

**FALL 2017  
WELCOME INFORMATION  
FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS**

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**Immigration Check-in / Social Security**

- Every Tuesday and Thursday between August 1, 2017 and August 25, 2017
  - Times:
    - Tuesdays (1:00pm – 4:30pm)
    - Thursdays (1:00pm – 4:30pm)
  - Location:
    - 105 International Center (OISS Office)
  - Note:
    - *Please do not bring large groups of students to the office during these hours. If you would like to bring large groups, please contact Amber Cordell directly to identify a time – this will allow OISS to be appropriately staffed.*
  
- Check-in for LATE ARRIVALS will be held, Monday through Friday starting August 28, 2017.
  - Times:
    - 8:30-11:30am, 1:00-4:30pm
  - Location:
    - 105 International Center (OISS Office)

**Health Care and Immigration Requirement Sessions**

- Immigration (Erickson Kiva, August 28, 2017, 4:00-5:00pm)
- Health Care (Erickson Kiva, August 28, 2017, 5:00-6:00pm)

**International Graduate Student Resource Fairs**

- International Student K-12 Presentation
  - August 25, 2017, 10am-11am (Location TBA)
  
- Graduate Student Resource Fair & Cookout
  - Saturday, August 26, 2017, 10:00am-12:00pm (Resource Fair; Union Ballroom)
  - Saturday, August 26, 2017, 12:00pm – 3:00pm (Benefactor Plaza)

## **English Language Testing for TAs**

### Practice:

- The Graduate School will be offering optional MSU Speaking Test Practice on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 from 3-5pm (Wells Hall, A108)

### Testing:

- For fall 2017, the MSU Speaking Test will be offered on two days:
  - August 16, 2017, 9am, 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm
  - August 17, 2017, 9am, 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm
  - If you arrive after these dates, please contact the English Language Center for testing information (517-353-0800 or [elc@msu.edu](mailto:elc@msu.edu))

Please see this website (<http://elc.msu.edu/tests/msu-speaking-test/>) for more information about the nature of the MSU Speaking Test. Registration for fall tests will open (online) 3 weeks before the test date.

## **Teaching Assistant Orientation Programs**

Register at <https://grad.msu.edu/tapreg> by Monday, August 14, 2017

### New TA Institute

- Friday, August 18, 2017 (8:15am-5:00pm; registration and breakfast 7:30-8:15)

### International TA Orientation

- Friday, August 18, 2017 (5:30pm-8:30pm – including dinner!)
- Saturday, August 19, 2017 (9:00am-5pm – check-in and breakfast starting at 8am)

## **International Graduate & Professional Student Coffee Hours**

The Council of Graduate Students will be hosting regular coffee hours for graduate and professional students once a month throughout the academic year for networking and sharing of campus and community information.

Location: Basement of Chittenden Hall (The Graduate School)

Time: 4:30-5:30pm

Dates: September 28, October 26, November 30, December 14, January 25, February 22, March 29, April 26