Friends and Family Welcome

Sunday, August 20, 2023, 11AM and 1PM
The Great Hall
Cooper Union
Agenda and Overview

• Welcome and Thank You!
• Thank you to everyone at Cooper – Seen and Unseen!
• Introduction – Who am I?
• Welcome Week Overview
• Academic Programs
• Student Life
• Student Resources
• Parting Thoughts
Before we start...

How are you???

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Who am I?

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Chris Chamberlin (he/they), Dean of Students

- Working in Higher Education since 1998
- Joined Cooper Union in 2010
- Oversee Division of Student Affairs
  - Student Life, Career Development, and Student Care and Support
- Background in Education, Leadership, and Mental Health Counseling
Welcome Week Overview

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Welcome Week Overview

• Encourage students to attend EVERYTHING!
• Getting to know each other – Community Building
• **Collective meetings:** LGBTQIA+, Students of Color, First Generation College Students
• Student club meetings and activities
Welcome Week Overview – Continued

• Introductions to key campus offices and resources
• Cooper Union 101
• Intersectional Justice Lecture
• Wellness and self-care resources
• Safety and Security programs
• Student Health Insurance and Healthcare in NYC
Welcome Week Overview – Continued

• Introductions to academic programs, faculty, and advising teams
• Calculus Placement Exam (Engineers ONLY)
• Library overview and resources
• Center for Writing Workshop
• Campus Open House
• Weekend Welcome Back Picnic
• First Day of Fall 2022 Semester – Monday, August 28
• Cooper Union Convocation – Tuesday, August 29
Welcome Week Overview – Continued

• Welcome Back Concert with Jon Batiste – Tuesday, August 29

• Registration Required!
Academic Programs

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How is this different than high school?

- 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!
Cooper Union’s Academic Programs

• Demetrius Eudell, Vice President for Academic Affairs
• Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture
• School of Art
• Albert Nerken School of Engineering
• Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
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
  • Humanities core courses
Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture

• Associate Dean, Hayley Eber
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• Dean, Barry Shoop
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Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

• Associate Dean, Nada Ayad
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• Assistant Professor and Academic Advisor, Ninad Pandit
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Some Considerations

• Ask LOTS of questions
• Point out what you may not know — *(I promise you are not the only one!)*
• Seek clarification whenever needed
• Use faculty office hours
• Utilize peer support and available tutoring
• Use the Center for Writing and Learning
• Utilize professional support
• Read Your Email!
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!
Student 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
• Again - Keep lines of communication open with friends and family
• Talk to someone
What Support is Available?

• Faculty, Academic Advisement Teams, Deans Offices
• Center for Writing and Learning
• Library
• Student Financial Services and Financial Aid
• International Students and Scholars Office (Hala Alkasm)
What Support is Available?

• The Office of Student Affairs
  • Student Care Team ([studentcare@cooper.edu](mailto: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](http://www.timelycare.com/cooper))
  • Center for Career Development ([career@cooper.edu](mailto:career@cooper.edu))
    • Director of Career Development, Whitney Oldenburg
    • Assistant Director, Dannery Minaya
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
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 – **THIS IS AN ANNUAL PROCESS**
• 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, 2023
• Plan information can be found here: [https://www.studentinsurance.com/Client/566](https://www.studentinsurance.com/Client/566)
• Make sure students are checking their email for waiver instructions
Some Parting Thoughts

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How can you help?

• Ask questions – keep lines of communication open – schedule check-ins
• Encourage help-seeking behavior
• Remind students to check and read email
• Remind students to read course syllabi and talk to professors, use office hours, etc.
• Seek to understand – students will be changing
• The first grades...
• Be open and create openness – students may be afraid of disappointing you
• Be gentle with yourselves – this is a time of great change for YOU too!
Welcome Greeting and Reception

• Join us back here at 3pm for our Welcome Address
  • Meet President Sparks and our academic leadership

• Welcome Reception 3:30pm
  • Peter Cooper Park
  • Just outside this building
Thank You! and WELCOME!
WELCOME WEEK