

Monday, August 15

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

HBC Patio/Breezeway

On-site Check-in &
Continental Breakfast

On-site check-in will be held from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. for all ITA orientation participants.

8:30 - 8:45 a.m.

HL 107

Welcome

This opening session offers welcoming and encouraging remarks focusing on the important roles that ITAs play at Syracuse University.

8:55 - 9:45 a.m.

9:50 - 10:40 a.m.

Rooms as noted

Breakout Sessions

Small Group #s 1-16 will attend the *Succeeding as an ITA* session from 8:55 to 9:45 and the *American Classroom* session from 9:50 to 10:40.

Small Group #s 17-32 will attend the *American Classroom* session from 8:55 to 9:45 and the *Succeeding as an ITA* session from 9:50 to 10:40.

Succeeding as an ITA

This session provides an overview of how to succeed as an international TA. By sharing common challenges and personal experiences, presenters will explore expectations as an ITA and student as well as opportunities that ITAs can utilize. We will also address ITA's questions and concerns.

HL 107

Presenters: *International Teaching Mentors: Ahmet Celik (Religion), Qingyang Liu (Human Development & Family Science), Brian Odiwuor (Mathematics Education) and Mmakgosi Anita Tau (Film and Media Arts)*

The American Classroom

Transitioning to a new culture and to your new role as a TA can be challenging. To help with adjusting to the American classroom context and facilitating a smooth transition as a graduate student and a TA, this session will provide an overview of expectations, differences, and how to make these into positive opportunities for both your students and yourself.

HL 207

Presenters: *Teaching Mentors: Cagla Cimendereli (Philosophy) and Jenna Walmer (Psychology)*

10:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

See Room Assignments on page 4

Small Groups/
Microteaching

You will meet with your small group at this time for introductions, conversation, debriefing, and discussion. You will also participate in microteaching, a practice teaching exercise. The 5-7 minute presentation that you prepared prior to your arrival at the TA Orientation will be videotaped by your Teaching Mentor in your small group and then critiqued in a constructive and supportive manner.

Leaders: *Teaching Mentors*

Bring your microteaching presentation materials (if any) to this session.

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1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Schine Student Center or Ernie Davis Dining Hall

Lunch

Lunch will be provided for all orientation participants. Please remember to bring your meal coupon (see Meals note below).

Center for International Services sessions

The following Center for International Services (CIS) sessions count as an ITA's CIS orientation, so there is no need for participating ITAs to attend the CIS orientation on Friday, 8/19/22.

2:00 - 2:50 p.m.

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Center for International Services - Health & Wellness

A staff member from the Barnes Center at The Arch will describe available services and resources for your health and wellness. Important information on how to use your health insurance will also be presented.

Presenters: *Rachel Evans, Aaron T. Lander, and LeeAnne Lane, Barnes Center at the Arch*

3:00 - 3:50 p.m.

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Center for International Services - Public & Personal Safety

An officers from the Department of Public Safety will review best practices for keeping yourself safe both on-campus and off-campus, and on avoiding common scams.

Presenter: *George Wazen, DPS Library Operations Coordinator*

4:00 - 4:50 p.m.

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Center for International Services - Payroll, Social Security Numbers & Tax Withholding

Representatives of the Payroll office and Student Employment Services will explain how to file an I-9, set up direct deposit, and other processes related to your TA stipend, including tax withholding for international students. You'll also learn how to request a U.S. Social Security number.

Presenters: *Camille Donabella, Director, Student Employment Services & Kirstin Guanciale, Tax Specialist, Payroll Services Center*

MEALS: On the mornings of the 15th, 17th, 18th, & 19th, a continental breakfast will be provided by Campus Catering. In addition, orientation participants will be given a lunch voucher for each of these days. These can be redeemed at the Schine Student Center food court or the dining hall in Ernie Davis residence hall. These meal vouchers have specific dates and times of use and have a set cash value. These coupons will only be issued during the initial, daily small-group sessions and are the responsibility of the coupon holder. Lost coupons will not be replaced. Questions about meal arrangements may be addressed in small groups.