



SCHOOL OF THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, BOSTON

STUDIO DIPLOMA, BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS, AND COMBINED DEGREE STUDENT ORIENTATION

Orientation is your opportunity to learn about how the Museum School works, to meet your faculty mentor, participate in area presentations, and make adjustments to your schedule. It is **very important** for new students to participate in all Orientation events.

Note: This Orientation schedule is subject to change - event dates will remain the same - event times may change.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

● 10am – 3pm

Artists Residence Hall (ARH) Check-In: For those students who received student housing assignments only. The ARH is located at 600 Rear Huntington Avenue. For parking, enter via Ward Street.

● 6-8pm

ARH Orientation: Mandatory for all ARH Residents. (ARH)



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

● 8:15 – 9am

Check-in with continental breakfast. (WA)

● 9 – 9:30am

Welcome meeting: Words of welcome from the President of the School, Director of the Museum, and various other faculty, administrators, and students. (AA)

● 9:30 – 11am

Info Session #1 with Student Orientation Leaders: Meet with current students who have volunteered to be your guide during your first days at the School. Refer to your check-in sheet for your group assignment and meeting location. (SG)

● 11am – 12:30pm

Mentor Meetings: This is your chance to meet your assigned faculty mentor, show them your work, and discuss your plans for the semester. (SG)

● 12:30 – 1:30pm

Lunch (WA & AA)

● 1:30 – 3:30pm

Area Presentations: Rolling, on the half-hour talks with area faculty covering course offerings, studio equipment, and facilities. Move freely between sessions. (Locations and maps will be posted in WA)

● 3:45 – 5pm

Artists Materials Safety Presentation: Required information session addresses the proper use of hazardous materials in the studios. (AA)

● 5 – 5:30pm

Family & Friends Send-Off Ceremony. A chance to say an official farewell to your loved ones. (WA)

● 5:30 – 6:30pm

Info Session #2 with Student Orientation Leaders (SG)

● 6:30 – 8pm

Social Activity with Student Orientation Leaders (TBD)



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

● 9 – 10:15am

Program Info Sessions: An overview of the specifics of your particular program of study.

Studio Diploma Session (A202)

BFA Session (AA)

● 10:15 – 11am

Info Session #3 with Student Orientation Leaders (SG)

● 11am – 12:30pm

Studio Information Session: A general overview of the studio program – from registration to review boards. You'll learn what to expect in the semester ahead, how the studio component works, and how to function successfully within it. Important for students in all undergraduate programs. (AA)

● 12:30 – 1:30pm

Lunch (WA)

International Student Lunch: For all new international students (required for those with F-1 visas). Meet the International Student Advisor and review important information related to your immigration status. (A202)

● 1:30 – 4pm

Info Session #4 with Student Orientation Leaders (SG)

During this session you will have the opportunity to get your SMFA student ID, locker assignment, drop off work for the Salon Show, and hear from the Artists Resource Center and the Library.

● 4 – 6pm

Choose from the following:

Tufts University Tour: Student Orientation Leaders will show you how to get to and get around the Tufts campus. (Departs from WA)

City Tour: Student Orientation Leaders will show you some of their favorite spots around the city.

Personal Safety Workshop: Presented by IMPACT, this workshop provides realistic personal safety training that gives students the skills to respond appropriately to threatening situations in the moment of fear or intimidation. (AA)

● 7 – 11pm

Social Activity with Student Orientation Leaders (TBD)

ONGOING

Students who wish to meet with an advisor may make an appointment to meet with a member of the Advising Team in the Academic Affairs Office, 2nd floor, B-building.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

● 10:30am – 4pm

Picnic at deCordova Sculpture Park: The deCordova Sculpture Park, located in Lincoln, Massachusetts, encompasses 35 acres of beautiful rolling woodlands and lawns with over 75 sculptures on view at any given time. Some artists in the collection include Nam June Paik, Ursula von Rydingsvard, Sol LeWitt, and Kitty Wales. The Park also contains a Museum featuring contemporary art. Lunch will be provided, bring your own blanket for picnicking. The bus departs from the front of the School. Sign-up with Student Affairs.



SUNDAY & MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 & 6

SMFA buildings will be closed for the holiday; no orientation activities are planned. Take advantage of this opportunity to settle into your new home, visit with new friends, and prepare yourself for the start of classes.

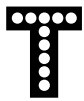
Check your e-mail for the latest edition of OUT + ABOUT where you're sure to find lots of ideas for fun and exciting things to do around the city.

Don't forget that SMFA students enjoy free admission with their student ID to the Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, and the Institute of Contemporary Art.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Classes Begin!! Log into your mySMFA account to view or print a copy of your course schedule and find room locations for your classes.



TUESDAY – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 – 9

Faculty will be available from 1-2pm daily to meet with students. Take advantage of this one-on-one opportunity to ask questions about classes, their art practice, and the School. (AA)



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

● OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES FAIR

Wednesday, September 8, 12 – 2pm, Atrium

Don't miss this chance to learn about the important opportunities and resources that SMFA and the surrounding community have to offer – all in one spot!

● ALL SCHOOL LUNCH

Thursday, September 16, 12 – 2

Join SMFA for the first get-together of the year.



FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

The following activities are planned specifically for family and friends:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

● 9:30 – 11am

Administrative Information Session: Join representatives from various administrative departments for an informative presentation followed by a question and answer session. (AA)

● 11am – 12:30pm

SMFA 101 with Student Orientation Leaders: Meet current students and hear about their experiences at the Museum School. There will be time for question and answer and a tour of the School. (AA)

● 12:30 – 1:30pm

Information Session for parents of students with disabilities – learning, mental, and/or physical. Lunch will be provided. (CA)

● 3:45 – 5pm

Family & Friends Reception: An informal gathering where you can relax, meet other parents, and SMFA faculty and staff. (Grossman Gallery)

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Offices will be open for business from 8:30am-5pm on Thursday and Friday. Feel free to stop by with questions or to take care of any unfinished business.

Complimentary passes to the Museum of Fine Arts will be available in the Admissions Office.

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