

A vibrant blue background featuring a shower of small, multi-colored confetti pieces. In the background, the numbers '2022' are faintly visible in a light blue shade. Centered in the foreground is the text 'WELCOME WEEK' in a bold, sans-serif font. 'WELCOME' is white, and 'WEEK' is bright yellow.

WELCOME WEEK

Welcome Week Overview

Monday, August 22, 2022, 9:30AM
Rose Auditorium, 41 Cooper Square
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Agenda and Overview

- Introductions
- Welcome Week Overview
- Academic Programs
- Student Life
- Student Resources
- A Few Thoughts

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Before we start...

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

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- Attend EVERYTHING!
- Getting to know each other – Community Building
- Collective meetings: LGBTQIA+, Students of Color, First Generation College Students
- Student club meetings and activities

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Welcome Week Overview –Continued

- Monday
 - This session
 - College Orientation Guides
 - Student Care and Wellbeing
 - Safety and Security

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Welcome Week Overview –Continued

- Tuesday
 - International Students and Commuter Breakfasts
 - Student Health Insurance and Healthcare in NYC
 - New York City: A 5,000 Year History
 - Center for Career Development Workshop

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Welcome Week Overview –Continued

- Wednesday
 - Engineering Math Placement Exam
 - Intersectional Justice Reading Groups and Lunch
 - Center for Writing Workshop

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Welcome Week Overview –Continued

- Thursday
 - Cooper Union Library and Archives
 - Academic Program Meetings
 - All School Dinner

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Welcome Week Overview –Continued

- Friday
 - Students' Rights and Responsibilities
 - Campus Open House and Lunch
 - Self-Offence Safety Workshop

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Welcome Week Overview –Continued

- Saturday
 - Campus Welcome Back Picnic and Fall Festival / Student Activities Fair
- Sunday
 - Get ready for classes!
- Monday
 - First day of classes
- Tuesday
 - Cooper Wide Convocation and Community Lunch - Noon

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Academic Programs

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How is this different than high school?

- New environment – School? City? State? Country?
- Different academic work – learning and unlearning
- Student agency and self-advocacy
- Here to support and encourage – student is in control
- Asking for help – lots of help available, student takes lead in initiating
- Process of learning all of this!

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Cooper Union's Academic Programs

- Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture
- School of Art
- Albert Nerken School of Engineering
- Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

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Cooper Union's Academic Programs

- Common themes of first year programs
 - Building a foundation
 - Learning essentials and new ways of thinking
 - Unlearning past ways of thinking
 - Developing relationships with peers and faculty
 - Humanities core courses

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Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture

- Associate Dean, Hayley Eber
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- Academic Administrator, Monica Shapiro
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All students will be assigned a faculty advisor

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School of Art

- Dean, Mike Essl
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- Associate Dean, Adriana Farmiga
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- Professor and Faculty Academic Advisor, Doug Ashford
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Albert Nerken School of Engineering

- Dean, Barry Shoop
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- Associate Dean for Educational Innovation, Lisa Shay
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- Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Ruben Savizky (*First Year Student Advising*)
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Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

- Associate Dean, Nada Ayad
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- Director of the Center for Writing, Kit Nicholls
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- Visiting Professor and Academic Advisor, Ninad Pandit
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Some Considerations

- The pandemic has been hard on everyone and disrupted learning
- Ask LOTS of questions
- Point out what you may not know
- Seek clarification whenever needed
- Use faculty office hours
- Utilize peer support
- Utilize professional support

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Student Life

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Student Life at Cooper Union

- Get involved!
- Many social and professional organizations and clubs
- Student government and leadership opportunities
- Athletics and wellness
- Student housing
- New York City!

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Student Support Resources

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How to Get Support

- Keep lines of communication open with friends and family
- Ask questions
- Reach out (peers, faculty, professionals)
- Respond to outreach
- Talk to someone

What Support is Available?

- Faculty, Academic Advisement Teams, Deans Offices
- Center for Writing
- Library
- Student Financial Services and Financial Aid
- International Students and Scholars Office (Hala Alkasm)

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What Support is Available?

- The Office of Student Affairs
 - Student Care Team (studentcare@cooper.edu)
 - Director of Student Care and Support, Alex Fischer
 - Student Care Coordinators, Cassandra Jolicoeur and Elizabeth London
 - Physical and Emotional Healthcare including Counseling
 - TimelyCare (Free 24/7) (www.timelycare.com/cooper)
 - Center for Career Development (career@cooper.edu)
 - Director of Career Development, Whitney Oldenburg
 - Assistant Director, Toni Burrell

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What Support is Available?

- The Office of Student Affairs – Continued
 - Residence Life and Housing (reslife@cooper.edu)
 - Residence Hall Director, Athena Abadilla
 - Associate Dean of Students, Grace Kendall
 - Student Activities and Athletics
 - Student Activities Director, Josue Michel (josue.michel@cooper.edu)
 - Joint Activities Committee (www.jac.cooper.edu)
 - Peer Mentors and College Orientation Guides

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Student Health Insurance

- All students must have valid health insurance to attend Cooper Union
- All students are automatically enrolled in our plan but you can request to waive our coverage if you have comparable coverage
- Our plan coverage begins August 15
- Students can request to waive our coverage up until October 15, provided they have not used the plan
- You can not waive coverage after October 15, 2022
- Plan information can be found here: <https://www.studentinsurance.com/Client/566>
- Make sure students are checking their email for waiver instructions

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Wrapping Up

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Helpful tips...

- Ask (lots of) questions
- Keep lines of communication open with family, friends, advisors, etc.
- Seek help if you need it
- Check and read email and campus messages
- Know NY/NYC laws and Cooper Union Policies
- Read course syllabi and talk to professors, use office hours, etc.
- Set up an academic plan for the semester
- The first grades... talking to family and friends
- Be open and create openness – students may be afraid of disappointing you
- Be gentle with yourselves – this is a time of great change!

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THANK YOU!!!
and WELCOME TO COOPER
and.... HAVE FUN!!

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