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GIS Workshop – Session 1 (August 5 – 7)

Bowers Auditorium

August 5 & 6: 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

August 7: 9:30 am – 1:00 pm; lunch from 1:00 – 2:00 pm

GIS Workshop – Session 2 (August 7 – 9)

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August 7: Lunch from 1:00 – 2:00 pm in Kroon Hall; 2:00 – 4:30 pm

August 8 & 9: 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

The GIS workshops are optional and required pre-registration. We are no longer accepting applications. [The agendas can be found here.](#)

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2024 INCOMING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION AGENDA

Friday, August 9, 2024, 8:20 am-3:30 pm (optional 3:45 pm – 5:15 pm reception)

Location: Burke Auditorium, Kroon Hall, 195 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT

Reception location: The Well, Yale Schwarzman Center, 168 Grove St, New Haven, CT 06511

8:20 am-8:50 am: Check-in and Breakfast

Check-in and get ready to get oriented at YSE with the Office of Student Affairs team!

- Breakfast and tea/coffee provided.

8:50 am-9:00 am: Welcome to YSE! –

YSE's Chief of Staff and Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs, Danielle Dailey, will provide a brief welcome and introduction to YSE's Office of Student Affairs team.

9:00 am-10:30 am: Mandatory OISS Session – [Registration via Yale Connect!](#)

During this time, Senior Adviser Erin Gustafson from the Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) will hold a mandatory orientation and immigration check-in for all international students. This session will not only cover important immigration information but also provide you with information on getting settled into New Haven.

10:30 am-10:45 am: MODS & academic expectation Overview –

Matthias Schildwachter, Director of the Office of Academic Affairs, will provide an overview of the MODS experience, expectations, things to pack, etc. Additionally, brief academic expectations and requirements. This will be a great time to ask all questions about MODS and academics questions. Students will also hear from Julie Vance from the Professional Communication Center.

10:45 am-11:15 am: Yale Health Overview and Q&A

Marissa Coppola, Senior Administrative Assistant from the Yale Health Plan, will provide an overview of student health plan coverage and the Yale Health Pharmacy, as well as programs and services not covered under the plan. They will also review the process for waiving coverage.

11:15 am-11:30 am: Break

11:30 am – 12:00 pm: Overview of basic geography and regulatory structure of the US

Dr. Rob Javonillo, Assistant Dean of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion will provide resources on understanding basic geography and the regulatory structure of the US during the session.

12:00 pm-1:25 pm: Lunch and Conversation:

Unwind and enjoy a delicious lunch while meeting each other with a wonderful view of the Schem Wood in Knobloch Environment Center.

- Hot lunch and dessert provided

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1:30 pm-2:30 pm: Language and Communication Support for Advanced Multilinguals

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James Tierney, Director of Yale English Language Programs from the Center of Language Study, will provide an English Communication workshop.

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm: Meet the Career and Professional Development Team –

Kevin Doyle, Executive Director of the Career and Professional Development Office, will provide an overview of the office and the resources and services they provide to help get students on their career trajectory.

3:00 pm-3:15 pm: Closing Remarks

Closing the orientation with a reminder of Monday's main orientation agenda and luggage pick-up time. Students begin gathering to walk to **The Well at Yale Schwarzman Center** in groups led by student workers.

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm: Walk to The Well at Yale Schwarzman Center led by YSE student workers

3:45 pm-5:15 pm: Optional Activity: International Student Orientation Reception

Location: The Well at Yale Schwarzman Center

Building Access: Active Yale ID is required.

Join current international students and the Office of Student Affairs for hors d'oeuvres, dessert, drinks, and great conversation to celebrate your first day at YSE.

5:30 PM – 6:00 PM LUGGAGE PICK UP IN KROON 101/102

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2024 YSE Orientation

Monday, August 12

8:30 am-4:00 pm with Optional Afternoon Activities
195 Prospect Street, Kroon Hall, Burke Auditorium (Floor 3)

8:30 am – 9:00: Check-in and Light Breakfast

Check-in and get ready to get oriented at YSE with the Office of Student Affairs team!

9:00 am – 9:15 am: YSE's Chief of Staff and Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs, Danielle Dailey, will provide a brief welcome. Also, students will hear from YSE's Assistant Dean of DEI, Dr. Rob Javonillo, with a land acknowledgment.

9:15 am-9:35am: Welcome to YSE!

Dr. Kenneth Gillingham, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Professor of Economics will provide a brief welcome.

9:35 am-9:40 am: Student Affairs and Admissions Welcome –

Office of Student Affairs will provide a brief welcome and overview of the department. Students are introduced to Lauren Horner, Associate Director; Stefany Batista Reyes, YSE Embedded Counselor; Amina Ochirbat, Associate Director of International Admissions, Student Success; Sarah Hill, Program Manager; and Carlos Rosario, Senior Administrative Assistant and Dr. Wendi Hicks, Assistant Dean of Enrollment Management and Financial Aid, who will provide an overview of the incoming class.

9:40 am-9:45 am: Academic Affairs Welcome –

Matthias Schildwachter, Director of Academic Affairs, will provide an academic preview. Students will meet Dr. Ashley Tozzi, Assistant Director, Rosanne Stoddard, Registrar, and Cristina Violano, Senior Administrative Assistant.

9:45am-10:15am: Icebreaker/energizer led by Matthias Schildwachter

10:15 am-10:25 am Development & Alumni Services Overview and Welcome –

Hannah Peragine, M.E.M. '18 and Assistant Director of Development and Alumni Services, will provide an overview of Development and Alumni Services and a warm welcome to the YSE community!

10:25 am-10:35 am: Career Professional Development (CPD) –

Kevin Doyle, Executive Director of the YSE Career and Professional Development Office, will provide an overview of the office, resources, and services provided to students to help get them on their career trajectories. Students will meet CPD team members Kathy Douglas, Maya Sanyal, and Dr. Ashley Tozzi.

10:35 am-10:50 am: Yale Public Safety -

Paul Gallipoli and Sharon McLaurin from Yale Public Safety will provide an overview of campus safety resources.

10:50am-11:05am: 15-minute Break

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11:05 am-11:50 am: Yale University Chaplain's Office –

Rev. Jenny Peek, Associate University Chaplain, will provide an overview of their resources and lead an introductory conversation on the importance of practicing deep listening.

11:50 am-12:00 pm: Student Accessibility Services at Yale –

Emily Sears, Assistant Director from SAS, will provide an overview of their resources.

12:00 pm-1:00 pm: Lunch, popsicles and community building

Enjoy lunch from La Cucina, Popcentric popsicles, and a community-building exercise. Students are encouraged to eat outside, weather permitting.

1:00 pm-1:15 pm: Mental Health and Counseling

Stefany Batista-Reyes, YSE Embedded Counselor, will provide an overview on mental health resources.

1:15 pm-1:30 pm: Yale Health Plan & Yale Pharmacy –

Errol Williams, Member Services Representative from the Yale Health Center, will provide an overview of the student health plan, Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Care plus Prescription Coverage.

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm: Office of the Secretary & Vice President for University Life: Free speech and Peaceful assembly -

Assistant Vice President for University Life, Pilar Montalvo will provide an overview of free speech and peaceful assembly.

2:00 pm-2:15 pm: DHRC and Title IX Coordinator

Preventing & Responding to Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct at Yale –

Dr. Rob Javonillo and Lauren Horner will lead this session.

2:15 pm-4:00 pm: Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion at YSE –

Assistant Dean Dr. Rob Javonillo and Assistant Director Chenee Gallaher from YSE's Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion will provide information on programs and initiatives from their office and discuss how we can work together to help establish a sense of belonging for all members of the YSE community.

Optional:

4:00 pm-4:30 pm: YSE Campus Tour –

Enjoy a tour of YSE's campus to see its beautiful buildings and grounds. The tour will give students an understanding of essential offices and classrooms and the school's history. Wear comfortable shoes. Advance registration is required, and spaces are limited.

4:30 pm-6:00 pm: Social Mixer Hosted by the Office of Student Affairs –

Enjoy light refreshments, beverages, and music

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MODs – Session I (August 13 – 15)

MODs – Session II (August 20 – 22)

Every incoming student will participate in the “Self-to-System” MOD one week, and every student will also participate in either the “Science-to-Solutions: Yale-Myers Forest” MOD or “Science-to-Solutions: New Haven” MOD during the other week. All students participate in both sessions.

MOD assignments, and details of the MODs experiences, are posted on the MODs Canvas homepage: <https://canvas.yale.edu/>

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Thursday, August 15, and Thursday, August 22
Burke Auditorium

These events follow the Self-to-System MOD, which concludes with lunch. The sessions are identical on August 15 and August 22.

- **12:00 – 1:00 pm:** Self-to-System Wrap-Up Lunch
- **1:00 – 2:15 pm:** Co-Creating Community at YSE
5-minute break
- **2:20 – 2:35 pm:** YSE Information Technology
- **2:35 – 2:50 pm:** Career and Professional Development
- **2:50 – 3:10 pm:** Financial Aid and Financial Planning
- **3:10 – 3:20 pm:** YSE Human Resources
5-minute break
- **3:25 – 4:00 pm:** Local 33 – The Union of Graduate Teachers & Researchers at Yale

15-minute transition/break

4:15 – 5:15 pm: Choice of:

- Peabody Collections Tour – Meet on Waxter Plaza (east side of Kroon)
 - *The Peabody Museum's collections include over 14 million specimens and objects from 10 curated collections that tell the story of our Earth, its life, history, and cultures.*
- YASIC Scientific Instruments Tour – Meet on Waxter Plaza (east side of Kroon)
 - *Visit the Yale Analytical and Stable Isotope Center (YASIC) and get a tour from their staff! This campus core facility provides a wide range of analytical services, including measurements of stable isotopes, cations, anions, greenhouse gases, natural abundance γ -radiation, mercury, and nutrients in water or soil extracts.*
- Yale Campus Tour – Meet on the West Kroon Plaza
 - *This tour will be led by a current Yale student and is sponsored by the Yale Office of Undergraduate Admissions and the Yale Visitor Center. This is a great way to explore beyond Kroon Hall and learn more about Yale's beautiful campus.*
- Yoga – Bowers
 - *Unwind from a busy week with this yoga session only for incoming YSE students. BYO yoga mat, however a limited number will be available to borrow.*

15-minute transition/break

5:30 pm: Dinner hosted by YSE's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Team – 3rd Floor of Kroon

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Monday, August 19
Burke Auditorium

- **8:45 am – 9:30 am:** Breakfast (optional)
- **9:30 am – 10:00 am:** Dean’s Welcome – Dean Burke
- **10:00 am – 10:35 am:** General Academic Introduction
10-minute break

- **10:45 am – 11:45 am:** Degree-program breakout sessions
 - MEM: Burke
 - MEdS/MFS: Kroon G-01
 - MF: Kroon 319
- **11:45 am – 1:00 pm:** Lunch (by degree program)
- **1:00 pm – 3:00 pm:** Wayfinding and Skill-Development Sessions
 - **Introduction to R (120 minutes) – Bowers (Sage Hall)**
 - *Join Jill Kelly, Yale GIS Lecturer, for an introduction to the programming language of R. Jill will provide overview information and hands-on practice opportunities. While all are welcome, the target audience is for those who have never used R before.*
 - **Excel Foundations (120 minutes) – Kroon G-01**
 - *Join Andie Creel, YSE doctoral student, to learn and review key Excel functionality. This workshop will include hands-on practice opportunities, and will cover the Excel skills most often required at YSE.*
 - **Statistics for Environmental Professionals (90 minutes) – Burke**
 - *Join Jonathan Reuning-Scherer, Senior Lecturer in Statistics, for a wayfinding overview of statistics and data science at Yale, including what courses are offered and which ones are best for you. This will be valuable for everyone, from those with no related background to those with stats and data science expertise.*
 - **Writing and Refining Assignments for Non-Native English Speakers (90 minutes) – Kroon 319**
 - *Join Jim Tierney, Director of Yale’s English Language Program, for strategies and best practices for completing written assignments at the graduate level. While designed for non-native English speakers, this session is open to all incoming YSE students.*
 - **Citation Management (60 minutes) – Kroon 321**
 - *Join Rachel Sperling, Librarian for Environmental Studies, to learn about tools to help manage your research. This session is valuable for all incoming students and especially those who will have a research focus. Before this session, students are welcome to download Zotero (optional): guides.library.yale.edu/citationmanagement*

- **3:00 pm onward:** Free time to meet with your academic advisor, attend academic office hours in Kroon 106 (Matthias) and Kroon 108 (Rosanne), plan course schedules, rest, etc.

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Forest School Retreat

August 23 – 24

Great Mountain Forest

This event is for incoming Forestry students and by invitation only.

Tuesday, August 27

8:45 am – 2:00 pm

- **8:45 am – 9:15 am:** Breakfast for incoming students (optional)
- **9:15 am – 9:50 am:**
 - Academic Integrity @ YSE – Ken Gillingham, Senior Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
 - Overall Onboarding Evaluation

10-minute transition break

- Learning Community Breakout Sessions
 - **10:00 am – 10:45 am:** Session #1
 - **11:00 am – 11:45 am:** Session #2
 - **Locations:**
 - Business and the Environment: Kroon 319
 - Climate Change Science and Solutions: Sage 24
 - Ecosystem Management and Conservation: Bowers
 - Energy and the Environment: Ordway Learning Center
 - Environmental Policy Analysis: Kroon G-01
 - Forestry: Sage 32
 - Industrial Ecology and Green Chemistry: Sage Lounge
 - People, Equity, and the Environment: Kroon 321
 - Urban: Sage 41C
 - Water Resource Management and Conservation: Dean's Conference Room (Kroon – 2nd floor)
- **12:00 noon – 2:00 pm:** Community Day & Lunch
 - Network with YSE's SIGs, Centers and Programs, and Learning Communities! YSE swag will be available, Bradley Street Co-Op will be available for bicycle repairs, and pizza trucks will be serving lunch.