

Graduate Student Orientation

Tuesday, August 17, 2010

8:30 **Check-In** – Nitschke 1st Floor Hallway, area outside Auditorium
Lite Breakfast Refreshments Available – Nitschke 1st Floor Hallway

9:00 **Welcome/Remarks/Academic Integrity** (Nitschke Auditorium)
▶ Dr. Patricia Komuniecki, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies & Dean, College of Graduate Studies
▶ Mike Bechill, President, Graduate Student Association

9:25 **General Session – Building a Productive Relationship with your Advisor** (Nitschke Auditorium)
▶ Dr. Karen Bjorkman, Distinguished University Professor and Chair, Dept. of Physics & Astronomy
Your relationship with your advisor and other faculty in your department will play a key role in your academic success. This session will examine factors that contribute to a positive working relationship between graduate students and faculty. It will explore some of the problems that occur in mentoring relationships and what graduate students can do to help resolve them.

9:50 **Break**

10:00 **Break-out Sessions**

	Nitschke Seminar Rm. 1027/ SSOE <i>(Capacity 125)</i>	Nitschke Auditorium <i>(Capacity 1000)</i>	Palmer 3020 <i>(Capacity 124)</i>	Palmer 3190 <i>(Capacity 90)</i>	Palmer 3070 <i>(Capacity 76)</i>
10:00-10:30	Research Ethics & Compliance*	Graduate Writing Skills	Financial Aid & Funding Sources for Graduate Students	Making the Most of University Libraries' Resources & Services	
10:40-11:10	Research Ethics & Compliance*	**Essential Resources for Success – The Graduate College & Rocket Solution Central	Campus Services Overview	Making the Most of University Libraries' Resources & Services	Connecting Students to UT: The Division of Student Affairs
11:20-11:50	Research Ethics & Compliance*	**Essential Resources for Success – The Graduate College & Rocket Solution Central	Thinking Ahead: Career Planning & Services for Graduate Students		

*Required Session for all Students in Doctoral Programs and Master's Students in programs with a research component.

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12:00 **General Session – Student Panel: How to Find Balance, Meaning and Enjoyment in Graduate School** (Nitschke Auditorium)
▶ This session will help participants explore what being a graduate student means to them. Topics discussed will include perfectionism, balancing academic responsibilities with personal responsibilities, reducing stress and increasing wellness.

12:30 **Lunch** – Nitschke 1st Floor Hallway Area

1:00 **Campus Tour Available**

Session Descriptions

▶ **Research Ethics and Compliance***

(*Required for doctoral students and student's in master's programs with a research requirement)

Dr. Jeff Busch, Coordinator, Research Compliance

Your graduate education is much more than the acquisition of knowledge and technical skills. Aspiring researchers must understand that their profession is governed by many levels of governmental regulations and codes of ethics and conduct. This lecture is designed to introduce you to many ethical and compliance issues that you need to be aware of as an academic researcher.

▶ **Essential Resources for Success: The Graduate College & Rocket Solution Central ****

(**Required Session for all Students.)

Lisa Hasselschwert, Director, Rocket Solution Central

Karen Mockensturm, Records Management Officer, College of Graduate Studies

The College of Graduate Studies is here to assist you throughout the stages of your academic journey. A review of web resources, administrative requirements, and professional development opportunities will help you successfully navigate each stage of your graduate career.

This session is also an opportunity to learn about Rocket Solution Central (RSC), an integrated student service center that can assist you with questions regarding Financial Aid, Registration, Student Accounts and Student Records. If you need to work on course add/drops, billing, financial aid, waiving fees, transcripts or your student account, the MyUT portal is where you can take care of these things with a few mouse clicks. However, if you need assistance with any of these things, Rocket Solution Central is here to help.

▶ **Campus Services Overview**

John Cavins, Director of Academic Computing

Carolyn Leonard, Main Campus Student Health Services

Joy Gramling, Director, Auxiliary Services

This session will provide an overview of important services available to graduate students-- Information Technology, Campus Community Support Services, and Student Health Services.

Campus Community Support Services - parking, ID, dining services, bookstore, and other services. Information Technology - IT will provide a brief overview of the new website, focusing on essentials like, "How to activate your account?", "How to access your email?", "How to access your files remotely?", and "How to request help from IT?". There will also be a short presentation on "What's coming in the future?"

Student Health Services – at Main Campus Medical Center. The medical staff provides quality health care that is convenient and affordable to meet your medical, psychological, and health educational needs. The highly trained and experienced staff offers students a variety of services at UT. These services included acute care, mental health care, well care and education, immunizations, allergy injections, and ancillary services of lab and x-ray. There is also a pharmacy that provides prescriptive and over-the-counter medications.

▶ **Connecting Students to UT: The Division of Student Affairs**

Michele Martinez, Interim Dean of Students

The mission of the Division of Student Affairs is to enhance the student experience by addressing the varied and evolving needs of students and by serving as the hub for student-centered collaborations, programs, and services. Come learn more about the many programs, services and activities that are available to UT students.

▶ **Financial Aid and Funding Resources for Graduate Students**

Sherri Giannuzzi, Assistant Director, Financial Aid

Your investment in and your commitment to your graduate education do not have to overwhelm you with a large financial burden. Assistance for your educational costs is available from many different sources.

▶ **Graduate Writing Skills**

Teri Green, Graduate Assistant, College of Graduate Studies

This session will discuss how to approach the demands of academic and professional writing including strategies for success in graduate school and beyond.

▶ **Making the Most of University Libraries' Resources and Services**

Brian Hickam, Assistant Professor, University Libraries

Many professors will ask students to use “scholarly” sources, such as journal articles, books, case studies, reliable statistics, etc. Often, these sources are relatively easy to locate. Other times, depending on the topic, it can be a bit more complex. Librarians are professors with subject specialties (e.g. criminal justice or engineering) who can save you time or frustration with getting everything you’ll need to complete an assignment, thesis, or dissertation. Call, email, text or stop by any time!

▶ **Thinking Ahead: Career Planning & Services for Graduate Students**

Beth Nicholson, Director of Career Services, UT Learning Collaborative

Career Services offers graduate students advice on how to best prepare themselves for the work world...whether in higher education or the business world. When “thinking ahead”, consider your options, challenges, and opportunities.