



News from the Division of Student Affairs

The Division of Student Affairs works collaboratively with students, faculty and staff to provide a multitude of services, programs and community centers.

The core services are Career Services, Commencement, Counseling Center, crisis management and emergency services, Dean of Students, Health Services, Ombudsperson, Wellness and Recreation, Residence Halls, and the University Center.

For questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs at 305-284-4922, vpsa@miami.edu, or by visiting Ashe Building Room 244 or the following websites:

University Ombudsperson www.miami.edu/ombudsperson

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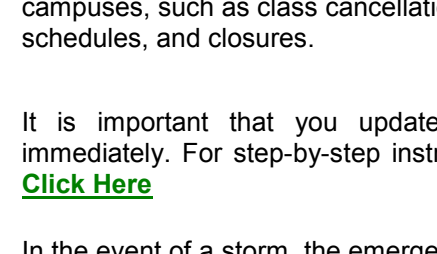


New Graduate Student Orientation 2009

New graduate student orientation events are scheduled to take place August 21, 2009 through August 23, 2009. A Welcome Reception at the Rathskeller on the Coral Gables campus will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, August 21.

The Orientation program will be held on Saturday, August 22 at Storer Auditorium at the School of Business at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The program will feature important information regarding resources for graduate students, academic expectations, and more.

The President's Picnic for new students will be held on Sunday, August 23, 2009, at President Donna Shalala's home in Coral Gables. Shuttles from the BankUnited Center will pick up students at 3:30 p.m. Please visit Graduate School Orientation 2009 to RSVP.

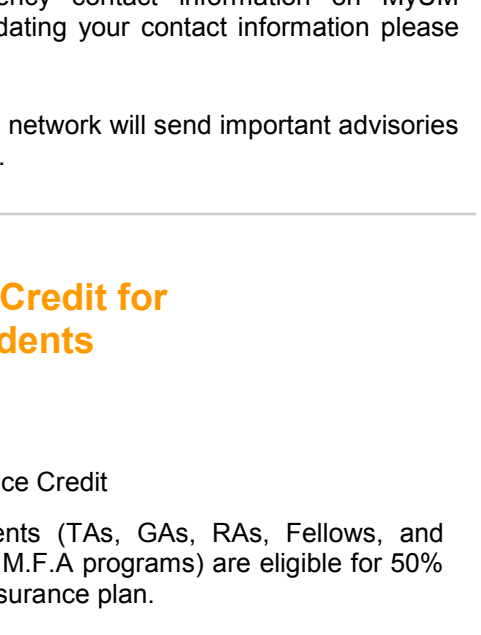


Teaching Assistant (TA) Orientation

The TA Orientation will be held Monday, August 24, 2009. This orientation is required for all Teaching Assistants who will have first-time contact with students. The orientation will begin at 8:00 a.m. and concludes at 4:00 p.m.

Hurricane Preparedness

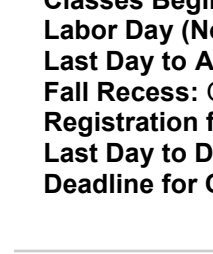
In South Florida, the annual hurricane season is a time to be prepared both on campus and at our homes. Should a storm threaten South Florida or some other emergency affect the University, members of the UM community should continually monitor the Emergency Preparedness website www.miami.edu/prepare for updated information.



In addition, students will receive the Storm Alert e-mail newsletter. These communications will keep you informed of developments on all campuses, such as class cancellations, event schedules, and closures.

It is important that you update your emergency contact information on MyUM immediately. For step-by-step instructions for updating your contact information please Click Here

In the event of a storm, the emergency notification network will send important advisories via voicemail messages, text messages and email.



Health Insurance Credit for Graduate Students

Eligible Coral Gables campus graduate students (TAs, GAs, RAs, Fellows, and Trainees who are enrolled in Ph.D., D.M.A. and M.F.A programs) are eligible for 50% towards the annual cost of the Student Health insurance plan.

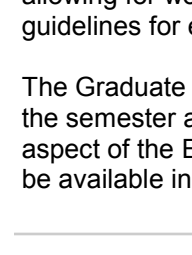
For detailed instructions on how to take advantage of this credit please Click here

For additional information about health insurance please Click here

PFF: Preparing Future Faculty Fall 2009

The Graduate School sponsors a professional development program for all graduate and post-doctoral students called Preparing Future Faculty (PFF). The PFF program is part of a national movement to change the way graduate, doctoral, and post-doctoral students are educated about and prepared for future careers in the professoriate.

PFF is a professional development series which will provide students with opportunities to observe and experience the faculty roles and responsibilities of teaching, research, and service. To participate, students must either be nominated by their graduate program director or nominate themselves.



Important Dates to Remember!

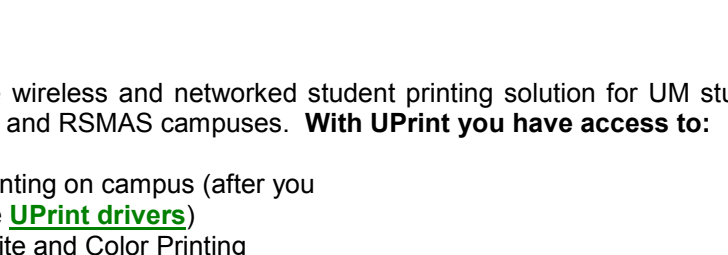
- New Graduate Student Orientation: August 21-23
TA Orientation: August 24
Classes Begin: August 26
Labor Day (No Classes): September 7
Last Day to Apply for Fall Graduation: October 9
Fall Recess: October 16
Registration for Spring 2010 Begins: November 9
Last Day to Defend Dissertation/Thesis for Fall 09 graduation: November 20
Deadline for Completion of Dissertation Thesis: December 13

Graduate Student Videos: Why I Love The U!



The Graduate School has a new Student Video section featuring graduate students from several different departments. In a brief interview, students talk about their graduate program and what they love about the University.

The videos are available on the Graduate Student Videos section on the Graduate School website. You can also visit the Graduate School Channel on YouTube



Electronic Theses and Dissertations

Theses and Dissertations must be submitted electronically. Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD) is program that allows graduate students to disseminate their ideas. An ETD stores these and dissertations in a format that is suitable for machine archives, allowing for worldwide retrieval.

The Graduate School also encourages students to contact the Dissertation Editor early in the semester at grad.dissertation@miami.edu if they have any questions regarding any aspect of the ETD process.

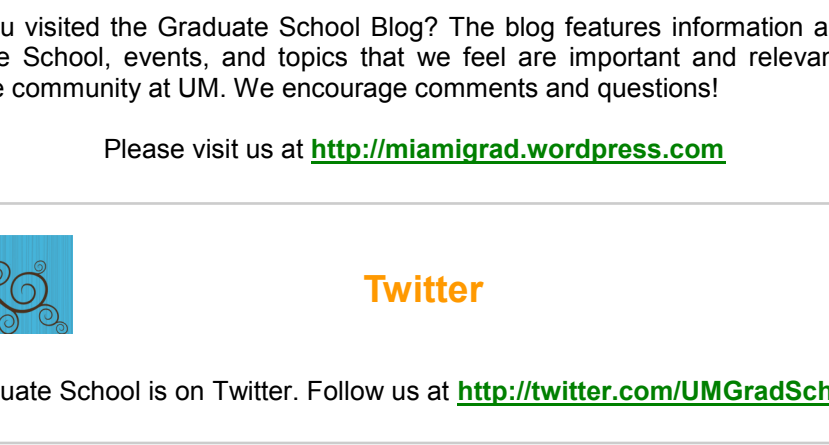
Graduate School Handbook

The 2009-2010 Handbook is available for download on the Graduate School Website. The Handbook is an excellent resource for new and current graduate students.



Download the Graduate School Handbook: Click Here

UM Welcomes New McKnight Fellows



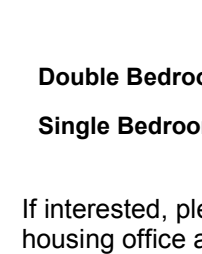
The University of Miami welcomes the new McKnight Fellows at the 2009 New Fellows' Orientation in Tampa, FL, June 19, 2009. McKnight Fellows are competitively selected and receive financial and professional development support from the Florida Education Fund.

From left to right: Dr. Lawrence Morehouse, President and CEO, Florida Education Fund; Jacqueline Rodriguez, Special Education; Dean Terri Scandura; Rolando Santos, Marine Biology and Fisheries; Dr. Marvin Dawkins, Sociology. Not pictured: Virginia Alfonso, Counseling Psychology and Mufuka Rumgizai, International Studies.

The Graduate School Blog!

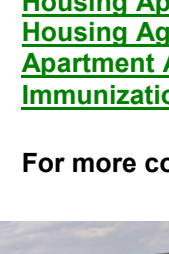
Have you visited the Graduate School Blog? The blog features information about the Graduate School, events, and topics that we feel are important and relevant to the graduate community at UM.

Please visit us at http://miamigrad.wordpress.com



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What is UPrint?

UPrint is the wireless and networked student printing solution for UM students at the Coral Gables and RSMAS campuses. With UPrint you have access to:

- Wireless printing on campus (after you download the UPrint drivers)
- Black & White and Color Printing
- Black & White and Color Copying
- Scanning with Global Scan (This service is free and allows you to scan any document and send it to yourself via email.)

These services are available using the computers at any of the libraries or computer labs on Coral Gables and RSMAS campuses.

They are also available from your laptops if you download the proper UPrint drivers. It is not available for Linux or 64 bit processors. An upgrade will available next year.

For more information visit: UPrint Home Page

Graduate Housing Opportunity!!!

A limited number of housing spaces are available to full-time graduate students for the 2009-2010 academic year. The University has set aside 20 buildings within five, 3 bedroom apartments in the Apartment Area.

The dates of availability run from August 19, 2009 through May 15, 2010. Housing charges would be as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Apartment Area (per student) **, Per Semester, Per Year. Rows: Double Bedroom (\$3,179/\$6,358), Single Bedroom (\$4,133/\$8,266)

If interested, please fill out the four housing-related forms below and return them to the housing office along with the \$250 housing deposit. This can be paid via check/money order made payable to the University of Miami.

- Housing Application Form
Housing Agreement Form
Apartment Area Agreement Form
Immunization Acknowledgement Form

For more complete move-in information please visit: www.miami.edu/housing

