

Dear New Students,

This is likely to be the last UChicago New Student Information email from me for a month or so. Below, I have tried to briefly address some areas of interest. We will be sending more detailed information about these as we have it, but in some cases that may be late summer.

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1. Health Insurance

It is important to the University of Chicago that all students are covered by health insurance. To make sure that no student goes without insurance, the University automatically enrolls all students in U-SHIP Basic coverage before each academic year. Students who are covered by other insurance, provided this insurance has comparable benefits, have the opportunity to waive U-SHIP.

Students whose fellowship packages include health insurance will have the *Basic Plan* covered. You are still expected to enroll in the insurance plan. If you would prefer the *Prescription Advantage Plan*, you may enroll in that plan, but you will be responsible for paying the difference. Likewise, if you choose to add dependants to your plan.

The deadline to enroll in or waive health insurance will be Friday, October 9th. Coverage will begin September 1st.

The details and costs of this year's plan are not yet available. The enrollment/waiver form is also not yet available. I will send a more detailed email when we have more information.

You can find information about last year's plan at:

<http://studenthealth.uchicago.edu/studentinsurance/>

2. Orientation

There will be a university-wide orientation for graduate students, hosted by the Office of Graduate Affairs, on Tuesday, September 22, 2009. At this time, we do not have any information regarding the schedule.

International students will have a mandatory orientation session conducted by the Office of International Affairs on Sunday, September 20, at 1:00pm. You will receive more information directly from OIA as the date approaches.

Your individual departments may also have orientation activities for you, which they will communicate directly.

3. Course Registration

Autumn course registration is held *in person* during the week before courses start. My colleague, Ms. Geri Cunningham, will send more information closer to the start of Autumn quarter, and you will also hear from your department about any department-specific instructions for registration. You will also learn more from your departments about what the coursework you are expected to take. (Winter course registration is held during the eighth week of Autumn quarter, and Spring course registration is held during the eighth week of Winter quarter.)

You can see what courses will be available in Autumn quarter on the online time schedules website at:

<http://timeschedules.uchicago.edu/index.php?term=79&submit=Submit>.

Individual departments may have full-year course listings available on their websites.

4. Tuition Bills/Fees/Scholarships/Stipends

The Bursar's office will send more information regarding tuition bills later in the summer. You can see last year's letter at:

<http://bursar.uchicago.edu/docs/newgradstudents.html>. Generally, the first tuition bill is mailed in late August, so you will want to be sure that your address is updated in cMore at that time. The first bill will probably be due around September 18. The Bursar's office offers various ways to access and pay your bill, which are explained in the above link.

Tuition in 2009-2010 will be \$13,476/quarter for full-time enrollment. If you are receiving a full or partial tuition scholarship, the full tuition will be shown on the bill, and then the scholarship will be applied. It sometimes takes a while for the scholarship to show up on the bill. Partial-tuition scholarships are applied each quarter and are based on the fraction of tuition, not the dollar amount, shown on your Admission Reply Form. (In other words, if tuition was increased since the Admission Reply Form was printed, your scholarship was increased accordingly.)

In addition to tuition, all students are charged two fees. First is a one-time Lifetime Transcript fee, which will be \$45 on your Autumn bill. Once you have paid that mandatory fee, all transcripts you request from the University of Chicago will be free for life. The second fee is a Student Life fee, which will be \$238/quarter in 2009-2010. The Student Life Fee is a mandatory fee assessed each quarter of registration at the University of Chicago. The fee allows you access to the Student Care Center (SCC) (<http://scc.uchicago.edu/>) and the Student Counseling and Resource Service (SCRS) (<http://counseling.uchicago.edu/>) and

also funds student activities through the Office of the Reynolds Club and Student Activities (ORCSA) (<https://studentactivities.uchicago.edu/>) and through our divisional Social Sciences Graduate Student Activities Committee. Scholarships/fellowships do not cover fees unless explicitly stated on the Admission Reply Form.

For students who will receive stipends, autumn stipends are available in Orientation week, after you register. Winter and Spring stipends are available on the first day of the quarter.

5. ID Cards and Library Access

During Orientation Week, you will be able to pick up your student ID cards from the ID & Privileges Office, located in the Regenstein Library. You can learn more about ID cards at: <http://nsit.uchicago.edu/services/chicagocard/about/>.

If you will be in the area prior to Orientation Week, you can obtain browsing privileges at the Library by bringing your letter of admission to the ID & Privileges office. You will not be able to borrow materials until you are issued your ID card. It is my understanding that you should already have access to the electronic resources at the Library, if you have claimed your CNetID. In order to access these resources, you will need to properly configure your browser using a proxy server: <http://nsit.uchicago.edu/docs/web/proxy/>.

6. Claiming CNetIDs and Updating Contact Information

As a reminder, if you have not yet claimed your CNetID, you should do so at <https://cnet.uchicago.edu/claimacct/index.jsp>. You may need your UCID number, which is: [UCID]. Although I will continue to send New Student Info to your alternate email addresses through the summer, all official University communication will come to your UChicago email addresses, and your departments will also expect you to be checking your UChicago email addresses starting now.

You are also expected to keep your contact information updated at: <https://cmore.uchicago.edu/> and with your departments.

As always, please let me know if you have questions.

Best,
Kelly

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