Welcome Day:
The Welcome Day is offered on August 22 or 23 and covers a variety of topics including: Academic Integrity, Benefits, Working with Your Adviser and Graduate Faculty, and so much more! Both days are identical. Pre-Registration is required.

Schedule Overview
8:30 – 9:45 a.m. Check-in, Resource Fair, and Obtain U Card
10:00 – 10:20 a.m. University Welcome
Morning Presentations Available (times vary)
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Guarding Your Academic Integrity
10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Navigating the U
11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Health Benefits
11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Graduate School Academic and Professional Development Opportunities
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch, Minnesota Marketplace
Afternoon Presentations Available (times vary)
1:20 – 2:10 p.m. Graduate Panel on Involvement
1:20 – 2:10 p.m. Academic Incivility, Harassment and the Graduate Student Experience
2:15 – 3:00 p.m. University Libraries
2:15 – 3:00 p.m. Health Benefits
3:10 – 3:35 p.m. Parking & Transportation
3:45 p.m. Optional Tour
*Schedule subject to change

Writing Workshops for Native and Non-Native Speakers of English:
As a graduate student, writing may be one of the greatest challenges you face. Attending one of these workshops may help you prepare for this upcoming challenge. Pre-Registration is required.

For Native Speakers of English:
August 25 or 26
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
In this one-day workshop you will explore these problems: understanding the academic audience; finding, organizing, and supporting your ideas; documenting your work; writing clear prose; and preparing for and writing essay exams.

For Non-Native Speakers of English:
August 24 or 25
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
In this one-day workshop you will analyze examples and practice strategies for research writing, critiques, abstracts, and essay exams in small and large-group sessions. Discussions will also include documentation, vocabulary, and verb tenses used in graduate writing at U.S. universities. As a general guideline, Northern Europeans generally find the native-speaker section more useful than this section.

Congratulations and welcome to the University of Minnesota, one of the top-ranked research institutions in the nation. Our distinguished faculty, outstanding resources, and proud tradition will provide you with a graduate education of the highest caliber. The campus-wide Graduate Student Orientation program serves as your official welcome to the University of Minnesota.

There are four options offered in the Graduate Orientation Program, a Welcome Day, Writing Workshops, University Libraries Presentations and Tours. Combine any of these programs to create your own orientation experience.
University Libraries:
Research is integral to Graduate School success. Select any of these 50-minutes presentations all designed to save you time by teaching you how to use the University Libraries system. Each workshop is limited to 230 people. No Pre-Registration is required.

Wednesday, August 24
9:00 - 9:50 a.m.  Intro to Citation Managers
10:00 - 10:50 a.m. Plagiarism and Copyright: What you need to know
11:00 - 11:50 a.m. Grant Funding Search tools

Thursday, August 25
9:00 - 9:50 a.m.  Intro to Citation Managers
10:00 - 10:50 a.m. Literature Reviews 101
11:00 - 11:50 a.m. Intro to Data Management for Grads

Orientation & First-Year Programs is here to assist you with your transition. We hope you will take advantage of both the campus-wide and graduate program-specific orientations. A bright future awaits you here at the U of M. Best of Luck!

How to register for Graduate Orientation:
If you would like to attend the Welcome Days and/or the Native and Non-Native Writing Workshops, you must pre-register by August 17. Click here or visit http://www.ofyp.umn.edu/en/grorientation/registration.html

The University Libraries Presentations and the Campus Tours do not require pre-registration.

More details about the sessions available at Graduate Orientation can be found on the Orientation & First-Year Programs website http://www.ofyp.umn.edu/graduate-students.html

Living in the Twin Cities
Housing & Residential Life: Off-Campus Housing
https://rentals.tc.umn.edu/

Council of Graduate Students Publications
Staying on Course and Survival Guide
www.cogs.umn.edu/publications.html
Select the “Publications” link to download, then refer to the “Living in the Twin Cities” section

Additional Graduate Student Program Options:
Center for Teaching and Learning

Teaching Enrichment Series Workshops
August 29 – September 1
Concurrent Workshops at 9:00 a.m. and repeated at 10:30 a.m. each day
Each workshop is 75 minutes in length. Participants choose among 12 workshop topics including: Teaching Critical Thinking, Learning in Large Classes: What You Can Do With 50 Students That You Can’t Do With 15, Making the Grade. Located in the Carlson School of Management (West Bank, Minneapolis Campus).

New Teaching Assistant Orientation
August 29 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
The morning session begins with a Theater for Teaching & Learning performance that explores a TA’s first day of class. The following breakout sessions will focus on a TA’s joint role as a teacher and a student. Located at the Willey Hall (West Bank, Minneapolis Campus).

Registration and more information about the Center for Teaching and Learning:
http://www.teaching.umn.edu/teachlrn@umn.edu or (612) 625-3041

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