Welcome to SAIC! We are excited to meet you virtually and in-person in the coming weeks. This schedule is for student New Student Orientation and Welcome Week programs. You can find the Parent and Family schedule on the orientation website.

Please note this schedule is subject to change. New Student Orientation, Parent and Family Orientation, and Welcome Week programming will follow all guidelines by the CDC, IDPH, and CDPH, as well as the SAIC Make Ready team.

All times listed below are in the United States Central Standard Time (CST).

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

MONDAY, AUGUST 9 – TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

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Join the Campus Life staff and Orientation Leaders to meet other students of the incoming class. These programs will be offered at a variety of times, so join at any time that is convenient for you. Orientation Leaders will be there to guide and answer any initial questions you have as you join the SAIC community! Zoom links will be provided in an email in on August 4.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

12:00pm New Student Orientation Virtual Course Launch
[canvas.saic.edu](https://canvas.saic.edu)

The New Student Orientation course launch will provide you with information and resources that will be vital to your SAIC experience. Through a variety of interactive content, you’ll learn more about what tools and supports you will find at SAIC, including campus engagement, career-focused information, financial aid, and the academic experience. The course will also feature software downloads, which will be required for your classes.

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Your Orientation Leader will reach out to you with details about joining for a virtual session with your individual group. The students in these groups will be other students in your Research Studio class, so take advantage of the first-meet up with your classmates.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 21: MOVE-IN DAY 1

11:00am – 4:00pm  Hospitality Suite
Sharp Building, Neiman Center, 36 S. Wabash
Stop by the Neiman Center to visit with SAIC offices. You’ll have the opportunity to meet with staff and get your questions answered.

TIME TBD  Campus Tour
Sharp Building, Neiman Center, 36 S. Wabash
Student Ambassadors will be leading tours of the SAIC campus. Tours will last about 45 minutes and depart at the start of each hour. Tours will depart from the Neiman Center 1st floor.

11:00am – 6:00pm  Self-Guided Tours: Art Institute of Chicago
111 S. Michigan Ave.
With your ARTICard, you receive free access to the Art Institute of Chicago. Just show your ID to the security desk at the museum, and you’ll be able to tour through at your leisure.

7:00 – 9:00pm  Student Event
Details forthcoming

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 – SATURDAY, AUGUST 28: OPTIONAL PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WHO ARRIVE PRIOR TO 8/28

Varied Times  SAIC Meet-Ups
Varied Locations
During this week students who arrive prior to August 28 are invited to attend a variety of optional programs. More details to be provided.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26: MOVE-IN DAY 2

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 27: MOVE-IN DAY 3

11:00am – 4:00pm  Hospitality Suite
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7:00 – 9:00pm  Student Event
Details forthcoming

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28: MOVE-IN DAY 4

11:00am – 4:00pm  Hospitality Suite
Sharp Building, Neiman Center, 36 S. Wabash

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WELCOME WEEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29: WELCOME WEEK DAY 1

11:00am – 1:30pm  Lunch and Welcome Week Meet-Up
(varied start)  Varied Locations

Meet with your Orientation Leader in your designated building to grab lunch and learn more about what you can expect during Welcome Week. Be sure to check your group’s scheduled time to arrive at your lunch session.

1:30 – 4:00pm  Getting to Know Chicago: Loop and Neighborhood Programs
(varied start)  Varied Locations

Use this session to begin to learn more about a Chicago neighborhood! Orientation Leaders will lead groups to a variety of locations around the city. If you are taking a trip that requires the use of a bus or train, don’t forget your face covering and Ventra UPASS.

4:30 – 7:00pm  SAIC’s Taste of Chicago
(varied start)  280 Building, 280 S. Columbus

Your Orientation Leaders will meet you to take the group to one of the nearby Chicago parks to enjoy dinner together. Be sure to check your group’s scheduled time to arrive at the 280 Building.

7:00 – 9:00pm  Preview the Modern
(varied start)  Art Institute of Chicago (AIC) Modern Wing Entrance
159 East Monroe Street

The Art Institute of Chicago’s Modern Wing will be open exclusively for students. You’ll be welcomed with remarks by Elissa Tenny, President, and Felice Dublon, Vice-President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, and then you’ll be able to move through the space for a private viewing. SAIC staff will also be available to answer your questions.
MONDAY, AUGUST 30: WELCOME WEEK DAY 2

1:00 – 3:00pm  Scavenger Hunt
(varied start)  Varied Locations
Meet your Orientation Leader in your designated classroom to begin the hunt! Your Orientation Leader will have the instructions and you’ll go together as a group to find resources and hidden spots around in and around the SAIC campus. Prizes will be awarded for the winning team!

3:00 – 5:00pm  Resource Fair and Ice Cream Social
(varied start)  280 Building, 280 S. Columbus Drive
Use this program to learn even more about SAIC. Representatives from offices across campus will be available to provide information and to answer your questions.

5:00pm  Dinner On Your Own
Varied Locations
Grab dinner in one of School’s café, your residence hall room, or one of Chicago’s many restaurants. Don’t forget to take one of your new friends too!

7:00pm  Floor Meetings (See specific start time posted on individual floors)
Various Locations
Every resident is required to attend mandatory building & floor meetings. These meetings help new residents meet their neighbors, begin building community, as well as learn resources and residence hall policies and procedures. Times and locations vary depending on where you live. If you have questions about your floor meeting, please ask your Resident Advisor (RA).

Following Floor Meeting  ouRArt Exhibition Opening
162 N State Street Residences, Siragusa Gallery, 16th floor
ouRArt is a gallery show comprised of RA artwork and will be displayed in the Siragusa Gallery located on the 16th floor of the 162 North State Street Residences.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31: WELCOME WEEK DAY 3

11:00am – 1:30pm  Lunch and Welcome Week Group Time
(varied start)  Varied Locations
Meet with your Orientation Leader in your designated building and room to grab lunch. Orientation Leaders will plan group outings and be there to answer your questions. Be sure to check your group’s scheduled time to arrive at your lunch session.

1:30pm  Research Studio I Class
Various Locations
Meet your faculty member for your Research Studio class. Attendance is required, so you won’t want to miss it! Note: Online research studio classes will meet at their regularly scheduled class start time. Details will be provided in late August with details for the meeting links.

3:30pm – 5:30 p.m.  SAIC Galleries Reception hosted by CAPX, Career and Professional Experience
(varied start)  SAIC Galleries, 33 E. Washington Street
Start your career journey at SAIC at this reception hosted by the Career and Professional Experience (CAPX) team! Check out the fall shows in the Sullivan Galleries and connect with your SAIC network. Be sure to check your group’s scheduled time to arrive at this session.
Join Us For These Welcome Events in Fall 2021 Semester!

Wednesday, September 1: First Day of Classes

9:00am – 4:00pm  
First Day of Classes and Information Tables  
All Academic Building Lobbies

Welcome to the start of the fall 2021 semester! In order to assist you with questions you might have along the way, each building will have an information table with SAIC staff to assist you with anything that might come. Stop by the table to ask a question or just say hello! The information tables will be available daily through Wednesday, September 7.

Friday, August 3 – Monday, September 6

All Day  
Day Trips

With Orientation Leaders and Resident Advisors as your guides, you will be able to choose from a wide variety of day trips. Some students may choose to check out a Chicago museum, while others may venture into some of the Chicago neighborhoods for vintage shopping. We will have a number of options to choose from and you can sign up during Welcome Week with your Orientation Leader.

Date TBD  
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IMPACT Self-Defense Workshop  
Location TBD

Join IMPACT Chicago for a workshop that will provide you with personal safety tools, such as awareness, safe distance, and verbal and physical self-defense skills. The workshop will also cover bystander intervention and ways to assist others if they are experience unsafe situations.

Date TBD  
Time TBD  
Student Group Fair and Ice Cream Social  
280 Building, 280 S. Columbus Drive

Take this opportunity to learn more about the student groups and organizations at SAIC! Find out directly from the students and club leaders about how you can get involved in one of the over 60 student groups on campus!