

BENNINGTON



New Student
Orientation Schedule

Fall 2018

Friday, August 31, 2018

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Arrival and Check-in | *Usdan Gallery*

Arriving students need to check-in to pick up Orientation materials, room key, and Bennington student ID card. Please be sure to stop by all the tables for important information you need on acclimating to Bennington. **Parents, family, and friends welcome.*

12:00 - 2:00 pm

Lunch | *Dining Hall in the Student Center*

Lunch is available for students, family, and friends.

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Transitioning to Bennington | *Greenwall Auditorium*

Provost and Dean of the College Isabel Roche will welcome parents and introduce “Scholē,” a presentation by Philosophy faculty member Karen Gover. After the talk, the presenters and staff members will be on hand to answer individual questions about the College and its educational structures and resources for students representing the offices of the First-Year Experience; International Student Services; Field Work Term & Career Development; Academic Services; Diversity & Inclusion; Student Health Promotion; Psychological, and Health Services; Campus Safety; Dean of Studies; Dean of Students & Student Life.

4:00 - 4:45 pm

Welcome Reception & Family Send Off | *Petrie Terrace* (*Rain location: Greenwall Auditorium*)

Featuring President Mariko Silver, who will officially welcome students to the Bennington community.

4:45 - 5:15 pm

Welcome to New Students | *Greenwall Auditorium*

Official kick-off of the Orientation program.

ALL STUDENTS SPLIT INTO GROUPS “A” OR “B” ACCORDING TO NAME OF HOUSE

GROUP A:

Houses: Bingham through McCullough
(alphabetical)

5:30 - 6:30 pm

HELLO, my name is... | *Individual Houses*

Join House Chairs for activities to learn about your new peers and your house.

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Dinner | *Dining Hall in the Student Center*

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GROUP B:

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In the Place Where You Live | *Individual Houses*

Head to your house to join your housemates for your first nighttime house gathering.

9:00 - 11:00 pm

PAC Lawn Social | *Commons Lawn*

Glow-in-the-dark games, a feature film from the year you were born, and more brought to you by the student Program & Activity Council.

Saturday, September 1, 2018

7:30 - 9:00 am

Breakfast | *Dining Hall in the Student Center*

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9:00 - 12:00 pm

Bennington | *Greenwall*

What is a Bennington education? Explore the College's history, educational values, tenets, and aims in a series of rotating interactive sessions.

12:00 - 1:30 pm

Lunch | *Dining Hall in the Student Center*

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1:30 - 3:00 pm

Faculty Panel: What is Original Work? | *Usdan Gallery*

In whatever we do—whether our work is in the arts, sciences, philosophy, psychology, mathematics, history, or any other field—we inevitably draw upon the work done by others in the past, as well as by our peers in the present. By what process do we arrive at the thing to which we sign our own name? What makes what we do our own?

After an introduction by Isabel Roche, Provost and Dean of the College, faculty members Hugh Crowl, physics; Dana Reitz, dance; and Stephen Shapiro, French will make brief presentations relating this question to their own work.

3:00 - 5:30 pm

First-Year Forum: First Class | *See your Orientation folder for a letter with assigned group and room.*

Meet your First-Year Forum class and get to know your classmates, advisor, and the student co-leader for your group. Find out more about what First-Year Forum is and learn how to navigate add-drop and the start of term. This session is an important part of your semester-long First-Year Forum course.

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Transfer Student Fireside Chat | *Cricket Hill Barn*

Meet with faculty member Kirk Jackson and learn more about the Plan Process and faculty advising at Bennington. **Please note this is for transfer students only.*

4:00 - 5:00 pm**Transfer Student Exploration: North Bennington | *Start at Cricket Hill Barn***

Join this informal tour for transfer students and learn about your new community.

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5:30 - 7:30 pm**Dinner | *Dining Hall in the Student Center***

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8:00 - 9:00 pm**Nightly House Meeting | *Individual Houses***

Nightly check-in with your House Chair about the day's activities. Tonight, you will be asked to participate in an important first-year survey that will explore characteristics of this incoming class.

9:00 - 11:00 pm**Residential Scavenger Hunt | *Individual Houses***

Hunt house-to-house with progressive clues leading you to a secret destination.

Sunday, September 2, 2018**7:30 - 9:30 am****Breakfast | *Dining Hall in the Student Center***

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10:00 am - 12:00 pm**Foundations of Social Justice and Equity at Bennington | *Usdan Gallery***

Are you curious about your peers and if they will accept you as you are? Do you know which pronouns you want others to use when referring to you? Are you aware of local places of worship that meet your needs? This session will address these questions and more!

12:00 - 2:00 pm**Lunch with Resource Fair | *Dining Hall in the Student Center***

Key offices will be on hand during lunch to answer questions.

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2:00 - 4:30 pm**First-Year Forum: Second Class | *See your Orientation folder for letter with assigned group and room.***

Dive into a Bennington-style class with your First-Year Forum group and learn about how to approach your courses to set yourself up for academic success.

2:00 - 3:00 pm**Transfer Student Meet and Greet: Academic Services & Field Work Term *Cricket Hill Barn***

Join Academic Services and Field Work Term staff to learn more about campus resources and the transfer student experience at Bennington.

**Please note this is for transfer students only.*

3:15 - 4:30 pm**Transfer Student Meet and Greet: Student Engagement | *Upcafe***

Join staff from the Office of Student Engagement to learn about student extra- and co-curricular activities at Bennington.

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7:30 - 9:00 pm**Faculty Works | *Martha Hill Dance Theater, VAPA***

Featuring the work of Souleymane Badolo, dance; Brian Michael Murphy, media studies; Senem Pirlar, music; Natalie Scenters-Zapico, literature; and Michael Wimberly, music.

9:00 - 10:00 pm**Nightly House Meeting | *Individual Houses***

Nightly check-in with your House Chair about Orientation activities. This is your chance to ask any questions that you may have.

10:00 pm - 12:00 am**Class of '22 Open Mic Night | DownCafe**

Hosted by the Program & Activity Council. A sign-up sheet will be posted on Friday, August 31, at the Dining Hall Student Center Tabling Station and remain there until Sunday, September 2, in the afternoon.

Monday, September 3, 2018

As today is Labor Day, a national holiday, some College offices will be closed. The Student Health Center and the Library will be open from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

7:30 - 9:00 am**Breakfast | Dining Hall in the Student Center**

**Don't forget your Bennington Student ID card. Regular dining hours.*

8:00 - 9:00 am**Language Placement | UpCafe and DownCafe**

Incoming students who have registered for a language class and all students interested in studying a language at Bennington should plan to attend the Language Placement session. You are welcome to bring your breakfast from the Dining Hall. This event is an opportunity to meet with the entire language faculty, while also allowing time for students to be placed at the appropriate level for the Fall 2018 term.

9:00 - 10:00 am**Musical Placement Auditions | DownCafe**

Advanced Improvisation for Music & Dance audition (Michael Wimberly)

9:00 - 10:00 am**Introduction to Working on Campus: Session 1 | Tishman Auditorium**

Required for students intending to use work-study awards. Students will learn about holding jobs on campus and will fill out I-9 and W-4 forms if they have not already done so.

10:00 - 12:00 pm**Social Justice Activism @ Bennington | Individual Houses**

Do you have questions about the Foundations of Social Justice and Equity session? Are you curious about what social issues are important to students at Bennington? This discussion will be led by your House Chairs and will give you an opportunity to share what you want out of your Bennington experience.

12:00 - 2:00 pm**Lunch | Dining Hall in the Student Center**

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1:30 - 4:30 pm**Faculty Individual Advising Sessions | Faculty Offices**

Individual information can be found in the letter in your Orientation folder.

2:15 - 3:15 pm**Introduction to Working on Campus: Session 2 | EAC 1**

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4:00 - 5:00 pm**Musical Placement Auditions | Jennings**

- Cello | Nat Parke | Jennings 214
- History of Jazz on Drumset | Susie Ibarra | Jennings 134
- Intermediate Voice | Kerry Ryer-Parke, Tom Bogdan | Jennings 218

Students should prepare a short, simple a cappella song that showcases their singing range and ability.

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9:00 - 11:00 pm**Monday Night Reset Open House | Student Center Courtyard**

(Rain location - Dining Hall)

Take time to reset before the first day of classes featuring an assortment of relaxing self-care activities and practices.

Tuesday, September 4, 2018**7:30 - 9:00 am****Breakfast | Dining Hall in the Student Center**

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9:00 - 10:30 am**Registration Completion (Add/Drop) | Individual Faculty Offices**

Starting today, you can make changes to your class schedules, as needed, in faculty offices. Students have add/drop form in the Orientation folder, which course instructors and faculty advisors will need to sign in order to add or drop a course from your schedule.

10:30 - 11:00 am**First-Year Orientation Picture | Petrie Terrace**

Join your fellow new students for an Orientation tradition of a group photo. In four years you'll be able to compare this with your senior picture.

11:00 am - 12:00 pm**Convocation | Greenwall Auditorium**

A community tradition to celebrate the start of the academic year.

12:00 - 2:00 pm**Lunch | Commons Lawn (Rain: Dining Hall in the Student Center)**

Join fellow students, faculty, and staff as we share a meal together.

1:00 - 2:00 pm**Drama Forum | Vapa D207**

Weekly gathering of students and faculty interested in curricular and extra-curricular involvement with theater at Bennington College. This meeting will discuss this term's auditions, productions, and opportunities to participate.

2:10 pm | CLASSES BEGIN**6:00 - 7:00 pm****Musical Placement Auditions | Piano, Jennings 232**

John Forsyth, Chris Lewis, Yushoko Sato

7:00 - 9:00 pm**SEPC presents: Student Works | Martha Hill**

An evening of discipline-specific student performances curated by the Student Educational Policies Committee (SEPC), featuring live music, dance, visual art, literature, poetry, and much more. A full schedule of event times and locations in the new student orientation folder.

Orientation programming ends. Important continuing events.**September 5, 2018****By appointment****Musical Placement Auditions**

Bass with Bisio, Michael Bisio, Jennings 335d | **Email to schedule: mbisio@bennington.edu*
Guitar Jazz Ensemble, Hui Cox, Jennings 335c | **Email to schedule: hcox@bennington.edu*
or via Skype

September 6, 2018**12:00 pm****Come to the Table | Dining Hall in the Student Center**

Lunch series kick-off: look for the reserved table. All are welcome to join this bi-monthly lunch series discussing issues of social justice, community engagement, and more!
See College Week for event details.

7:00 pm**Dance Auditions | Martha Hill Dance Theater****7:00 pm****Drama Auditions | VAPA D207 & D208****September 7, 2018****10:00 am - 3:00 pm****American Red Cross Blood Drive & DKMS Bone Marrow Registration Drive
Greenwall Auditorium**

Walk-ins welcome.

12:30 - 1:30 pm**Gilman Scholarship Info Session | Barn 124**

Learn more about this scholarship open to Pell grant recipients to support study abroad in Spring and Summer 2019.

7:00 pm

Drama Auditions | *VAPA D207 & D208*

8:00 pm

PAC Presents: Bennington Block Party | *Commons lawn (rain location:TBD)*

September 8, 2018

10:00 am

Bennington College Student Day at the Bennington Farmers' Market

150 Depot Street until 1:00 pm

Shuttle transportation provided to/from flagpole outside of the Barn. First 30 students receive \$5 each in market bucks as well as fun giveaways.

1:00 pm

Kitchen Cupboard Trip | 121 Depot Street until 5:00 pm

Shuttle transportation provided to/from flagpole outside of the Barn. Students will volunteer during a food distribution at the Kitchen Cupboard, a program that provides food and information on eating better on a budget to individuals and families in need. Students can sign up during Check-in, the Resource Fair, or on Handshake.

September 9, 2018

11:30 am

Second Chance Animal Shelter Trip

Volunteer trip to socialize cats at Second Chance Animal Shelter, leaving from the flagpole and returning to campus by 2:30 pm. Students can sign up on Handshake or meet at flagpole on Sunday at 11:30 am.

12:00 pm

1st Purple Carrot Farm Work Day of Term

Meet in the UpCafe for an introduction to the Purple Carrot Farm. Volunteers will then head out to the farm as a group to work on various farm tasks, including harvesting produce. Please bring your own water bottle to stay hydrated. Light snacks will be provided.

1:00 - 4:00 pm

**Gospel Choir Auditions for Faculty Production, Kerry Ryer-Parke, Kirk Jackson
*Greenwall***

4:30 pm

North Bennington Village Block Party | 1 Park Street, North Bennington until 7:30 pm

Let us come together! The 2nd annual village block party will include a bee ballet and pot luck dinner (hot dogs and hamburgers for all), as well as the Vermont Arts Exchange art bus. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share, a blanket or chair, and recipe to add to the village cookbook!

September 11, 2018

12:30 - 1:30 pm

Study Abroad Info Session | Barn 124

Join this session to learn more about study abroad opportunities and funding options.

5:30 pm

**Beyond the Classroom - Community Organization Fair | Student Center
Courtyard & grassy areas at the end of 2nd Street (Rain location: DownCafe)**

Interested in getting involved in the greater Bennington community? Come learn how to get involved in many Bennington community organizations.

September 13, 2018

5:30 pm

**Beyond the Classroom - Campus Club & Organization Fair | Student Center
Courtyard & grassy areas at the end of 2nd Street, (Rain location & time: TBD)**

Interested in getting involved in campus activities outside of the classroom? This fair is a great opportunity to speak with students involved in the clubs and organizations on campus!

September 15, 2018

10:30 am

MASS MoCA Trip | Meet at Flagpole

Bennington College membership of the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art (MASS MoCa) provides students with free entrance and Campus Safety provides free transportation every other Saturday beginning September 15. Meet at the flagpole at 10:30 am and expect to return to campus by 4:00 pm.

