2013 GRADUATE STUDENT
FALL ORIENTATION PROGRAM

These events are a great way to meet graduate students from outside your department. Several events have limited capacity and require an RSVP. For those events please respond to Graduate.Studies@umb.edu.

OITA INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION
Thursday, August 29th – Campus Center Ballroom
      11:30am - 5:00pm Mandatory Orientation for <u>all</u> new International Graduate Students

OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES OPEN HOUSE (new and returning students welcome)
Pizza and Conversation (with individuals prepared to answer questions about GEO/GSA, graduate assistantships, billing, international student issues, health services, public safety, Beacon Fitness etc.)
Tuesday, September 3rd 4:00pm - 6:00 pm Campus Center/ OGS Conference Room

NEW AND RETURNING GRADUATE STUDENT OPENING RECEPTION

Wednesday, September 4th, 3:00pm-6:00pm Campus Center Ballroom
Welcomes by Chancellor J. Keith Motley, Provost Winston Langley, and Senior Associate Dean Stephanie Hartwell;
a poetry reading by Matthew Morrison, a student in the MFA program in Creative Writing.
4:45pm -Raffle for Kindle and Amazon gift cards! (must be present to win)

WELCOME WEEK WOW
Stop by for refreshments and get answers to questions you may have about being a graduate student at UMass Boston
Thursday, September 5th, 3:00pm - 5:00pm Wheatley 2nd Floor Catwalk Entrance

TA TRAINING SESSION Friday, September 6th, 9:00-1:15pm (please RSVP Graduate.studies@umb.edu, lunch served), Ryan Lounge.

LIBRARY WORKSHOPS: *Papers & Theses & Dissertations, Oh My!*
    · *Have no fear; Join a UMB librarian and experience the wonderful world of Healey Library where we will answer all your library & research-related questions & help you navigate through the vast information forest!*
    · This workshop will cover getting the max out of Library services and e-resources (proprietary & open access) for class assignments, research papers, Theses and dissertations.
      • Location: **Center for Library Instruction (Healey Library/04/015)**
      • These are drop-in sessions. You do not need to pre-register. Background materials for this workshop are available at http://umb.libguides.com/GraduateStudiesStructured

Monday, September 16th from 5pm - 6pm
Tuesday, September 24th from 5pm - 6pm

Wednesday, October 2nd from 5pm – 6:30 pm This workshop will also cover RefWorks, an online research management, writing and collaboration tool designed to help researchers easily gather, manage, store & share all types of information, as well as automatically generate citations and bibliographies.

STANDARDS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THESES AND DISSERTATIONS AND ELECTRONIC THESIS AND DISSERTATION SUBMISSION

Sara Leahy, Format Editor and Rita Poussaint Nethersole, Associate Dean
Thursday, October 26th 1pm-3 pm Campus Center OGS Conference Room CC 2115
- This workshop is <u>strongly</u> recommended for any student considering writing a thesis or dissertation this academic year

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USING STATISTICAL SOFTWARE IN RESEARCH

Jie Chen, Senior Statistician
Descriptions of the workshops can be found at the end of the schedule of events.
Healy Library, Lower Level Presentation Room #1
Please RSVP to Graduate.Studies@umb.edu

SPSS1:	Thursday, September 19	4pm - 6pm
	Wednesday, September 25	10am - 12pm
	Tuesday, October 22	3pm - 5pm
	Wednesday, October 30	10am - 12pm
	Thursday, November 7	4pm - 6pm
SPSS2:	Wednesday, October 2	10am - 12pm
	Wednesday, November 6	10am - 12pm
SAS 1:	Wednesday, October 9	10am - 12pm
SAS 2:	Wednesday, October 16	10am - 12pm
Stata 1	Wednesday, Oct. 23	10am - 12pm
Stata 2	Wednesday, Nov. 13	10am - 12pm

Using Excel in Statistical Analysis: Wednesday, Sep. 18th 10am - 12pm

INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE WRITING: *Interactive* **Workshops Focusing on Generating, Organizing, and Revising Your Writing**
Meesh McCarthy and staff of the Graduate Writing Center
Please RSVP to Graduate.Studies@umb.edu
Please note that these three workshops work both as a series and as stand-alone workshops. Also please note that these are <u>participatory</u> workshops. You will be practicing writing strategies that work.
   Generating: Thursday, September 12: 4:30pm - 6:00pm   CC 1313
   Organizing: Tuesday, September 17: 2:30pm - 4:00 pm   CC 1313
   Revising: Wednesday, September 25: 5:30pm -7:00 pm CC 1313

THE ETHICAL CONDUCT OF RESEARCH AND THE IRB PROCESS
Kristen Kenny, IRB Administrator
Tuesday, September 24 3:30pm - 5:00pm   CC 2115
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Descriptions of the SPSS and SAS Workshops

SPSS I:

This is a hands-on workshop to enable students to perform useful analysis of data using SPSS for Windows. The topics covered include: entering and reading data, documenting the file with variable and value labels, examining frequency and crosstab tables for individual and group data, recoding variables, independent sample t-test and simple linear regression. Participants will be provided extensive notes on the topics covered in the workshop, work with sample datasets and will produce examples of the graphic output available from the program.

SPSS II:

This workshop covers more data management and statistical procedures. Data management includes selections of cases, combining cases from two files and linking together files with different information. Statistical procedures include Chi-square test, One-way ANOVA, repeated measurement analysis, non-parametric statistics, multiple regression and logistic regression.

SAS I:

This workshop is an introduction to the SAS system that concentrates on the SAS DATA STEP with emphasis on data input, manipulation, output and summary. The topics covered include: creating SAS working data sets and data files, importing data from SPSS and Excel files, formatting variable and value labels, and simple statistical procedures such as PROC FREQ, PROC MEANS.

SAS II:

This workshop covers the analysis of designed experiments with PROC ANOVA and PROC GLM and Analysis of data utilizing linear and non-linear regression techniques in SAS with PROC REG, and PROC GENMOD. Topics include ANOVA, linear and multiple regression, regression diagnostics, and logistic regression.