**Orientation Events – Master’s Students**

Congratulations on your admission to USC and the Sol Price School of Public Policy! Below are a few events designed to assist in your transition to USC and Price.

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**USC International Graduate Student Orientation – Tuesday and Wednesday, August 14th and 15th**

Attendance is mandatory for all new international students. We recommend that you register for your orientation session as soon as possible. We strongly encourage online reservations. If you are unable to use the online reservation system, please contact Orientation Programs at 213-740-7767. The registration deadline is August 7, 2012. Cost is $100. For more information and to RSVP visit [http://sait.usc.edu/orientation/international/](http://sait.usc.edu/orientation/international/).

**USC Graduate Student Orientation – Monday, August 20th**

We encourage all domestic graduate students entering in the fall semester to attend the USC Graduate Student Orientation. This will provide you with information about campus services, university life and resources available to you. There is no cost to attend the USC Graduate Student Orientation. However, all new students are assessed a one-time Mandatory Orientation Fee in their first semester of enrollment in addition to tuition charges and other fees. For more information and to RSVP visit [http://sait.usc.edu/orientation/graduate/program.shtml](http://sait.usc.edu/orientation/graduate/program.shtml).

*Note: Graduate international students must attend USC International Student Orientation in lieu of the USC Graduate Student Orientation.*
Price School International Student Orientation – Thursday, August 16th from 8:30am to 2:00pm
Attendance is mandatory for all new international students. This event is designed to assist you in your transition to Price. The agenda and further information will be sent by email in July. For more information, contact Megan Curran at mecurran@usc.edu or by calling 213-740-3353.
Note: International students should attend this orientation in addition to the USC International Graduate Student Orientation.

Price School Master’s Orientation – Tuesday, August 21st from 8:30am to 2:00pm
Attendance is mandatory for all new students. This orientation program will offer you opportunities to get to know your fellow colleagues and faculty members, find out more about your degree program, and gather additional information about the school. For more information and to RSVP visit http://www.usc.edu/sppd/admissions/graduate_orientation. For more information, contact Megan Curran at mecurran@usc.edu or by calling 213-740-3353.
Note: Sacramento students should attend the Price School Master’s Orientation in Sacramento on Friday, August 24th and Saturday, August 25th. For more information about this orientation contact Scott Steele at ssteele@usc.edu.

Price School MPL Orientation – Tuesday, August 21th, Wednesday August 22nd, Thursday, August 23rd
The orientation program for the Master of Planning (MPL) program will begin on Tuesday, August 21, immediately following the Price School Master’s Orientation and will continue on Wednesday and Thursday. The agenda and further information about the MPL orientation will be sent to students via email by the program administrator, Julie Kim. All students are encouraged to attend both the Price Master’s Orientation and MPL program orientations. For any questions or concerns, please contact Julie Kim at juliethk@usc.edu or by calling 213-740-1205.

Price School Peace Corps Fellows Orientation – Wednesday, August 22nd
Attendance is mandatory for all Peace Corps Fellows. This reception will provide you opportunities to meet other fellows and introduce you to the Fellows program. For more information, contact Christine Wilson at wilsonca@usc.edu or by calling 213-740-4127.

Last day to register and settle student account without late fee – Friday, August 24th

Price School MPP Statistics Lab – Friday, August 24th – Saturday, August 25th
The purpose of the Statistics Lab is to prepare students for the quantitative components of the MPP curriculum. This pre-semester portion of the lab is devoted to a review of statistics and an introduction to STATA statistical software. An intensive statistics review is required of all MPP students and serves as the prerequisite to the program’s Quantitative courses. To participate in the statistics review, students must have successfully completed a college-level statistics course with the previous three years. If you have not done so, you should have taken a summer statistics course at an accredited institution of higher education prior to enrolling at USC. If you were not able to do so, you need to enroll in our statistics course, PPD 502x, during the fall term and plan on attending the statistics lab in summer 2012. A detailed agenda will be forthcoming in early August. For any questions or concerns, please contact Suzanne Alexander at alexa1@usc.edu or by calling 213-740-1532.

Price School MHA Orientation – Tuesday, August 28th
Attendance is mandatory for all Master of Health Administration (MHA) students. The agenda and further information about the MHA orientation will be sent to students via email by the program administrator, Shaunna Thomas. All students are required to attend both the SPPD Master’s and MHA program orientations. For any questions or concerns, please contact Shaunna Thomas at sthomas@usc.edu or by calling 213-740-2984.

Price Welcome Back Event – Tuesday, August 28th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm
Join us at a school-wide welcome event to celebrate the beginning of the academic year. Feel free to stop by before or after class. This event offers students the opportunity to get to know your fellow colleagues and student organizations, as well as the faculty and staff of the school. Additional information will be sent out closer to the event. For more information, students should contact Megan Curran at mecurran@usc.edu or by calling 213-740-3353.
Price School MPA/MPP Mandatory Professional Fundamentals Labs – Friday, August 31st and Friday, September 7th

There are two required MPA/MPP lab sessions during the semester (Friday, August 31st and Friday, September 7th), which will provide an introduction to research, interviewing, professional writing and leadership skills. A detailed agenda will be forthcoming in early August. For any questions or concerns, please contact Suzanne Alexander at alexa1@usc.edu or by calling 213-740-1532.

Note: The MPA–Professional Fundamentals Lab is offered in conjunction with the PPD 540 (Public Administration and Society) course. The MPP–Professional Fundamentals Lab is offered in conjunction with the PPD 554 (Public Policy Formulation) course.