MESM Student Orientation
September 12 – 22, 2016
Welcome, Class of 2018!
We’re excited for you to meet your community.

Important deadlines within orientation to highlight:

**Monday, September 12**
Create your U-Mail account before your Bren School Computer Orientation on Tuesday, September 13

**Wednesday, September 14**
Read the Bren School MESM Handbook for the Bren 101 session on Thursday, September 15 (handbook will be made available in August)

**Thursday, September 15**
Email your policy memo to kyom@bren.ucsb.edu by noon on Friday, September 16. Print two copies of your policy memo for the second part of the Writing Workshop on Friday, September 16

**Friday, September 16**
Email your resume to career@bren.ucsb.edu by the end of today for your Resume Design Workshop on Monday

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Map of Bren Hall *(1st floor)*
Monday, September 12

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  **Check-In + Breakfast** | Bren Hall, Michael J. Connell Courtyard  
Check in, grab your name-tag, pick up a copy of the orientation schedule, and enjoy a continental breakfast before beginning the day’s activities.

8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  **Bren Hall Tour** | Meet in the Bren Hall Michael J. Connell Courtyard  
Learn about Bren’s facilities and the rooms most often utilized by its students. *This tour is optional and will only cover spaces in Bren Hall.*

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  **Welcome & Introductions** | Bren Hall, Colloquium Room (1414)  
The MESM 2018 cohort is welcomed to the Bren School, followed by staff and new student introductions.

11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.  **Writing Workshop, Part 1** | Bren Hall, Colloquium Room (1414)  
Environmental Communication Program Manager Dr. Lisa Leombruni discusses communication training at the Bren School, introduces principles of excellent writing, and gives students their mandatory writing assignment and the rubric for scoring.

1:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  **Team Building Activity #1** | Bren Hall, Michael J. Connell Courtyard  
This event, led by the Bren School’s Career Development team, helps students get to know one another better, acquaint them with the broader UCSB campus, and guide them toward developing into a strong, supportive community.

4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  **Current MESM Student Panel** | Bren Hall, Colloquium Room (1414)  
Members from the MESM 2017 class share insider information about how to succeed in your first quarter, as well as what they wish they knew about the program as a new student.

Tuesday, September 13

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  **Calculus Workshop** | Bren Hall, Colloquium Room (1414)  
Begin 7-day workshop taught by Bren School graduate and exceptional quantitative methods teacher Dr. Allison Horst.

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  **New Student Photos** | Bren Hall, Visitors Center  
New students will have their pictures taken for their student or professional websites, for Bren School media needs, and for faculty reference. (Students assigned groups on first day of orientation.)  
*Blue Group: 12:00 – 12:45 p.m.; Green Group: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.*
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Computer Orientation** | Bren Hall, GIS Lab (3022)  
The Compute staff orients students to the Bren School's computer network, provides log-in and password information for personal use of Bren Hall computers, and assigns Bren email addresses.  
*Green Group: 12:00 – 12:45 p.m.; Blue Group: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.*

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**Wednesday, September 14**

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **English Language Placement Exam** | UCSB, Buchanan 1910  
The English Language Placement Exam (ELPE) is a two-hour written exam administered to new UCSB international students, used to assess if specialized instruction in graduate writing is needed. Students must bring with them to the exam their UCSB Access card (or photo ID and perm number) and a pen or pencil. All international students whose first language is other than English are required to complete the ELPE.

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Calculus Workshop** | Bren Hall, Colloquium Room (1414)  
Continuation of the workshop taught by Dr. Allison Horst.

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Team Building Activity #2** | Bren Hall, Colloquium Room (1414)  
Led by the Bren School's Career Development team, this session further introduces students to each other while demonstrating the importance of building a strong professional network.

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**Thursday, September 15**

8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Calculus Workshop** | Bren Hall, Colloquium Room (1414)  
Continuation of the workshop taught by Bren School graduate and exceptional quantitative methods teacher Dr. Allison Horst.

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Bren 101: MESM Overview** | Bren Hall, Colloquium Room (1414)  
Bren and UCSB staff discuss policies and procedures, degree requirements, personnel, safety, and campus-wide resources.

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Bren Foci Info Sessions** | Bren Hall, Colloquium Room (1414)  
Students pursuing any specialization have the option of simultaneously pursuing a special focus in Strategic Environmental Communication and Media (Comm) or in Eco-Entrepreneurship (Eco-E). Come learn more about these two foci, from Environmental Communication Program Manager **Dr. Lisa Leombruni** and Eco-Entrepreneurship Program Manager **Emily Cotter**. (Comm focus: 1:00 – 1:30 p.m; Eco-E focus: 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.)

2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **Lab Safety Orientation** | Bren Hall, Sycamore Room (1510)  
An introduction to lab safety, led by UCSB Environmental Health and Safety. Students working in a UCSB lab facility for the 2016-17 year (or
who think they might pick up a lab job) are required to complete this mandatory safety training.

**Friday, September 16**

8:30 a.m. – **Calculus Workshop** | Bren Hall, Colloquium Room (1414)
Continuation of the workshop taught by Bren School graduate and exceptional quantitative methods teacher Dr. Allison Horst.

11:00 a.m. – **Writing Workshop, Part 2** | Bren Hall, Colloquium Room (1414)
Bring 2 hardcopies of your policy memo to engage in this peer review, led by Environmental Communication Program Manager Dr. Lisa Leombruni. Students are welcome to bring their lunch to this session.

**Monday, September 19**

9:00 a.m. – **Resume Design Workshop** | Bren Hall, Colloquium Room (1414)
This workshop, led by the Bren School Career Development team, is the first step in a two-year professional development program and is mandatory for all MESM students.

11:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m. – **Master’s Projects** | Bren Hall, Colloquium Room (1414)
Academic Programs Coordinator Casey Hankey and Eco-Entrepreneurship Program Manager Emily Cotter present an overview of the Group Projects and Eco-Entrepreneurship Projects.

1:30 p.m. – **Calculus Workshop** | Bren Hall, Colloquium Room (1414)
Continuation of the workshop taught by Bren School graduate and exceptional quantitative methods teacher Dr. Allison Horst.

**Tuesday, September 20**

9:00 a.m. – **Teaching Assistant and Reader Training** | Campbell Hall, UCSB
Incoming students who have secured a Teaching Assistantship (TA) or Course Reader position for any academic quarter of the 2016-17 year are **required** to attend this [UCSB campus-wide TA/Reader orientation](#).

1:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. – **Calculus Workshop** | Bren Hall, Colloquium Room (1414)
Continuation of the workshop taught by Bren School graduate and exceptional quantitative methods teacher Dr. Allison Horst.

12:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. – **Writing Workshop, Part 3** | Bren Hall, Colloquium Room (1414)
Final mandatory writing workshop led by Environmental Communication Program Manager Dr. Lisa Leombruni.
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  **Bren School Faculty Panel** | Bren Hall, Colloquium Room (1414)
Panelists discuss new strategies for managing wildfire under conditions of climate change as part of the Bren School’s annual Strategic Environmental Research Initiative (SERI).

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**Wednesday, September 21**

9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  **New Grad Student Orientation** | UCen Corwin Pavilion, UCSB
Join the [Graduate Division](#), the governing body for all departments on campus, as they introduce the variety of UCSB campus resources available to graduate students. This information session is followed by a luncheon and Campus Resource Fair.

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  **CALI Training for International Students** | UCen Corwin Pavilion
The UCSB Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) offers [CALI Training](#), which is designed to help new international students navigate Cultural Awareness, Laws, and Immigration in the U.S., introduce them to campus resources and expectations, and ensure they understand how to stay in status while getting the most from from UCSB experience. *Incoming international students are required by Federal Immigration Policy to attend OISS CALI Training.*

2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  **Calculus Workshop** | Bren Hall, Colloquium Room (1414)
Continuation of the workshop taught by Bren School graduate and exceptional quantitative methods teacher Dr. Allison Horst.

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**Thursday, September 22**

8:00 a.m.  **First Day of Fall quarter instruction** | Bren Hall, various rooms
New and returning students begin [Fall quarter classes](#).

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  **Bren Community Reception** | Decker’s Terrace
Dean [Steven Gaines](#) welcomes new and continuing students, researchers, faculty, and staff back to Bren Hall. Mingle with community members and enjoy local beers, wine, and appetizers as we kick off the academic year!

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