



## **2015 International Masters Orientation**

Welcome to the University of Pittsburgh's Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business!

As an international student, your orientation program begins a full week before the rest of the Full-Time MBA class. The earlier start date is to help you adjust to a new country and new culture. At Katz, our mission is to prepare graduates who are ready to make an immediate impact at global organizations of all types and sizes. We prepare our students by offering a range of practical, hands-on experiences, an approach we call experience-based learning. Your orientation is your first taste of this learning model.

This week we will address some of the concerns of international students in such activities as a/an:

- Immigration overview from Pitt's Office of International Services
- Accent modification screenings with UPMC linguists
- Overview of academics and higher education in the U.S.
- Presentation on the American business culture
- Networking dinner with Pitt international students and alumni
- Tour of the City of Pittsburgh's distinct neighborhoods
- Business Communications workshop

As a Katz student, staying connected to your peers and classmates is one of the best ways to be successful in the program. Please download the KATZ READY app for your smartphones (search KATZ READY in the app store) to receive push notifications on important student matters. Please also follow Katz on all the social media channels: Facebook (KatzBusiness), Twitter (@KatzPittBiz), and LinkedIn.

We're looking forward to this week's orientation. Please arrive on time to take full advantage of all of the ISO sessions.

Again, welcome to Katz!

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Please note that all sessions are mandatory for Masters students

### Monday, August 10

*Sessions in Mervis Hall & William Pitt Union*

Dress is Smart Casual.

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	<b>Registration and Continental Breakfast</b> , <i>Mervis Atrium</i>
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	<b>Welcome to International Orientation</b> Sandra Douglas, Director, MBA Programs Rabikar Chatterjee, Associate Dean, Master's & Executive Programs Bill Valenta, Assistant Dean, MBA Programs Patricia Sabolsky, Director, Special International MBA Programs
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Walk to William Pitt Union
9:45 a.m. - noon.	<b>Office of International Services (OIS) Check-In</b> ; <i>Lower Lounge, William Pitt Union (WPU)</i> Richard Sherman, Immigration Specialist (Covered in this session: Check-in process; Immigration documents; rules/regulations with visa status)
Noon – 12:10 p.m.	<b>Walk to Mervis Hall</b>
12:10 - 1:00 p.m.	<b>Luncheon</b> , <i>Mervis Atrium</i>
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	<b>Networking Exercise</b> , Professor Debbie Good
2:30 – 2:35 p.m.	<b>Wrap-up</b> , Patricia Sabolsky
2:35 – 2:45 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
2:45 – 5:00 p.m.	<b>MBA Student Accent Modification Screenings</b> , by appointment, <i>301 Mervis Hall interview rooms</i> A team of three linguists from UPMC will conduct 10-minute speech pattern screenings with each student to determine whether they will need to be scheduled to return on Tuesday for a 45-minute screening. If the additional screening is necessary, you will receive an email with your appointment time for Tuesday by late Monday afternoon. The purpose is to identify students who will participate in an accent modification program during the fall semester.
2:45 – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Mervis Hall and Pitt Campus Tours</b> <b>Student fair</b> , <i>Mervis Atrium</i> Visit tables for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UPMC Health Insurance, Val Jameson</li><li>• English Language Institute</li><li>• Pittsburgh Region International Student Ministries (PRISM)</li><li>• Signups for your one-on-one meeting with international business leader Sid Vaidya on Thursday, August 13</li></ul>
2:45 – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Visit the KATZ IT Department</b> to receive assistance with setting up your computer, <i>317 Mervis Hall</i>
2:45 – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Visit Panther Central</b> to get your PITT ID

## Tuesday, August 11

*Sessions in Mervis Hall*

Dress is Smart Casual.

9:00 a.m. – noon	<b>MBA Student Accent Modification 30-Minute Screenings</b> , by appointment <i>301 Mervis Hall Interview Rooms</i>
9:00 a.m. – noon	<b>Visit the KATZ IT Department</b> to receive assistance with setting up your computer, <i>317 Mervis Hall</i>
9:00 a.m. – noon	<b>Visit Panther Central</b> to get your PITT ID
Noon	<b>Luncheon</b> , <i>Mervis Atrium</i>
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.	<b>Global Pittsburgh Presentation</b> , representative TBD
1:15 – 1:20 p.m.	<b>Wrap-Up</b> , Patricia Sabolsky
1:20 p.m.	<b>Board Bus</b> in front of Posvar Hall – Please carry your PITT ID.
1:20 – 4:00 p.m.	<b>The Pittsburgh Tour Company</b> – Oakland, South Side, Duquesne Incline, Strip District, Cultural District

## Wednesday, August 12

*Sessions in 104 Mervis Hall unless noted*

Dress is Business Professional.

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	<b>Continental Breakfast</b> , <i>Mervis Atrium</i>
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	<b>Katz MBA Program Overview</b> , Sandra Douglas
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Academics in the U.S.</b> , Sandra Douglas
10:30 – 10:40 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:40 – 11:30 a.m.	<b>Academic Integrity &amp; Professional Conduct Workshop</b> , Sandra Douglas
11:30 – 12:45 p.m.	<b>Luncheon</b> , <i>Mervis Atrium</i>
12:15 – 1:45 p.m.	<b>Keynote Speaker</b> : Sid Vaidya, “Immigrant Steps to American Dream”
1:45 – 2:00 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.	<b>American Business Culture</b> , Sid Vaidya
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.	<b>International Student Panel</b> , MBA students <i>(Covered in this session: what to expect in an American classroom; definition of plagiarism in US and how to avoid it; grading of classroom participation; importance of networking, using case competitions and career conferences to find a job; and student clubs)</i>
5:00 – 5:05 p.m.	<b>Wrap-Up</b> , Patricia Sabolsky
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	<b>Dinner and Networking with Pitt International Students and Alumni</b> , <i>Alumni Hall 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Event Room</i>

## Thursday, August 13

*Sessions in 104 Mervis Hall unless noted*

Dress is Smart Casual

Lunch on your own

8:00 – 1:00 p.m.	<b>One-on-One meetings with Sid Vaidya</b> ; Optional and by appointment, <i>301 Mervis Hall</i>
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	<b>The U.S. Job Search</b> , Melissa Shapiro, Director of Career Management and the Career Management team
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	<b>Company and Industry Research Workshop</b> , <i>201 Mervis Hall (Finance Lab)</i> Eve Wider, Head Business Librarian <i>(Please bring your PITT username and password to logon to the computers)</i>
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	<b>Career Resources and Tools</b>
5:00 – 5:05 p.m.	<b>End-of-the-Day Wrap-Up</b> , Patricia Sabolsky

## Friday, August 14

*Sessions in 104 Mervis Hall*

Dress is Smart Casual.

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

**Continental Breakfast**, *Mervis Atrium*

9:00 a.m. - noon

**Management Communications**

Sandra Douglas

Laptops required

*(Key concepts about successful communication within the U.S. business environment)*

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

**Box lunches**, *Mervis Atrium*

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Management Communications** – Sandra Douglas

3:00 p.m.

**Group photo**