Indiana University  
Department of Informatics  
Graduate Student Orientation Week  
August 25-29, 2008

Monday, August 25th  
Neal-Marshall Black Cultural Center  
275 N. Jordan Avenue  
(Corner of 7th and Jordan)

First Year Master’s and Ph.D. Students

8:00 – 8:45  Continental Breakfast  
•  Pictures taken  
•  Sign contracts, papers, etc. (for AIs, RAs)

8:45 – 12:00  Introductions  
•  Welcome from Informatics Department Chair Geoffrey Fox  
•  Introduction of Informatics staff  
•  Informatics Packets and Picnic Sign-Up  
  Linda Hostetter, Graduate Administrator  
•  GISA Introduction  
  Travis Brown, Executive Chair  
•  Introduction of students with Professor Marty Siegel

12:00 – 1:30  Lunch (provided)  
•  Student Panel Discussion/Questions and Answers  
•  Review of orientation week events

1:30 – 2:00  Meet the Faculty Group 1

2:00 – 2:30  Technology, Access cards, Logins, and VPN (connecting from home)  
Pete Bucklin, Director of Information Technology

2:30 – 3:00  Career Services Overview  
Jeremy Podany, Director of Career Services

3:00 – 3:30  Meet the Faculty Group 2

3:30 – 4:00  Director of Graduate Studies  
Associate Dean for Graduate Studies David Leake  
Q&A

International Students

4:15 – 5:00  International Student Career Services Issues  
Jeremy Podany, Director of Career Services  
Rendy Schrader, Director of International Student and Scholar Advising
**First Year Master’s Students Only**

8:15 – 8:45    Continental Breakfast

8:45 – 9:15    Welcome from Dean Bobby Schnabel

9:30 – 2:00    Group meetings and advising with Program Directors: An overview of the graduate curriculum including the capstone project.

- Biinformatics students will meet with Mehmet “Memo” Dalkilic, Associate Professor, Bioinformatics (INFO 109)
- Chemical Informatics students will meet with David Wild, Associate Director, Chemical Informatics (INFO East 226)
- HCI/d Informatics students will meet with Erik Stolterman, Director of HCI/d (INFO 107)
- Music Informatics students will meet with Chris Raphael, Associate Professor of Informatics (INFO 315)
- Security Informatics students will meet with L. Jean Camp, Associate Professor of Informatics (INFO 232)

**International Students hired as AIs or RAs**

2:00 – 7:00    English language test for international students hired as AIs and RAs. You will be signed up for a 15-minute time slot in Memorial Hall 313. **NOTE: International students cannot be employed as AIs unless they pass both the oral and written exams.**

**All Graduate Students involved with Ubuntu program (Master’s and Phd)**

7:00 – 9:00    Ubuntu Social Event

(Please meet in Informatics Lobby)
Wednesday, August 27th
School of Informatics
901 East 10th Street
INFO 107

First Year Ph.D. Students Only

9:30 – 10:00 Welcome from Dean Bobby Schnabel

10:00 – 10:30 Introduction to Informatics Department Ph.D. Program
Director of Graduate Studies

10:30 – 11:30 Group meetings and advising with your chosen tracks: An overview of the PhD curriculum
- Bioinformatics students will meet with Sun Kim, Associate Professor of Informatics
- Chemical Informatics students will meet with David Wild, Assistant Professor of Informatics
- Complex Systems students will meet with Alessandro Vespignani, Professor of Informatics
- HCI Informatics students will meet with Erik Stolterman, Professor of Informatics
- Security Informatics students will meet with L. Jean Camp, Associate Professor of Informatics
- Social Informatics students will meet with David Hakken, Professor of Informatics

11:30 - 12:30 Ph.D. Student Panel

12:30 – 2:00 Lunch (on your own)

All Master’s and Ph.D. Associate Instructors (AIs)

2:00 – 4:00 AI orientation (INFO 107) Mandatory for all students with AI appointments
Esfandiar Haghtverdi, Director of Undergraduate Studies
- Introduction and discussion of AI rights and responsibilities
- Overview of the Informatics undergraduate curriculum
- Wisdom from experienced AI students

4:00 – 5:30 Chance to meet with the instructor for whom you are an AI
(prearrange meeting time and place)
Thursday, August 28th
See locations below

Second Year Master’s Students Only – INFO 107

9:00 – 9:30 Continental Breakfast and Reconnect

9:30 – 11:00 Group meetings with Program Directors
- Bioinformatics students will meet with Sun Kim, Associate Director, Bioinformatics (INFO 109)
- Chemical Informatics students will meet with David Wild, Associate Director, Chemical Informatics (INFO East 226)
- HCI/d Informatics students will meet with Erik Stolterman, Director of HCI/d and Marty Siegel, Professor of Informatics (INFO 107)
- Music Informatics students will meet with Chris Raphael, Associate Professor of Informatics (INFO 315)

First Year Master’s and Ph.D. Students – 611 Woodlawn (optional)

11:30 – 1:00 Lunch

ETHOS: Ethical Technologies in the Homes Of Seniors is an interdisciplinary research project of Indiana University. ETHOS addresses the challenges of ubicomp and privacy in home health care. Pizza and prototypes provided.

All Master’s and Ph.D. NEW Associate Instructors (AIs)

10:00 – 11:30 AI Orientation. Mandatory for AIs ***
“Lively Discussion” - Ballantine Hall 103

Staff from Campus Instructional Consulting will lead participants through some of the best practices for improving student participation in the classroom and for engaging thinking in the disciplines.

2:00 – 3:30 AI Orientation. Mandatory for AIs ***
“First Day of Class and Understanding IU Students” - Woodburn Hall 120

George Rehrey from Campus Instructional Consulting provides practical suggestions for starting the semester off on the right foot and also shares some things we know about IU students. Faculty will discuss what it is like teaching a diverse classroom of students and best practices for helping students become independent and critical thinkers.

7:00 – 9:00 AI Orientation. Mandatory for AIs ***
“Associate Instructor Workshop on Campus Climate”
Indiana Memorial Union, Frangipani Room

New associate instructors at IU face challenges in effectively teaching undergraduate students with diverse backgrounds and learning styles. This is a rare opportunity for graduate instructors to interact with their peers from across campus in a positive and timely professional development experience.

*** Please sign in with Rachel Lawmaster at each of these events to confirm your attendance
Friday, August 29th  
Neal-Marshall Black Cultural Center  
275 N. Jordan Avenue  
(Corner of 7th and Jordan)

**All Master’s and Ph.D. Students (optional)**

9:00 – 10:00  
Women in Computing: Continental breakfast  
All Master’s and Ph.D. students are welcome

**First Year Master’s and Ph.D. Students**

10:15 – 10:45  
Meet the Faculty Group 3

10:45 – 12:00  
Discussion circles: *(Reminder: mandatory)*  
*Glut: Mastering Information Through the Ages*  
by Alex Wright

**Review from Publishers Weekly:** To counter the billions of pixels that have been spent on the rise of the seemingly unique World Wide Web, journalist and information architect Wright delivers a fascinating tour of the many ways that humans have collected, organized and shared information for more than 100,000 years to show how the information age started long before microchips or movable type. A self-described generalist who displays an easy familiarity with evolutionary biology and cultural anthropology as well as computer science and technology, Wright explores the many and varied roots of the Web, including how the structure of family relationships from Greek times, among others, has exerted a profound influence on the shape and structure of human information systems. He discusses how the violent history of libraries is the best lesson in how hierarchical systems collapse and give rise to new systems, and how the new technology of the book introduced the notion of random access to information. And he focuses on the work of many now obscure information-gathering pioneers such as John Wilkins and his Universal Categories and Paul Otlet, the Internet’s forgotten forefather, who anticipated many of the problems bedeviling the Web today. *(June)* Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

12:00 – 1:30  
Lunch (provided)  
- Graduate and Professional Student Organization (GPSO) Introduction  
- Meet the Faculty Group 4

1:30 – 2:30  
Student code of conduct and plagiarism with Pam Freeman, Associate Dean of Students and Jeff Bardzell, Assistant Professor of Informatics

2:30 – 3:00  
IU Health Center  
Cathlene Hansen, Director of Health & Wellness Education

3:00 – 4:30  
Your journey begins!  
- Informatics Department Graduate Student Survival Guide  
- Top 10 Ways to Fail in the Informatics Department  
- Your questions answered (well, some of them)  
- Final thoughts  
- Visit with Herman B Wells and walk to Informatics

5:00 – 8:00  
Pizza dinner and movie at Informatics
Upcoming Events
See locations below

All Master’s and Ph.D. Students (optional)

Saturday, August 30: Informatics Graduate Picnic (new students and families welcome)
Upper Cascades Park, Lion’s Den Shelter, 4 p.m.
Signup will take place Monday, August 25

Sunday, August 31: GPSO Cookout
Bryan Park, Woodlawn Shelter, 2-5 p.m.

Friday, September 5: University Graduate School Wine and Cheese Reception
Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center, 5-7 p.m.

Friday, September 5: Asian Culture Center Welcome Reception
Asian Culture Center, 807 E. 10th St, 5-7 p.m.

Sunday, September 14: First Nations Educational & Cultural Center Welcome Back Cookout
Lower Cascades Park, Waterfall Shelter, 6-9 p.m.
RSVP to nagsa@indiana.edu

Saturday, September 20: La Casa/Latino Cultural Center Festival Latino
Dunn Meadow, 1-6 p.m.