# New Student Orientation Schedule 2019

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Wednesday, August 28, 2019

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Monday, August 26, 2019

New Student Move In Core Event 8:00AM - 1:00 PM Residential Houses Welcome to Vassar! Pull up to your House to move into your room. Our House Teams have been eagerly awaiting your arrival and will help you move your belongings. After moving in you will make your way to the Aula.

New Student Check In Core Event 8:30AM - 1:00 PM Ely Hall, Aula After moving into your room, you will need to head to the Aula to receive your orientation packet. Friends and family, this is where you can pick up your Welcome Packet and complimentary lunch tickets. Students, please stop to pick up your academic advising folders.

Resource Fair Core Event 8:30AM - 1:00 PM Ely Hall, Aula After checking in, stop by and learn about various resources as Vassar College.

Lunch (Free Meal Ticket for F&F) 11:00AM - 2:00 PM Gordon Commons menu
Complimentary lunch tickets for friends and family are provided at New Student Check In.

HF and HA Welcome: Jewett, Strong, Main, and Cushing 11:30AM - 12:00 PM Residential Houses Meet the House Fellow (live-in faculty member) and House Advisor (live-in residential education administrator) in your House! The House Fellow and House Advisor each play significant roles in the development of the House’s community, maintaining health and wellness, and infusing learning into our living environments. Say hi and get to know these important residential resources! Ask a house team member where your house’s welcome will take place.

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Student Athlete Info Session 1:00PM - 1:30 PM Villard Room All first-year student athletes and their families are invited to participate in an information session with Michelle Walsh, Director of Athletics & Physical Education. Students considering trying out for any varsity or varsity club team(s) are also welcome. Topics of discussion will include an overview of the sports programs, participation requirements, and resources for student-athletes and families. The session will conclude with an open question and answer period. *The Villard Room is located on the second floor of Main Building and College Center.*

President's Welcome for Family & Friends 2:00PM - 3:00 PM Chapel President Elizabeth Bradley will address the families and friends of new students. Also welcoming new families and friends will be Jennifer Herrera, Dean of First-Year Students; William Hoynes, Dean of Faculty; Carlos Alamo, Dean of the College; Luis Inoa, Associate Dean of the College; and Carlos Espina, Vassar Student Association President.

First Student Fellow Group Meeting
Core Event 2:00PM - 3:00 PM
Various Locations
Every new student is placed in a Student Fellow group, a vibrant Vassar tradition, to support you in your holistic transition into college life. Meet up with your Student Fellow and the other new students in your group for the first time!

Class Photo Core Event 3:00PM - 3:30 PM Commencement Hill Be a part of Vassar history in the official photograph of the Class of 2023 and new transfer students.

Reception 3:00PM - 4:00 PM Chapel Lawn Gather on the Chapel Lawn for snacks and to meet administrators from various offices.

Family & Friends Farewell 4:00PM - 5:00 PM Various Locations It's time to say farewell! This is the last event during orientation for families and friends.

Student Fellow Group Meal
Core Event 5:00PM - 6:30 PM Gordon Commons

Residential House Meeting: Jewett, Lathrop, Strong, Main, and Cushing Core Event 7:00PM - 8:00 PM Residential Houses Gather with the rest of your House to mark the first night we all live together. You'll meet the House Team and learn more about life in our House. Ask your student fellow where your house's meeting will take place.

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Lantern Walk Core Event 9:00PM - 10:00 PM Library Lawn Pause for a moment among illuminated paper lanterns as we transition to campus communal life. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life and Contemplative Practices.

**Tuesday, August 27, 2019**

Breakfast 7:30AM - 9:00 AM Gordon Commons menu

Posting of Audition & Lesson Sign-Up Sheets 9:00AM Skinner Hall of Music An audition is required for all voice and some instrumental lessons. Sign up in advance on the audition sheets posted outside Skinner Hall of Music, room 105.

President's Welcome for New Students Core Event 9:00AM - 10:00 AM Chapel The Class of 2023 and transfer, visiting and exchange students will be welcomed by Elizabeth Bradley, President; Dean of Faculty; Dean of the College; Dean of First-Year Students; and the Vassar Student Association President.

General Academic Advising Session Core Event 10:00AM - 11:00 AM Chapel The Dean of Studies, the Dean First-Year Students, and the Registrar will review the basic information all first-year students need to complete the registration process and offer strategies for constructing a course schedule that reflects the goals of a liberal arts college. Students will also be given an overview of how to use Ask Banner to access the online schedule of classes as well as their schedules and transcripts. Students should bring their Orientation folder with them to this meeting.

We Are Here?! Tour w/SF Core Event 11:00AM - 12:00 PM Residential Houses Meet your Student Fellow at your House to start a tour about Vassar’s unique history.

Lunch & Wellness Break 12:00PM - 2:00 PM Gordon Commons menu

Group Meeting with Pre Major Advisors Core Event 2:00PM - 3:00PM Various Locations Make your way to your pre-major advisor’s office and arrive by 2:00pm. In your Orientation folder, you will find a letter from the Dean of First-Year Students identifying who your pre-major advisor is and where to find them. At this meeting, your advisor will give you your preliminary fall schedule (the results of your summer pre-registration) and answer any questions you may have about the registration
process. Your advisor will also offer advice about selecting the additional courses you need to complete your schedule. Your advisor may also discuss some important aspects of academic life at Vassar, including the transition from high school to college; expectations for class attendance, laboratories, and the submission of written work; examination policies; and academic integrity. If you need help finding your advisor's office, ask your Student Fellow for directions or stop by the Dean of First-Year Students Office (Main North, Room 128).

We are Here pt 1 Core Event 3:00PM - 5:00 PM Residential Houses Meet up with your Student Fellow group for the first part of We Are Here. The We Are Here series offers us an opportunity to build relationships with one another around the shared experience of starting our journey at Vassar together. We will get to know one another by listening and sharing about who we are. This session celebrates the present moment, honors we've come from, and asks us about our paths ahead.

Dinner & Wellness Break
5:15PM - 7:00 PM
Gordon Commons menu

SGE Open House Core Event 7:00PM - 8:15 PM Villard Room Come and see what Student Growth & Engagement (SGE) is all about! Here you will learn more about the ALANA Center, Transitions Program, the Office of International Students/Scholars, the LGBTQ+ Center, Women's Center, and what to expect out of your First Year Experience!

*The Villard Room is located on the second floor of Main Building and College Center.*

Movie Under the Stars 8:30PM - 10:30PM Residential Quad (rain location Sanders Classroom, Spitzer Auditorium) Come join us as the remaining Avenger allies assemble once more in order to undo Thanos' actions and restore order to the universe once and for all, no matter what the consequences. Popcorn, drinks, and other snacks provided.

**Wednesday, August 28, 2019**

Breakfast 7:30AM - 9:00 AM
Gordon Commons menu

Let's Talk about Title IX HG1 (Cushing, Strong, Lathrop, Jewett, and Noyes) Core Event Martel 9:00AM - 9:50 AM This panel discussion covers sexual assault prevention strategies, how disclosures can be reported to the College, rights and responsibilities afforded under Title IX, and support and advocacy resources on campus.

Life Safety/Campus Safety HG2 (Josselyn, Main, Davison, and Raymond) Core Event Villard 9:00AM - 9:50 AM Join members of Environmental Health and Safety and the Town of
Poughkeepsie Fire Department to discuss life safety at Vassar. Safety and Security will discuss personal safety on campus. You will learn about safety services at Vassar; What to do in the event of a medical or safety emergency; How to report crimes; Campus emergency notification procedures; Responding to and Active Shooter; and Where to find the Annual Crime and Fire Safety Report.

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College Expectations and Communal Values Core Event HG1 Villard HG2 Martel 11:00AM - 11:30 AM Learn about the college regulations and the student conduct system at Vassar.

Lunch & Wellness Break 11:30AM - 1:00PM

T/V/E Meet & Greet Lunch 11:30AM - 1:00PM CCMPR Transfer, Visiting, and Exchange students are invited to meet the class advisors and administrators of the various offices and services that comprise the Dean of Studies Offices. Issues briefly discussed will include college regulations, degree requirements and support services. T/V/E students should bring their Orientation folder with them to this meeting and to the advising meeting on Thursday. The Multi-Purpose Room is located on the second floor of the College Center.

Varsity Sports Interest Meeting 12:00PM - 12:30PM Rocky 300, room 300 Interested in Intercollegiate Athletics or a Varsity Club Sport (Rugby or Rowing) and you were not recruited by one of the coaches? Come to this meeting and speak with the Athletics Administration (please see the Athletics website for a list of varsity programs). You'll have an opportunity to make an appointment for the on-campus physical needed in order to try-out. (Walk-on opportunities for fall sport programs are very limited). Please be sure that your appointment does not conflict with the faculty presentation or any important meetings and/or sessions you need to attend.

Faculty Research & Community Collaborations Presentations 1 Core Event 1:00PM - 1:45 PM Various Locations Wondering what your professors will be like? Curious about a subject you’ve never studied before? This is your chance to find out. Members of Vassar’s faculty will give
informal talks about their current research. There will be three 45-minute sessions beginning at 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00, each offering a diverse array of presentations. A complete program can be found at the back of this schedule.

Faculty Research & Community Collaborations Presentations 2 Core Event 2:00PM - 2:45 PM Various Locations Wondering what your professors will be like? Curious about a subject you’ve never studied before? This is your chance to find out. Members of Vassar’s faculty will give informal talks about their current research. There will be three 45-minute sessions beginning at 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00, each offering a diverse array of presentations. A complete program can be found at the back of this schedule.

Faculty Research & Community Collaborations Presentations 3 Core Event 3:00PM - 3:45 PM Various Locations Wondering what your professors will be like? Curious about a subject you’ve never studied before? This is your chance to find out. Members of Vassar’s faculty will give informal talks about their current research. There will be three 45-minute sessions beginning at 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00, each offering a diverse array of presentations. A complete program can be found at the back of this schedule.

Department & Program Receptions Core Event 4:00PM - 5:00 PM Various Locations Come learn more about a department of particular interest to you in an informal setting. Meet the professors and enjoy refreshments and conversation. Please contact the Office of Accessibility and Educational Opportunity (AEO) if you wish to attend a departmental reception and need wheelchair access or other accommodations. View list of locations for receptions with departments and programs.

Dinner & Wellness Break
5:00PM - 6:30 PM

Gordon Commons menu

One Less HG1 7:00PM - 8:00 PM Villard, CC204, CC240 During this program you will be engaging in an open dialogue with wellness peer educators and student EMTs to learn more about One Less. One Less is an alcohol education program, choosing One Less can have positive effects on your academics and your health. Whatever your reasons are, join the conversation with the WPEs and EMTs to learn about One Less.

Speak About It HG2 7:00PM - 8:00PM Martel This humorous and thought-provoking performance uses skits, monologues, and interactive dialogue to spark conversation about what healthy sex can and should look like. Based on true stories, Speak About It addresses topics including consent, sexual assault, and how students can intervene as empowered bystanders to confront gender-based violence.

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Thursday, August 29, 2019

Breakfast 7:30AM - 9:00 AM Gordon Commons

Bagel Brunch with VXF (Vassar Christian Fellowship) 9:00AM - 11:00 AM

Main Building, Rose Parlor Sponsored by the Vassar Christian Fellowship (VXF) and the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life and Contemplative Practices. The Rose Parlor is located on the second floor of Main Building.

Departmental, Advanced Course Placement, Pre-Professional Advising, and Community-Engaged Learning 9:00AM - 12:00 PM Department & Program Offices Representatives from all academic departments and programs will be available for individual consultations. If you are not sure which math or language course is right for you, or if you received a 4 or a 5 on an AP exam (or equivalent IB or A-level examination) and want to take an intermediate-level course, or if you are interested in a special permission (SP) course such as music lessons, this is the time to get the information and/or permissions you need. Be sure to bring your registration form with you.

Foreign Language Course Placement Advising 9:00AM - 12:00 PM Chicago Hall/Sanders Classroom/Blodgett Hall All foreign language departments will be open to students for placement advising in Chicago Hall except Chinese and Japanese, which will be in Sanders Classroom 008 (Chinese) and Sanders Classroom 324 (Japanese), and Greek and Roman (for Greek and Latin), which will be in Sanders Classroom 119. Also Jewish Studies (for Hebrew) will be held in Blodgett Hall 109. Please note that while Arabic is part of the Program in Africana Studies, Arabic advising will take place in Chicago Hall.

Music Theory Placement Advising & Placement Exam 9:00AM - 12:00 PM Skinner 205 Music Faculty will be available to meet with students interested in taking Music Theory I and II (Music 105/106). An advanced course placement test will be administered for qualified students who wish to place out of Music 105 (Music Theory I).
Pre-Law Advising 9:00AM - 9:30AM Sanders Classroom Auditorium Admission to law school remains competitive and early preparation can make all the difference! Join Vassar's Pre-Law Advisors, Stacy Bingham (Director of Career Development), Jannette Swanson (Associate Director of Alumnae/i Outreach and Partnerships), Mario Roman (Assistant Director of Career Development), and Jamie Kelly (Associate Professor of Philosophy), to learn about what it means to be “pre-law” at Vassar, what you can do now to make yourself a great law school candidate; and how you can take advantage of campus resources to help you succeed!

Study Away and Foreign Language Competency: An Information Session 9:00AM - 9:45AM Rocky 200 Faculty from the foreign language departments and programs will give an overview of the benefits of language study and its value to a well-rounded liberal arts education. Students will also be informed about the foreign language and cultural competencies needed to study in non-English speaking countries. Faculty representatives will introduce study abroad opportunities around the world, which are available through Vassar programs in Madrid, Bologna, and Paris, or other approved programs in Europe, South America, Asia, the Middle East, and Africa.

Pre-Engineering Advising 9:00AM - 9:30 AM Sanders Classroom 013 Dual-Degree Engineering Academic Advisor Sarjit Kaur, and Program Coordinator Pauline Saavedra, Assistant Dean of Studies, will give an overview of the preparation requirements to apply for the Vassar-Dartmouth dual-degree engineering program. After this meeting students can begin revising their fall course selections in preparation for their advisor meetings.

Pre-Health Advising 9:45AM - 10:30 AM Sanders Classroom Auditorium Members of the Pre-Med Advisory Committee will give an overview of the requirements for preparation to apply to medical and other schools in the health professions. After this meeting students can begin revising their fall course selections in preparation for their advisor meetings.

Education Certificate Advising 10:00AM - 10:30 AM Maria Mitchell Observatory, 212 Chris Bjork and Maria Hantzopoulos will give a short presentation about the requirements for becoming certified to teach at the elementary and secondary levels and answer any questions about the process.

Choral and Voice Lesson Information Sessions 10:00AM - 11:00 AM Martel Recital Hall All students interested in singing in the choirs (Women's Chorus, Mixed Chorus, Chamber Singers) or auditioning for Voice Lessons should attend one of these sessions. There will be a short presentation followed by Q&A. Sign up in advance for an audition on the sheets posted outside Skinner Hall Music Dept Office, Room 105.

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English Department AP and General Information Meeting 10:30AM - 11:00AM Sanders Auditorium
Wendy Graham, department Chair, will explain policies and procedures for advanced course placement in English, in addition to providing a general introduction to the Department of English. Students wishing to take a 200-level English course in their first year should attend this meeting. Students with questions about the department or the major are encouraged to attend as well.

Natural Science and Math Advising 10:30AM - 12:00 PM Bridge for Laboratory Sciences, Indoor Cafe/Atrium Faculty members will give an overview of the programs and departments in natural science and math at Vassar. They will discuss curricular offerings and answer questions. Math advising will also take place in the Math Department lounge, Rockefeller 305.

Guitar Lesson Auditions 10:30AM - 12:00 PM Skinner Hall, Room 325 Sign up in advance on the audition sheet posted outside Skinner Hall Music Dept Office, Room 105.

Introduction to Art History at Vassar 11:30AM - 12:00 PM Taylor Hall, 203 All students currently pre-registered for Art 105, wishing to enroll, or just curious about Art History at Vassar, are invited to attend.

Athletics Varsity Intercollegiate Sports Physical Examinations 10:00AM - 3:00 PM Baldwin For students who attended the Varsity Sports Interest Meeting on Wednesday and have been assigned a time to report to Baldwin House to complete your physical examination. Please be prompt! If you do not have an appointment, please contact our Director of Sports Medicine, Susan Higgins.

TVE Advising & Registration 11:30AM - 3:00 PM Dean of Studies Office (Main Building, 128N, First Floor North) The Office of the Dean of Studies will coordinate the advising and registration process for all Transfer, Visiting, and Exchange students. Please consult your Student Fellow for more information about this meeting.

Individual Meetings with Pre-Major Advisors Core Event 12:30PM - 3:00 PM Advisor’s Offices Now that you’ve had a chance to reflect on your choice of courses and to obtain information and advice on placement, you will meet again with your advisor to discuss your schedule in detail and complete it by adding and, if necessary, dropping courses. At this time, you will also be able to add any intermediate or advanced courses that were not included in the summer pre-registration, except for special permission courses that require the instructor’s signature (these can be added during the first two weeks of classes). Since there may not be space in some of the classes you have chosen, you should discuss alternative selections with your advisor and put them down on your form. At the end of your meeting, your advisor will sign your registration form, signifying that you have consulted with them. Note: Do not leave your advisor’s office before they sign your form! You cannot register for classes on Friday without a completed and signed form.

Lunch & Wellness Break
12:30PM - 3:00 PM
Gordon Commons
We Are Here pt 2 - HG1 Core Event 3:15PM - 4:15PM Martel Recital Hall
Meet your fellow first year students in the Martel Theater for the second part of We Are Here. The We Are Here series will continue with Ted-style talks by featured Vassar speakers. Arrive prepared by bringing an item of significance from your room. This item should mean something to you and spark a story. You will be paired for the second half of this session by fellow group with a fellow group from a different house.

Thrive: Meet Our Wellness Services - HG2
Core Event 3:15PM - 4:15PM Villard & Catwalks
Learn how to thrive in your time at Vassar! In this program, you will meet the Vassar College Counseling Service (VCCS) therapists, Health Promotion and Education staff, and student EMS, who will help you to identify ways to stay emotionally healthy and how/when to reach out for help.

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Arlington Amble / Dinner & Wellness Break 5:30PM - 8:00PM Alumnae House Lawn, Raymond Avenue & Gordon Commons
Explore your new neighborhood in your student fellow groups. Head on to Raymond Avenue with its bevi of coffee shops, delis, restaurants, and stores you need to know about. Find out which Arlington merchants accept VCash. Move on to the fabulous Arlington Farmers’ Market. Wrap up your tour at Alumnae House. The Alumnae/i Association of Vassar College welcomes you to come hang out and enjoy Vassar’s signature sweet treat, the Vassar Devil in our historic Alumnae House. Win some great prizes too! Check with your Student Fellow for details.

TVE Dessert Reception 8:00PM - 9:00 PM CCMPR Transfer, Visiting, Exchange students and POSSE students are invited to attend this dessert reception hosted by the Office of Student Living and Wellness.

Coffeehouse Loeb Art Center
9:00PM - 11:00PM Loeb
Hildegarde Krause Baker’11 Sculpture Garden, The Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center is the
backdrop to enjoy an ice coffee while listening to a local singer/songwriter. Take a tour of the amazing Loeb galleries and get some last minute advising from our Residential House Teams. We look forward to seeing you. Coffee & Refreshments provided.

Matthew’s Brew: A Storytelling Event 9:00PM - 11:00 PM Villard Join us for an evening of stories, songs, and poetry. Members of the VC community including those from the Class of 2023 will share their perspectives on hope, home, and belonging.

Friday, August 30, 2019

Registration Core Event 8:00AM - 4:00 PM CC240 All entering students must come to the College Center room 240 (2nd floor) to finalize their schedules for the fall semester with a representative from the Office of the Registrar. Students register at specific times on Friday based on the number of units for which they were pre-registered and on a random draw number. The time for your registration is printed on your schedule form located in your orientation folder. Don’t forget to bring your registration form, signed by your advisor, with you! IMPORTANT: If you do not come to College Center 240 on Friday, your registration will be cancelled and you will lose your place in the courses for which you were pre-registered!

Matriculation Book Signing Core Event 8:00AM - 4:00 PM President’s House On leaving College Center 240 after you complete your registration, please go to the President’s House to sign the Matriculation Book! It is our oldest tradition. Students have been signing this book since 1865. Signing this book signifies that you are an official candidate for a degree at Vassar College and a member of our community.

Voter Registration Core Event 8:00AM - 4:00 PM Hallway outside of CC240 One last stop after you've registered for classes! Students from Democracy Matters will be on hand to answer any questions you might have about voting/voter registration and absentee ballots.

Financial Aid/Student Accounts Information Sessions 9:00AM - 10:45 AM Rocky 200 9:00am – 9:45am (Last names A-L) 10:00am – 10:45 am (Last names M-Z) The Associate Director, will discuss all of your student employment questions. The Bursar, will provide general information about your student account, which includes the e-bill/e-payment and e-refund system. The Director of Student Financial Services, will discuss and provide general information about the Student Financial Services Office and financial aid.

Lunch & Wellness Break
12:00PM - 2:30PM
Gordon Commons

Jummah/Friday Prayers 1:30PM - 2:30PM Muslim Prayer Space/Lower Level of the Old Laundry Building The Vassar Muslim Student Union (VMSU) will be holding Friday prayer/Jummah, followed by a student-led discussion on navigating Muslim life on college campuses. Meet in front of the Post Office in the College Center at 1:15pm to walk over together. Co-sponsored by the Office of
Religious and Spiritual Life and Contemplative Practices.

Meet the Vassar Dogs 2:00PM - 3:00PM Library Lawn Looking for a way to relieve some stress? Love dogs? Come meet the dogs of some of Vassar’s faculty, administrators, and staff.

Explore the Library
2:00PM - 4:00PM
Library

DOC Pop In Friday 3:00PM - 4:00PM Get to know members of the Dean of College Team. Popcorn provided. Stop by the following offices to learn a bit about how we support students and build community:

Dean of College, Dean Carlos Alamo-Pastrana (Main?) Career Development, Dean Stacy Brigham (Main?) Student Living and Wellness, Dean Luis Inoa (CC121) Student Growth and Engagement, Dean Wendy Maragh Taylor (CC110) Campus Activities, Dean Terry Quinn (CC?) Campus Safety and Security, Director Arlene Sabo (CRC)

Religious, Spiritual Life, and Contemplative Practices, Dean Sam Speers
Dean of Studies, Dean Debra Zeifman (Main)

BBQ w/ Athletics 5:15PM - 7:30 PM Prentiss Fields Come support your Vassar Brewer athletics teams as they compete in their home openers! Women’s field hockey will play at 4 p.m. against Stevens, men’s soccer plays at 5 p.m. against Mt. St. Mary and men’s and women’s cross country will host their meet at 6 p.m. (start is at the Farm). Free food and fun! Go Brewers!

Dinner & Wellness Break
5:15PM - 7:30PM Gordon Commons

Shabbat Service & Dinner with VJU 6:45PM - 8:45PM Bayit Join Vassar Jewish Union for a taste of Jewish communal life at Vassar! All are welcome for a student-led service and a student-cooked meal. Meet at the Prentiss Field BBQ at 6:15 or in front of the Deece at 6:30 to walk over together. Co-sponsored by the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life and Contemplative Practices.

Friday Night Bowling & Laser Tag 9:00PM - 11:00PM Spins You are invited to enjoy some downtime with new friends, bowl, laser tag or just relax at Spin Bowls (Taft Avenue 2 blocks from campus) Buses will begin to shuttle from North lot at 8:45pm. Make sure to bring socks if you plan on bowling!
Saturday, August 31, 2019

Breakfast 7:30AM
- 9:00AM Gordon Commons

Culture of Care/Bystander Intervention Core Event 10:00AM - 11:00AM Residential Houses
You've completed the online course and you've attended “Speak About It,” but how can you really intervene if you see a risky situation? In this interactive workshop, Student Fellows will provide students with active bystander intervention tools and give them an opportunity to practice the skills that they've learned.

Pick-Up Box Lunch 11:00AM -11:30AM Gordon Commons For those heading out to explore the Hudson Valley today, please pick up your box lunch from Gordon Commons and proceed to your pick up location.

Orientation Adventures Core Event 11:30AM - 3:00 PM Bus Schedule & Shuttle Explore Poughkeepsie and the Mid-Hudson Valley! You should have received specific information about the adventure you signed up for over the summer.

Pick Up Location: Poughkeepsie: Front of President’s House Beacon: Front of Rockefeller Hall New Paltz: Front of Lathrop Vassar: Main Circle

Bagels & Lox with CJC 4:00PM - 4:30PM CCMPR “Love bagels and lox? Come meet a wonderful community and find out there is more to Judaism than just good food! Fresh NYC bagels, games, upperclassmen to meet, and plenty of vegan options!” Co-sponsored by the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life and Contemplative Practices.

Orchestra and Chamber Music Info Session & Auditions to Follow with Eduardo Navega 4:30PM Skinner Hall of Music, Martel Recital Hall The Vassar College Orchestra is a full symphony orchestra of about 60 students. The group meets twice a week and gives two or three concerts per semester, performing master works of the symphonic repertoire. Participation is open to all students by audition regardless of their chosen majors. The Vassar College Chamber Music program offers students opportunities to participate in string quartets, piano trios, wind quintets, and other less traditional formations depending on the repertoire. The groups perform once each semester in the recital hall and several times in other venues on and off campus. Participation is open to all students by audition and may be taken for credit. Sign up in advance on the audition sheets posted outside Skinner Hall, Room 105.

Dinner 5:30PM -
7:00 PM Gordon Commons

Office of International Services Dinner 5:00PM - 7:00 PM Gordon Commons, Second Floor All first-year international students are invited for a chance to regroup, relax, and reconnect with new friends and peers. OIS interns and staff will be present to informally check in and to answer any questions.

Transitions Dinner 5:30PM - 7:00 PM Gordon Commons, Second Floor Are you a first generation, low income and/or undocumented student? If so, the Transitions Program is for you! Grab your plate and join us on the second floor of the Gordon Commons get an overview of Transitions, mingle with your cohort and meet the director and student leaders.

Brewer Games 7:00PM - 8:00 PM Walker Field House Who will be this year's champion? Is your house the best house? Here is a chance to get up, get moving, show house spirit and get involved. Houses will compete in “Brewer Games” for bragging rights. Make sure you have your house shirts, colors, and cheers ready! Student athletes and wellness peer educators will be participating and helping out.

First-Year Fun Filled Frenzy 8:00PM - 9:30 PM Frandrangle Come out test your skills on the obstacle course, get an air brush VC tattoo and enjoy some cotton candy, snow cones, music and more...

**Sunday, September 1, 2019**

Breakfast 7:30AM - 9:00AM Gordon Commons

Apps to Live By 10:00AM - 11:00 AM CCMPR MaryJo Cavanaugh and her team from the Office for Accessibility and Educational Opportunity (AEO) and Karen Getter from the Learning, Teaching and Research Center (LTRC) will share their top technology tools for helping first-year students gear up for academic success. Bring your technology.

Pick-Up Box Lunch 11:00AM -11:30AM Gordon Commons For those heading out to explore the Hudson Valley today, please pick up your box lunch from Gordon Commons and proceed to your pick up location.

Orientation Adventures Core Event 11:30AM - 3:00 PM Bus Schedule & Shuttle Explore Poughkeepsie and the Mid-Hudson Valley! You should have received specific information about the adventure you signed up for over the summer.

Pick up Locations: Poughkeepsie: Front of
Lunch & Wellness Break  
11:30AM - 1:00 PM  
Gordon Commons

Voice Lesson Auditions  
1:00PM - 5:00 PM Skinner 400  
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Ecumenical Christian Worship  
4:00PM - 5:00 PM Chapel  
Tower Foyer  
The Episcopal Campus Ministry at Vassar College (ECVC), in collaboration with the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life and Contemplative Practices, will offer a service of Word and Music. Music will include selections from the Taizé community, contemporary Christian music, and the opportunity to sing your favorite hymn! Please join us!

Dinner & Wellness Break  
5:30PM - 7:00 PM  
Gordon Commons

Catholic Mass 5:00PM - 6:00 PM Vassar Chapel  

Unitarian Universalist Meeting 6:00PM - 7:00 PM Jade Parlor  
Introduction to the religion and Vassar spiritual community of Unitarian Universalism. In Unitarian Universalism, you can bring your whole self: your full identity, your questioning mind, your expansive heart. Our beliefs are diverse and inclusive. We support “the free and responsible search for truth and meaning,” embracing both liberal Christian traditions and diverse teachings from Eastern and Western religions and philosophies. Co-sponsored by the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life and Contemplative Practices.

Sitting Meditation with the Buddhist Sangha 8:00PM - 9:00 PM Vassar Chapel  

Welcome to & Welcome Back Night 8:30PM - 10:00 PM Residential Houses  
Come mingle with...
returning students in your house and house team while enjoying a sundae!

**Monday, September 2, 2019**

Brunch w/ Live Music
11:30AM - 1:30 PM
Gordon Commons

Rise & shine! Enjoy a nice meal with our dining service provider, Bon Appétit, while enjoying some live music.

Piano at Vassar with Thomas Sauer 11:00AM - 11:45 AM
Skinner Hall of Music, Martel Recital Hall
Come and learn about the piano program at Vassar.

Student Activities Fair 1:00PM - 3:00 PM
Noyes Circle
Get Involved!! Come and learn about all the different student organizations that Vassar has to offer. Whether you are interested in finding your dream role in a student theater production, singing your heart out, making people laugh or just plain raising your voice to make a difference, you are bound to find something here! Representatives from organizations will be present with information on what they do and how you can get involved. Make sure that you stop by and learn all about the exciting opportunities!

VSA Open House 1:00PM - 2:00 PM
VSA Offices
The VSA is the student government of Vassar College and all students are members of the VSA! Come meet your representatives on the VSA Executive Board and VSA Senate. Additionally, you will have the chance to learn about the positions available for members of the Class of 2023. Light refreshments will be available.

Choral Auditions 1:00PM - 5:00 PM
Skinner 400
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Dinner & Wellness Break
5:30PM - 7:00 PM
Gordon Commons

Welcome Concert for the Class of 2023 7:00PM - 8:00 PM
Martel Recital Hall
Presented by members of the music department faculty.

Serenading and VSA Campfire 8:30PM - 9:30 PM
Noyes Circle
Serenading is one of Vassar's oldest traditions. It is an opportunity for VC's sophomores, juniors, and seniors to welcome the Class of 2023 and new transfers to the college via a song or two. Various acapella groups will be performing
in honor of the incoming class.

After Classes Begin

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Foreign Language Proficiency Exam 4:00PM - 5:00 PM Various Locations Take the appropriate exam if you want to satisfy the foreign language requirement by examination. If you want to take a foreign language course, but are not sure which one is appropriate for you, consult the department during the Departmental and Advanced Course Placement Advising session on Thursday, August 29.

Piano Lesson Auditions 5:00PM - 7:30 PM Skinner 400 Please prepare two short, contrasting pieces. Sign up in advance on the audition sheets posted outside Skinner Hall, Room 105.

Saxophone Auditions 6:30PM - 8:00PM Skinner Hall of Music, Room 303 Please prepare two short, contrasting pieces. Sign up in advance on the audition sheet posted outside Skinner Hall Music Dept Office, Room 105.

Wind Ensemble Information Meeting 7:00PM - 7:30 PM Skinner Recital Hall The Vassar College Wind Ensemble is a sixty-plus member ensemble of Vassar students, staff and community members. The Ensemble performs three concerts in the academic year, featuring wind band masterworks, contemporary pieces and student compositions. At this meeting you will sign up for an audition time and audition music will be distributed.

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Wednesday, September 4, 2019

Convocation 3:30PM - 5:00 PM Chapel Fall Convocation is the official culmination of the New Student Orientation Program and the official beginning of the academic year.

Guitar Lesson Auditions 6:00PM - 8:00 PM Skinner 325 Sign up in advance on the audition sheets posted outside Skinner Hall, Room 105.
Thursday, September 5, 2019

Wind & Jazz Ensemble Auditions 4:00PM - 8:00 PM Skinner 421 To ensure an audition time, you must sign-up in advance at the information meeting.

Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre General Interest Meeting 3:00PM Kenyon Hall, Studio 3
For anyone interested in finding out more about the Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre.

Friday, September 6, 2019

Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre Ballet Audition 1:30PM - 4:30 PM Kenyon Hall, Studio 1
Open to all Vassar students with strong ballet technique (women must have at least 3 years of pointe training) who will be auditioning for VRDT on the following day Saturday, September 7th. Dress: Women should wear leotards, tights and ballet slippers - bring pointe shoes. Men should wear leotards and tights if they have them; otherwise shorts and a t-shirt are fine. Men must wear ballet slippers. Audition will consist of Intermediate Ballet class from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm. This may be followed by ballet phrases taught by the ballet faculty and guest choreographer. It may also include partnering. All auditionees must attend the VRDT audition on September 7th.

Wind and Jazz Ensemble Auditions

3:30PM - 6:00 PM Skinner 421 To ensure an audition time, you must sign-up in advance at the information meeting.

International Host Program Reception 5:00PM - 7:00 PM Villard Room
The International Host program pairs individual members of the Vassar and Poughkeepsie communities with new international students and language fellows. International students will receive a special invitation to this event in their orientation packets.

Saturday, September 7, 2019

Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre Annual Audition 12:00PM - 4:00 PM Kenyon Hall, Studio 1
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Sunday, September 8, 2019

Pipe Dreams: Intro to Vassar Organs 3:00PM - 4:30 PM Chapel, Skinner Martel
All students are cordially invited to a brief lecture and demonstration of the Vassar Chapel and Skinner Hall of Music organs. Students will have hands-on time at the organs, no experience necessary.
Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Follow up Pre-Major Advisor Meetings Core Event 3:15PM - 5:00 PM Various Locations This meeting is an opportunity for first-year students to discuss their academic progress with their advisor. It would be best if you schedule this appointment at the end of your individual meeting with your advisor on August 29th. At this meeting it would be extremely helpful to review your schedule online, discuss workload and study habits, review resources for academic support available on campus, consider the upcoming drop/NRO deadline, and generally discuss your transition to college.

Department & Program Reception Locations

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

4:00PM - 5:00 PM

Africana Studies - Villard Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
American Studies - Villard Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
Anthropology - The Bridge for Laboratory Sciences
(Indoor Cafe/Atrium)
Art - Villard Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
Asian Studies - Villard Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
Athletics and Physical Education - Multi Purpose Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
Biochemistry - The Bridge Building (Indoor Cafe/Atrium)
Biology - The Bridge Building (Indoor Cafe/Atrium)
Chemistry - The Bridge Building (Indoor Cafe/Atrium)
Chinese and Japanese - Jade Parlor, Main Building, 2nd Floor
Cognitive Science - The Bridge Building (Indoor Cafe/Atrium)
Community-Engaged Learning - Villard Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
Computer Science - The Bridge Building (Indoor Cafe/Atrium)
Dance - Multi Purpose Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
Drama - Vogelstein Center for Drama and Film, Lobby Earth Science - The Bridge Building (Indoor Cafe/Atrium)
Economics - President’s Conference Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
Education - Villard Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
English - Rose Parlor - Main Building, 2nd Floor
Environmental Studies - The Bridge Building (Indoor Cafe/Atrium)
Film - Vogelstein Center for Drama and Film, Lobby Earth Science - The Bridge Building (Indoor Cafe/Atrium)
French and Francophone Studies - Chicago Hall, Room 112
Geography - Villard Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
German Studies - Chicago Hall, Room 130
Greek & Roman Studies - Villard Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
Hispanic Studies - Chicago Hall, Room 140
History - Rose Parlor, Main Building, 2nd Floor
Independent Programs - Villard Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
International Studies - Villard Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
Italian - Chicago Hall, Room 129
Jewish Studies - Villard Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
Latin American and Latino/a Studies - Villard Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
Mathematics & Statistics - The Bridge for Laboratory Sciences
(Indoor Cafe/Atrium)
Media Studies - Villard Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
Medieval & Renaissance Studies - Rose Parlor, Main Building, 2nd Floor

Music - Multi Purpose Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
Neuroscience & Behavior - The Bridge Building (Indoor Cafe/Atrium)
Philosophy - Villard Room, Main Building, 2nd Floor
Physics &
Department Advising Locations

Thursday, August 29, 2019
9:00AM - 12:00 PM


Foreign Language Proficiency Exams

Arabic - Chicago Hall, room 103 (contact Prof. Mootacem Mhiri at momhiri@vassar.edu for time and location)

Chinese - Sanders Classroom Building, Room 322

French - Sanders Classroom Building, Room 006

German - Chicago Hall, Room 134

Hebrew - Contact Wendy Post, Administrative Assistant for Jewish Studies at (845) 437-5520 for time and location.

Italian - Chicago Hall, Room 128

Japanese - Sanders Classroom Building, Rooms 324

Korean - Sanders Classroom Building, Rooms 304 (Contact Claire Kang at jungrankang@vassar.edu beforehand if you are interested.)

Latin & Greek Exams will not be offered during this time. Please contact Bert Lott directly (email: jolott should you wish to make an appointment to take one of the exams later on in the week.)

Russian - Chicago Hall, Room 116

Spanish - Chicago Hall, Foreign Language Computer Classroom

All Exams

Thursday, August 29, 2019

Music Theory Placement Advising & Placement Exam 9:00AM - 12:00 PM Skinner 205 Music Faculty will be available to meet with students interested in taking Music Theory I and II (Music 105/106). An advanced course placement test will be administered for qualified students who wish
to place out of Music 105 (Music Theory I).

**Tuesday, September 3, 2019**

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**All Auditions**

**Tuesday, August 27, 2019**

Posting of Audition & Lesson Sign-Up Sheets 9:00AM Bulletin Board outside of room 105, Skinner Hall An audition is required for all voice and some instrumental lessons. Sign up in advance on the audition sheets posted outside Skinner Hall of Music, Room 105

**Thursday, August 29, 2019**

Guitar Lesson Auditions 10:30AM - 12:00 PM Skinner Hall, Room 325 Sign up in advance on the audition sheet posted outside Skinner Hall Music Dept Office, Room 105.

**Saturday, August 31, 2019**

Orchestra and Chamber Music Info Session & Auditions to Follow with Eduardo Navega 4:30PM Skinner Hall of Music, Martel Recital Hall The Vassar College Orchestra is a full symphony orchestra of about 60 students. The group meets twice a week and gives two or three concerts per semester, performing master works of the symphonic repertoire. Participation is open to all students by audition regardless of their chosen majors. The Vassar College Chamber Music program offers students opportunities to participate in string quartets, piano trios, wind quintets, and other less traditional formations depending on the repertoire. The groups perform once each semester in the recital hall and several times in other venues on and off campus. Participation is open to all students by audition and may be taken for credit. Sign up in advance on the audition sheets posted outside Skinner Hall, Room 105.

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Guitar Lesson Auditions
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Skinner 325 *Missing Blurb
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Faculty Research Presentations

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

1:00 – 1:45 pm

Vampires, Monks, and Holy Fools: The Mystical in Russia and Eastern Europe
Charles Arndt (Russian Studies) Rockefeller Hall 210

* Spaghetti with a Chance of Meatballs: Exploring Italian Identity Through Food
Simona Bondavalli (Italian Studies) Chicago Hall 102

A Glimpse of Galaxies at the Dawn of the Universe Debra Elmegreen (Physics & Astronomy) Sanders Classroom 212

From NYC Street Life to Arctic Dream Life: Recent Films Denise Iris (Film) Vogelstein Center for Drama and Film - Rosenwald Theater 109

Building Robots to Test Ideas About How Animals Behave John Long (Cognitive Science/Biology) Olmsted Hall 169

Playing in the Mud! How Earth Scientists Learn About Climate Change Kirsten Menking (Earth Science and Geography) Bridge for Laboratory Sciences 115

Body Awareness, the Feldenkrais Method and its Use in Singing Drew Minter (Music) Skinner Hall - Thekla 400

Astana: Kazakhstan's Utopia Michaela Pohl (History) Rockefeller Hall 104

CEO Incentives and Bank Risk Over the Business Cycle Tanseli Savaser (Economics) Kenyon Hall 132

* Toy Stories: Fairytales, Toys, and the Invention of Imaginative Play Elliott Schreiber (German Studies) Rockefeller Hall 203

Anti-Judaism, Anti-Semitism, Anti-Zionism Ágnes Veto (Jewish Studies Program) Blodgett Hall 105

China in the World: Territory and the Sacred Michael Walsh (Religion) Blodgett Hall 201

* Race, Gender and Immigration in Educational Studies Kimberly Williams Brown (Education) New England 105

Environmental Behemoth? What China Can Teach the United States Yu Zhou (Geography) Ely Hall 200

* Related to the First-Year Common Reading

Faculty Research Presentations
Wednesday, August 28, 2019
2:00 – 2:45 pm

Using Peer-to-Peer Lending Data to Study Monetary Policy
Esteban Argudo (Economics) Kenyon Hall 217

* Archaeology, Activism, and "There There"
April M. Beisaw (Anthropology) Blodgett Hall 101

Game of Thrones and Tolkein: Fantasy and the Middle Ages Nancy Bisaha
(History/Medieval and Renaissance Studies) Rockefeller Hall 203

Picosecond Laser Ultrasonics – A Very Quick Look into the Nanoscale World
Brian Daly (Physics and Astronomy) Sanders Physics 206

Training the Next Generation of Scientists (You!) To Fix Scientific Institutions
Josh de Leeuw (Cognitive Science) Olmsted Hall 273

Subversive Politics in "Conventional" Art Marc Michael
Epstein (Religion/Jewish Studies) Taylor Hall 203

A Multisystem Illness Invisible In Plain Sight
David Esteban (Biology) Rockefeller Hall 210

* Gentrification & Displacement: A Growing Global Issue
Brian Godfrey (Geography) Ely Hall 200

Cinema and the Senses Sophia Harvey (Film) Vogelstein Center for Drama and
Film - Rosenwald 109

The Poetic of the Erotic in the Russian Silver Age Farida
Tchekassova (Russian Studies) Rockefeller Hall 201

Of Long and Short Skirts: Islam, Race, Gender in France
Kirsten Wesselhoeft (Religion) Blodgett Hall 201

Effect of Single Gene Manipulation On "Friendliness" In Mice
Bojana Zupan (Psychological Science) Olmsted Hall 162

* Related to the First-Year Common
Reading
Faculty Research Presentations
Wednesday, August 28, 2019

3:00 – 3:45 pm

**Making Italians in America: Italian Migration and the Birth a New Culture in Film and Literature** Sole Anatrone (Italian Studies) *Rockefeller Hall 203*

**What is ‘Civilization in Question?’ An Introduction to the Team-Taught College Course**
Nancy Bisaha, Rachel Friedman, and Christopher Raymond (College Course) *Rockefeller Hall 200*

**Environmental GIS: How Does Geography Help Us Understand Urban Climate?**
Mary Ann Cunningham (Earth Science and Geography) *Ely Hall 200*

**How the Ribosome Puts Genes To Work** Colin Echeverría Aitken (Biology/Biochemistry) *Olmsted Hall 266*

**Doing Justice to the Classics: Greco-Roman Antiquity and Hate Groups Online**
Curtis Dozier (Greek and Roman Studies) *New England 105*

**A Slap in the Face of Public Taste: Revolutionary Art in Russia 1910-1917**
Nikolai Firtich (Russian Studies) *Rockefeller Hall 210*

**Vassar Students Learning with and from Immigrant Students in K-12 Public Schools in Poughkeepsie** Tracey Holland (Latin American and Latino/a Studies/VCUEI) *Kenyon Hall 217*

**When the Westboro Baptist Church Came to Vassar College: A Story of Activist Pedagogy and the Secular Liberal Arts**
Jonathon Kahn (Religion) *Blodgett Hall 201*

* **Water in Fiji and Singapore: Environment, Advertising, Postcoloniality**
Martha Kaplan (Anthropology/Asian Studies) *Blodgett Hall 105*

Ken Livingston (Cognitive Science) *New England 206*

**Scientific Mythologies of the Past, Controversies of the Present, and Visions of the Future** Jose Perillan (Physics and Astronomy + STS) *Sanders Physics 105*

**Microplastics on Cape Cod** Jill Schneiderman (Earth Science) *Ely Hall 204*

**Other Worlds: Spirituality and the Search for Invisible Dimensions** Christopher White (Religion/Science, Technology, and Society) *Blodgett Hall 029*