Wednesday, August 3, 2016

Welcome and Introduction
9:30 - 11:45 am | Classroom A
Welcome, overview of the orientation schedule and materials. Speaking in English can be quite intimidating for international students, especially in a classroom setting. Students will do a series of exercises aiming to increase their comfort level with speaking English.

Welcome Lunch
12:00 - 1:30 pm | Rotunda

Campus Tour
1:30 - 2:30 pm | Depart from Rotunda

Academic Programs Overview
2:30 - 3:30 pm | Classrooms A, B and Admin Room
Students will be given an overview of graduation requirements, extra-time accommodations for exams and the breakdown in different LL.M. tracks (TBP/US Law/Water) with schedules. Black Books and the rules of conduct will be distributed.

Shopping Trip
4:00 pm | Meet in front of Northwest Hall

Thursday, August 4, 2016

California and New York Bar Exam Overview
9:30 - 10:00 am | Classroom A
This will be an overview of the requirements and application process for the California and New York bar exams, as well as an overview of the challenges faced by many international students who pursue this path.

History of the Common Law; Comparison with Civil Law; The Case Law Teaching Method
10:00 - 11:45 am | Classroom A
This session will be led by Professor Raquel Aldana. Students will get a brief overview of the history of the development of common law in England and how it has changed and develop in the U.S., including the concepts of precedent and stare decisis. The session will involve comparisons between common law and civil law that will draw on the students’ knowledge of their own legal systems. Students will also be introduced to the basic method of U.S. law teaching, the studying of decided cases to learn both the substance of the law, and most importantly, how to engage in common law legal analysis.

Friday, August 5, 2016

How to Brief a Case – Part I
9:30 - 11:30 am | Classroom A
U.S. case law includes two types of cases: common law cases involving judge-made law and cases that interpret statutory law. Both types are treated similarly when it comes to preparing for classes and for written examinations. Students will learn the purpose of case briefing, the necessary components and various formats for case briefs, and how to use case briefs to prepare for class, participate in class, prepare an outline, and prepare for exams. The skill of case briefing is one that law students need to have mastered within the first few weeks of the semester.

Lunch
11:45 - 1:00 pm | Quad

Career Development Office
1:00 - 2:00 pm | Classroom A
Overview of CDO Services, LLM Fairs, Internships and Simplicity.

Technology & Library - Bring Your Laptop
2:00 - 3:00 pm | Classroom A

Shopping Trip
3:30 pm | Meet in front of Northwest Hall

Saturday, August 6, 2016

Drinks & Appetizers in Midtown
6:45 pm | Leave from Northwest Hall
Mango’s Burgertown, 1930 K Street
Taxis will be provided for those who need transportation to and from the event.

What I Wish I Had Known: LL.M. Alumni and Students Panel
Lunch Provided
12:00 - 1:00 pm | Classroom A
Hear sage words of wisdom from those who have been there, done that, successfully.

Critical Reading for Law School Success
1:30 - 3:30 pm | Classroom A
Students will learn strategies and techniques to read critically, learn to read like a lawyer. Critical reading is a fundamental skill for law students that will help you understand the purpose of reading cases, gain strong comprehension skills, and increase your reading efficiency. The skill of critical reading is one that law students need to have mastered within the first few weeks of the semester.

Individual Academic Counseling
3:30 - 5:00 pm | Northwest Hall #101
Clemence Kucera will be available to meet individually with students to discuss their courses selection.

Movie Night: A Few Good Men
Pizza Served
6:00 - 8:30 pm | Grand Salon
Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson and Demi Moore star in Rob Reiner’s unanimously acclaimed drama about the dangerous difference between following orders and following one’s conscience. Cruise stars as a brash Navy lawyer who’s teamed up with a gung-ho litigator (Moore) in a politically explosive murder case. Charged with defending two Marines accused of killing a fellow soldier, they are confronted with complex issues of loyalty and honor- including it’s most sacred code and formidable Marine (Nicholson).
Monday, August 8, 2016

Mock Contracts Class I
9:30 - 11:00 am | Classroom A
This session will be led by Professor Omar Dajani. Students will have the opportunity to use the brief they prepared, and to test out their new skills.

Lunch on Your Own
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Will provide recommendations for places to eat within walking distance.

How to Brief a Case – Part II
1:00 - 2:30 pm | Classroom A
Students will discuss how they used their case briefs in the Mock Contracts Class and where they thought their briefs did and did not adequately prepare them for the class. Based on that discussion, students will receive feedback and more discussion of how to use a case brief in class. Students will have an opportunity to practice their briefing skills during an in-class exercise.

Shopping Trip
3:00 pm | Meet in front of Northwest Hall

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

Arc of Your First Semester of Law School in the United States: Learning Styles for Law Students
9:30 - 11:30 am | Classroom A
Students will be introduced to their first semester at McGeorge – what to expect for homework, class sessions, studying, and exams – along with an overview of the first semester for students to have a basic understanding of where they will begin their learning process and what they will be expected to do by the end of the semester. Students will also identify their own individual learning styles and how to use their individual learning styles to become successful law students in the U.S.

Administrative Nuts & Bolts
Box Lunch Provided
12:00 - 1:30 pm | Classroom A
Meet Admissions, Student Affairs, Registrar, Academic Affairs, Public Safety, receive your “Black Book,” learn about your student health insurance, on-campus health services, CAPS, and more.

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

Mock Contracts Class II
9:30 - 11:00 am | Classroom A
Professor Omar Dajani will lead this follow up session. The goal is to provide students with a second opportunity to test their skills.

Lunch On Your Own
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Will provide recommendations for places to eat within walking distance.

Academic Skills
1:00 - 3:00 pm | Classroom A
Students will be introduced to outlining and exam preparation skills essential for academic success.

Financial Aid & Debt Management*
3:15 - 4:00 pm | Lecture Hall
*For any student receiving federal financial aid

Dean’s Welcome & Oath of Professionalism
Immediately followed by a Dessert Reception with Faculty
6:30 - 8:30 pm | Lecture Hall
Join Dean Mootz, your SBA President, the Alumni Association, and the faculty for a special welcome. Federal Judge Morrison England, ’83, will administer the Oath of Professionalism. Family is welcome. Professional attire is recommended (please no jeans, shorts, or flip-flops; suits are not required).

Thursday, August 11, 2016

American Justice in Action
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Visit court to observe a trial.

Box Lunches
12:30 - 1:30 am | Classroom A

Friday, August 12, 2016

Title IX
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm | Lecture Hall
Training on sexual assault and harassment prevention.

American Culture: Do’s and Don’ts
2:15 - 3:00 pm | Classroom A
Learn the do’s and don’ts of American culture.

Ice Cream Social with Mentors
3:15 - 4:00 pm | McGeorge House Patio
Meet your student Mentors!