Welcome Week Overview

Monday, August 21, 2023
Cooper Union
Before we start...

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Welcome Week Overview
Agenda and Overview

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

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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
Welcome Week Overview – Continued

• Monday
  • This session
  • College Orientation Guides
  • Student Care and Wellbeing
  • Healthy Relationships
  • Safety and Security
Welcome Week Overview – Continued

• Tuesday
  • Commuter Student Breakfast
  • Student Health Insurance and Healthcare in NYC
  • Library Resources
  • Cooper Union 101
Welcome Week Overview – Continued

• Wednesday
  • Engineering Math Placement Exam
  • Self-Offence Safety Workshop
  • Art Exchange Student Meetings
  • Intersectional Justice Lecture and Lunch
  • Center for Writing and Learning Workshop
Welcome Week Overview – Continued

• Thursday
  • International Student Breakfast and Meeting
  • Student Collective Meetings
    • LGBTQIA+, First Gen Students, Students of Color
  • Academic Program Meetings
Welcome Week Overview — Continued

• Friday
  • Campus Open House and Lunch
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
Welcome Week Overview – Continued

- Tuesday
  - Jon Batiste Concert!

A MUSICAL PRESCRIPTION
FEATURING

TUESDAY AUGUST 29 | 7 PM
THE COOPER UNION GREAT HALL

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
COLLEGE STUDENTS PRIORITIZED

SCAN TO REGISTER
Academic Programs
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

• 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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Some Considerations

• 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
Student Life
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 Support Resources
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)
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, 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
- 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
Wrapping Up
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!
THANK YOU!!!
and WELCOME TO COOPER

HAVE (safe) FUN!!