Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
Fall 2015 Orientation Schedule
South Hamilton, MA

International Students (F-1) Orientation: Thursday and Friday
(Mandatory for all new F-1 visa students)

**Thursday, September 3**
8:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Session on Campus Life/Academic Life  
*(Break for Lunch)*

**Friday, September 4**
8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Session on F1 Basics, Adjusting to Life in the US  
TBD

Welcome New Dorm Students

**Monday, September 7**
8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Welcome New Dorm Students  
Housing Office/Dean of Students  
*Kerr 317/318*

5:00 pm  
New Dorm Students Cookout  
Dining Hall

**GENERAL ORIENTATION**
(Mandatory for all new students, including F-1 visa students)

**Tuesday, September 8**
7:00 am  
Continental Breakfast  
*Dining Hall, Kerr Bldg.  
(Cash sales)*

8:00 am  
Orientation Packets  
*Kaiser Chapel Lobby  
(Admissions Staff)*

8:30 am  
Welcome/Worship  
8:30 - Worship/Meet Faculty  
10:00 - Student Services  
*Kaiser Chapel*

12:00 - 1:00 pm  
New Student Luncheon  
*Alumni Hall  
(With president, faculty, Admissions staff and Student Association)*

1:00 - 3:00 pm  
Greek and Hebrew Proficiency Exams  
*(Greek) AC242  
(Hebrew) AC240*

1:30 - 2:30 pm  
Financial Advising – MACO only  
*Alumni Hall*

3:00 - 5:00 pm  
MACO Advising w/Counseling Faculty  
AC237
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<td>- Th.M. in Christian Thought Advising w/Dr. Isaac</td>
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<td>- Th.M. in Biblical Studies Advising w/Dr. Schnabel</td>
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<td>- M.Div. Advising with registrar</td>
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<td>- MASF Advising w/Dr. Adams</td>
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<td>6:45 - 7:45 pm</td>
<td>Up-Close and Personal with President Hollinger and Dr. Mary Ann Hollinger</td>
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<td>8:00 - 9:30 pm</td>
<td>Ice Cream Fellowship (with President/Faculty/Student Association)</td>
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<td>Old &amp; New Testament Competency Exams</td>
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<td>9:00 am - 3:00 pm</td>
<td>Pierce Center Welcome and Orientation (See postings for assigned times in Kaiser Chapel lobby and bulletin boards in Mailroom and Admissions Office: 9-10am, 10-11am, 11am-12noon, 2-3pm)</td>
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<td>11:30 am - 1:00 pm</td>
<td>Church Fair</td>
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<td>Lunch (Dorm Student Board Plan) (Cash sales available for non-Board Plan students.)</td>
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<td>Library Orientation</td>
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<td>Panel on Life as a Seminarian</td>
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**Thursday, September 10**

- **7:00 am** Continental Breakfast *(cash sales)*  
  Dining Hall

- **8:00 am - 12:00 pm** Registration Fair  
  *(See postings for assigned times in Kaiser Chapel lobby and bulletin boards in Mailroom and Admissions Office.)*  
  Alumni Hall

- **11:30 am - 1:00 pm** Lunch (Dorm Student Board Plan)  
  *(Cash sales available for non-Board Plan students.)*  
  Dining Hall

- **5:00 - 6:00 pm** Dinner (Dorm Student Board Plan)  
  *(Cash sales available for non-Board Plan students.)*  
  Dining Hall

- **7:00 - 8:30 pm** Meeting with Faculty  
  *(Students will be notified of assignment for Wednesday or Thursday.)*  
  Faculty Homes

**Friday, September 11**

- Overview of the Bible  
  Lecture Hall 1

- **10:00 am – 11:50 am** Old Testament (Dr. Carol Kaminski)  
  Dining Hall

- **12:00 pm** Lunch Break (Student Dorm Board Plan)  
  *(Cash sales available for non-Board Plan students)*  
  Dining Hall

- **1:00 pm – 2:50 pm** New Testament (Dr. David Palmer)  
  Lecture Hall 1

**Saturday, September 12**

- **12:00 - 1:00 pm** Brunch for Board Plan Students  
  Dining Hall

- **1:30 pm** Softball Game  
  Lawn

- **4:30 - 6:00 pm** All-Seminary Clamfest  
  *(No Board Plan meal served in the Dining Hall. Board Plan students must sign up for Clamfest.)*  
  Dining Hall/Kerr Building Grounds

**Monday, September 14**

- Fall Semester Classes Begin (8:00 am)  
  Academic Center et al.

**Wednesday, September 16**

- **11:10 am - 12 noon** Fall Convocation  
  Kaiser Chapel

- **7:00 pm - 9:00 pm** Seminary Spouses Orientation  
  *(Sign up with Student Life Services)*  
  Retreat House

**Tuesday, September 22**

- **11:10 am – 1:00 pm** Seminary Prayer  
  *(Dining Room will serve lunch from 1:00 – 2:00 pm)*  
  Kaiser Chapel