, Sept. 27

Dessert Social with the Graduate Student Assembly

- Tuesday, September 13: 4:00-6:00, GSA Offices - Second Floor Campus Center

Using SPSS and SAS in Research – Jie Chen, University 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: Wednesday, Sept. 28: 10:00-12:00

SPSS2: Wednesday, October 5: 10 - 12:00.

SAS 1: Wednesday, Oct 12 10 - 12

SAS 2: Wednesday, Oct 19 10 - 12

SPSS1: Wednesday, Nov. 2 10-12

SPSS2: Wednesday, Nov. 9 10 - 12.

Career Planning; Making Your Graduate Experience Serve Your Career Goals

Meet the Career Center Staff and learn about Early Steps Toward Career Planning
Campus Center 2115. **Len Konarski, Director, and Staff of Career Services**

- Tuesday, Sept. 20: 4:00-5:00; Campus Center 2115
- Thursday, Sept. 22: 3:00-4:00; Campus Center 2540

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, Sept. 8: 4:30-6:00 CC2115
- Organizing: Tuesday, Sept. 13: 2:30-4:00 CC2545
- Revising: Wednesday, Sept. 21: 5:30-7:00 CC2545

Teaching Assistant Workshops – Please RSVP to Graduate.Studies@umb.edu

Tuesday, September 20

--3:00-4:00: Creating a Dynamic Classroom: Strategies for Student-Centered Discussion Room: CC2545

---Panel of Graduate Student T.A.s and Prof. Cheryl Nixon

--4:00-5:00: Creating a Dynamic Classroom: Strategies for Assignments and Mini-Assignments Room: CC2115

----Panel of Graduate Student T.A.s and Prof. Cheryl Nixon

Wednesday, September 21:

--3:00-4:00: Connecting the T.A.ship to your Career: Creating a Teaching Philosophy Room: CC2115

----Panel of Graduate Student T.A.s and Prof. Cheryl Nixon

--4:00-5:00: Connecting the T.A.ship to your Career: Building a Teaching Portfolio Room: CC2115

----Panel of Graduate Student T.A.s and Prof. Cheryl Nixon

Academic Integrity Workshop (Learn how to avoid plagiarism by citing and quoting properly) – George Hart and Library Staff

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- Thursday, Sept. 15: 4:30-5:30
- Wednesday, Sept. 28: 4:30-5:30

The Ethical Conduct of Research and the IRB Process – Kristen Kenny

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- Monday, Sept. 19: 4:00-5:30 Kristen Kenny CC 2115

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.