Dear New International Student:

We are pleased you have chosen to further your education at the Savannah College of Art and Design. This orientation material is designed for new international students arriving fall quarter 2009. More than 9,000 students are enrolled at SCAD, one of the largest art and design universities in the United States.

New international students required to take the ESL placement test may check in Tuesday, Sept. 8, 8:30 a.m.-noon, at the Savannah Civic Center, second floor, 301 W. Oglethorpe Ave.

The international student services office is located in Habersham Hall and is a place you will get to know well during your studies at SCAD. The ISSO staff provides international students with information on many topics including U.S. immigration law, authorization for on- and off-campus employment, health insurance compliance, college and community orientation, locating off-campus housing and cross-cultural adjustment.

Unless the admission department has exempted you from ESL, you are required to take the English as a Second Language Test. For details about the test, visit www.scad.edu/academic/ESL/assessment.cfm.

The ESL placement exam consists of three parts:
1. Writing: Write a timed essay (30 minutes) on a familiar topic that will be provided.
2. Speaking: Have a short oral interview with two ESL instructors (10-15 minutes).
3. Listening/reading/grammar: Take a standardized 100-question multiple-choice test (60 minutes).

A short break will be allowed between each section. All materials are provided. No dictionaries or notes are allowed.

During orientation, you will have the opportunity to meet members of the Intercultural Student Association and learn ways to become involved in the many social and community events the ISA/ISSO sponsors. In addition, the ISSO hosts excursions to nearby attractions, beach trips and other cultural programs that allow you to adjust quickly and have a successful college life in Savannah.

Residence halls open for new international students Tuesday, Sept. 8. If you arrive prior to this date, you should plan to stay in an area hotel.

If you have questions or concerns before your arrival, contact the ISSO staff at 912.525.7304 or isso@scad.edu. We look forward to meeting you at international student check-in Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Savannah Civic Center.

Sincerely,

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www.scad.edu
New international student check-in  
8:30 a.m.–noon  
*Savannah Civic Center, second floor, 301 W. Oglethorpe Ave.*  
International students may register to take one of two scheduled ESL placement tests, move into residence halls, send and receive e-mail, and search for roommates at the college resources table.

Meet area bank representatives  
9 a.m.–2 p.m.  
*Savannah Civic Center, third floor ballroom*  
Open a bank account.

ESL Test – Group I  
10 a.m.–1 p.m.  
*Location to come*  
Registration required and limited to 50 students.

Residence life orientation  
1:30 p.m.  
*Savannah Civic Center, third floor*  
Residence life staff will have an informal discussion about residing in SCAD residence halls.

College tour (optional)  
2 p.m.  
Buses depart from the Oglethorpe House parking lot.

Health insurance information session (optional)  
2:30 p.m.  
*Savannah Civic Center, third floor*  
Receive details regarding SCAD’s mandatory health insurance policy required of all international students.

Shopping trip to Target (optional)  
4 p.m.  
Buses depart from Oglethorpe House and will return by 7 p.m.

Historic ghost tour of Savannah (optional)  
8 p.m.  
The tour is $15 and requires advanced registration. Bus departs from Barnard Village at 7:15 p.m., Forsyth House at 7:20 p.m., Alice Hall at 7:25 p.m., Boundary Village at 7:30 p.m., Weston House lobby at 7:40 p.m. and Oglethorpe House at 7:50 p.m. Tour departs from Reynolds Square at approximately 8 p.m. and will last approximately 1.5 hours. Return bus will leave shortly after the tour concludes.
Wednesday, Sept. 9 continued

Graduate student orientation
3–5 p.m.
Savannah Civic Center, third floor

Parent orientation
3–5 p.m.
Savannah Civic Center, second floor

Shopping trip to Target (optional)
5 p.m.
Buses depart from Oglethorpe House and will return by 8 p.m.

Volleyball competition
9–11 p.m.
Boundary Village, 701 W. Jones St.
Co-sponsored by the offices of residence life and housing, student recreation and the ISSO. Bus departs from Barnard Village at 8:30 p.m. and Oglethorpe House at 8:45 p.m. to Boundary Village. Return buses depart at 11 p.m. Hot pizza and cold drinks will be served toward the end of the competition.

Thursday, Sept. 10
Shuttle service departs from Barnard Village at 8 a.m., Forsyth House at 8:10 a.m., Alice Hall at 8:15 a.m., Boundary Village at 8:20 a.m. and Weston House at 8:30 a.m. to J.O.’s Café in Oglethorpe House.

Breakfast
8–9:30 a.m.
J.O.’s Café, Oglethorpe House, 201 W. Oglethorpe Ave.

ESL test results and orientation
9–11 a.m.
Savannah Civic Center, third floor ballroom
This session is mandatory for students who took the ESL test.

Tuition/fees and SCAD IDs (ESL-exempt students)
9 a.m.–noon
York Hall, 115 E. York St.
ESL-exempt students will depart Oglethorpe House for York Hall to pay tuition and fees and have SCAD IDs made.

Tuition/fees and SCAD IDs (ESL students)
11 a.m.
York Hall
ESL students will depart Oglethorpe House for York Hall to pay tuition and fees and have SCAD IDs made.

Lunch
Noon–1:30 p.m.
J.O.’s Café

College tour (optional)
1:30 p.m.
Buses depart from the Oglethorpe House parking lot.

Captain Mike’s dolphin tour
1:30–4:30 p.m.
Location to come
Bus departs at 1:30 p.m. for Tybee Island. Come aboard Captain Mike’s dolphin tour and watch the bottle-nosed dolphin playing in their natural habitat. These fun-loving aquatic mammals are the most intelligent of creatures next to man and are unusually friendly. They frequently come right up to the boat! Cost is $20. Pre-registration is required and limited to the first 30 paid participants.

International student and parent barbecue
5:30–7 p.m.
Pei Ling Chan Garden for the Arts, 324 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Join ISSO staff, faculty and current SCAD students for an evening of barbecue and blues featuring local acoustic guitar duo Barry and Bucky. Bus departs from Barnard Village at 5 p.m., Forsyth Hall at 5:10 p.m., Boundary Village at 5:15 p.m. and Weston House lobby at 5:20 p.m. Return bus departs from the Pei Ling Chan Garden at 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 11

8 a.m.
Shuttles to the Savannah Civic Center will run through midday from the residence halls.

SCAD orientation
8 a.m.–1 p.m.
Savannah Civic Center arena
Freshman students must check in and join the SCAD orientation program according to the following schedule:
Last names A-L: 8–11 a.m.
Last names M-Z: 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Graduate and transfer student kayak on the Ogeechee River
9 a.m.
Oglethorpe House
Bus departs at 9 a.m. for the scenic Ogeechee River. The 2.5 hour paddling trip includes lunch along the riverbanks. Pre-registration is required and limited to the first 30 paid participants. Cost is $30.
Friday, Sept. 11 continued

Freshman orientation and welcome session
2 p.m.
Savannah Civic Center, Johnny Mercer Theater

Satrurday, Sept. 12

8 a.m.
Shuttles to the Savannah Civic Center will run through midday from the residence halls.

SCAD orientation
8 a.m.–1 p.m.
Savannah Civic Center arena
Graduate and transfer students must check in and join the SCAD orientation program according to the following schedule:
Last names A-Z: 8–11:30 a.m.

SCAD welcome session
1:30–2:15 p.m.
Savannah Civic Center arena
All new international students should attend the SCAD welcome session.

Monday, Sept. 14

8 a.m.
Classes begin

International Night
4–5:30 p.m.
Habersham Hall, 235 Habersham St.
Get to know college staff and new and returning students for an evening of ethnic cuisine and entertainment! Bus departs from Barnard Village at 3:30 p.m., Forsyth Hall at 3:35 p.m., Alice Hall at 3:40 p.m., Boundary Village at 3:45 p.m. and Weston House lobby at 4 p.m. for Habersham Hall. Return bus will depart at 5:30 p.m. Sponsored by the ISSO.