USPP Summer Bridge Orientation

Monday June 7th 2010

Welcome to UVM!
We are very happy you are here!
Please be sure to call home to let them know you have arrived safely.
We have provided a phone card for you in your Welcome Basket for this purpose.

Tuesday June 8th 2010

8:00am  Breakfast with Program Assistants and Sodexo
The majority of your meals during Summer Bridge will be “cafeteria-style” in Harris Millis Dining Hall (a few buildings away). Summer Bridge Staff will take you there this morning to show you how things work at the UVM dining halls. Sodexo, UVM food service providers will talk to you about how meal plans work.
Location: Harris Millis Dining Hall

9:00am  CatCard Office
Program Assistants (PAs) will take you to the CatCard Office where you will get your photo taken for your UVM ID Card. This card is very important and is necessary for many processes (and even discounts!) at UVM and in the Burlington community. Location: The Davis Center

10:00am  Davis Center Tour plus UVM Bookstore
You will take a tour of UVM’s student center (The Davis Center) then visit the Bookstore to pick up your books for your summer classes.

12 Noon  Lunch at Harris Millis Dining Hall

1:30pm—4:00pm  Running Errands (The PAs and RAs will take small groups on the following trips)
• To shop for necessary items (take bus to University Mall)
• To set up a bank account (You must bring your passport and I-20)
• To buy a cell phone (if you want one)
• To buy a computer (if you need one)

4:30pm—6:00pm  Dinner at Harris Millis Dining Hall

6:30pm—7:30pm  Residential Life Floor Meeting
Meet with your Resident Advisor on your floor (in Tupper Hall) to learn a little more about each other!
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9:00 – 10:00am Introductions of OIE Staff, Immigration Check-in and Ice Breakers

Location: Living and Learning Center Commons Building, Room 315

Bring your immigration documents with you:
— Passport
— I-20
— I-94 card (white card you receive when you pass through immigration)
— Immunization forms

“Icebreakers”
What is an “icebreaker”? It is both “a ship with a reinforced bow to break up ice and keep channels open for navigation”, and “a beginning activity that relaxes a tense or formal atmosphere”. Icebreakers are designed to help us relax and get to know each other.

10:00-11:00am F-1 Immigration Regulations
Your International Student Coordinator, Amelia Shafer, will tell you all you want to know (and maybe MORE than you want to know!) about immigration regulations and the benefits and responsibilities of holding an F-1 student visa.
Location: Living and Learning Center Commons Building, Room 315

11:00-11:30am Fill out Paperwork and Tax Info
Kathy Snell and Paul Sebastiano from the University Controller’s Office will join us to help you fill out forms and talk about taxes.
Location: Living and Learning Center Commons Building, Room 315

11:30-1:00pm Lunch and Time for Questions in Harris Millis Dining Hall
USPP Summer Bridge Staff will answer your questions and give tips about life in Burlington, where to shop, how to get around, great things to see and do in Vermont and Burlington

1:00-3:00pm Center for Health & Wellbeing and Health Insurance
Several staff from the Center for Health and Wellbeing will talk about what to do when you are sick, the health services available on-campus and your health insurance. You can submit your immunization form at this time if you have not done so already. They will also tell you about the Health History Form, which you will complete on-line at a later time.
Location: Living and Learning Center Commons Building, Room 315

4:30-6:00pm Presidential Welcome and Reception
President of UVM, Daniel Mark Fogel and his wife Rachel Kahn-Fogel will host a reception for students, faculty and staff involved in the USPP program. A group photo will be taken of USPP students and President Fogel.
Location: Englesby

6:00pm Dinner in Harris Millis Dining Hall
7:30pm-8:30pm Residential Life Overview and Policies – Tupper Hall Lounge
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Thursday June 10th 2010

8:30 - 10:00am  Introduction to Summer Bridge
Mr. Greg Dunkling of the Continuing Education Department will provide an overview of the Summer Bridge program, introduce his staff and answer your questions. Tutoring Services will be discussed including the schedule and availability of tutors for your courses this summer.
Location: Living and Learning Center Commons Building, Room 315

10:00-11:00am  Introduction to American and Community Studies
Professor Ned McMahon will provide information about the Exploring America class you will be taking this summer. (Both Professor Tao Sun and Ned McMahon will be co-faculty for this course).
Location: Living and Learning Center Commons Building, Room 315

11:00—12:00pm  UVM Code of Conduct
Staff from the UVM Center for Students Ethics and Standards Office will discuss academic integrity, FERPA, and other important policies that you need to know about.
Location: Living and Learning Center Commons Building, Room 315

12:00pm-1:00pm  Lunch in Harris Millis Dining Hall

1:00pm—4:00pm  English Assessment
Your ELL instructor will assess your written English Language skills. You will read a short article and answer some questions.
Location: L/L B101 and L/L B102
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Friday June 11th 2010

9:00 — 11:30am  Campus Tour which will include the following stops:
UVM student tour guides (called “AdvoCats”) will lead you on a Campus Tour. You will also tour the UVM Library, also called the Bailey Howe Library.

12:00-2:00pm  Picnic Lunch
Members of the Chinese Student and Scholars Association (CSSA) will join you to introduce themselves and answer any questions you may have.
Location: University Heights Amphitheater

2:15pm—3:00pm  Safety and You
Officer Sue Roberts, will join us for a discussion on campus security and safety. Do not hesitate to ask her any questions or concerns you may have.
Location: Living and Learning Center Commons Building, Room 315

3:00 – 4:00pm  Strategies for Managing Cultural Transition
Your International Student Coordinator, Amelia Shafer, and the Assistant Director of International Student Services, Amy Corwin, will discuss strategies of how to make a successful transition to living in the U.S.
Location: Living and Learning Center Commons Building, Room 315

4:30pm—6:00pm  Dinner in Harris Millis Dining Hall

6:00pm—8:00pm English Assessment
During this time you will have informal individual conversations with your English language instructor
Location: Tutoring Room (Tupper Dorm)

Saturday June 12th 2010

Free Time to Discover Burlington
Program Assistants will take groups of students downtown, or show you how to get there.

Jazz Fest happening in Burlington this Weekend. [http://www.discoverjazz.com](http://www.discoverjazz.com)
Attend a concert downtown on Burlington’s Waterfront with all of the USPP students and Program Assistants. Hear the music of The Wailing Souls, The Ital and The Easy Star All Stars.
Location: Waterfront World Tent