Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
Fall 2012 Orientation Schedule
South Hamilton, MA

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

**Thursday, August 30**
8:00 am - 2:00 pm  Session on Campus Life/Academic Life  TBD
(Break for Lunch)

**Friday, August 31**
8:00 am – 12 pm  Session on F1 Basics, Adjusting to Life in the US  Alumni Hall

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

**Tuesday, September 4**
7:00 am  Continental Breakfast  Dining Hall (Kerr Bldg)
(Board Plan Students/cash sales for non-Board Plan students)

7:15 – 7:45 am  Orientation Packets  Kaiser Chapel Lobby
(Admissions Staff)

8:00 am - 12:00 pm  Welcome/Worship  Kaiser Chapel
8-10 am – Worship/Meet Faculty (Academic Affairs Office)

10-12 noon – Student Services Information  (Student Life Services)

12:00 - 1:00 pm  New Student Luncheon  Alumni Hall
(Student Life Services)

1:00 - 3:00 pm  Greek and Hebrew Proficiency Exams  Academic Ctr 242 (Greek)
                      Academic Ctr 240 (Hebrew)

3:00 - 5:00 pm  MACO Advising w/Counseling Faculty  AC237

3:00 - 4:00 pm  Th.M. in Christian Thought Advising w/Prof. Anders  AC151
                    Th.M. in Biblical Studies Advising w/Dr. Ciampa  AC234
                    M.Div. Advising with Registrar  Lecture Hall 1
                    MASF Advising w/Dr. Adams  Office Rm 115 (Goddard Lower Level)

4:00 – 5:00 pm  Th.M. in Preaching w/Dr. Gibson  AC354
                    MAR Advising w/Prof. Anders  AC151
                    Advising for all other MAs w/Registrar  Lecture Hall 1

5:00 - 6:00 pm  Dinner (Board Plan Students)  Dining Hall
(Cash sales available for non-Board Plan students.)
6:45 - 7:45 pm  President’s Meet and Greet  Alumni Hall
8:00 - 9:30 pm  Ice Cream Fellowship (with President/Faculty)  Alumni Hall

**Wednesday, September 5**
7:00 am  Continental Breakfast  Dining Hall (Kerr Bldg)
(Board Plan Students/cash sales for non-Board Plan students)
8:00 - 11:00 am  Old & New Testament Competency Exams  Lecture Hall 1
9:00 am - 3:00 pm  Pierce Center Welcome and Orientation  AC 237
(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)
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  Lunch (Board Plan students only)  Dining Hall
(Cash sales available for non-Board Plan students.)
11:30 am – 1:00 pm  Church Fair  Alumni Hall
1:30 – 2:30 pm  Library Orientation  Lecture Hall 1
4:00 - 5:00 pm  Panel on Life as a Seminarian  Alumni Hall
5:00 - 6:00 pm  Dinner (Board Plan students)  Dining Hall
(Cash sales available for non-Board Plan students.)
7:00-8:30 pm  Meeting with faculty in homes
(Students will be divided into two groups; some will meet on
Wednesday and some on Thursday. Admissions Office
will designate groups.)

**Thursday, September 6**
7:00 am  Continental Breakfast  Dining Hall (Kerr Bldg)
(Board Plan Students/cash sales for non-Board Plan students)
8:00am – 12:30 pm  Registration Fair  Alumni Hall/Great Room
(See postings for assigned times in Kaiser Chapel lobby
and bulletin boards in Mailroom and Admissions Office.)
11:00 am.  National Preaching Conference begins  Kaiser Chapel
with registration. First session starts at 1:00 pm
(Cost per student: $20)
11:30am - 1:00 pm  Lunch (Student Board Plan)  Dining Hall
(Cash sales available for non-Board Plan students.)
5:00-6:00 pm  Dinner (Student Board Plan)  Dining Hall
(Cash sales available for non-Board Plan students.)
7:00-8:30 pm  Meeting with faculty in homes.
Friday, September 7  Overview of the Bible  Lecture Hall 1
  8:00 – Continental breakfast
  8:30-10:20 – Old Testament (Dr. Carol Kaminski)
  10:20-10:40 - Break
  10:40-12:30 – New Testament (Dr. David Palmer)

  1:30 – 5:00 pm  Preaching Conference continued  Kaiser Chapel

Saturday, September 8
  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  Kerr Building:
                  (No Board Plan meal served in the Dining Hall.
                  Board Plan students must sign up for Clamfest.)
                  Parking Lot

Monday, September 10  Fall Semester Classes Begin (8 am)  AC et al.

Wednesday, September 12
  11:10 am – 12 noon  Fall Convocation  Kaiser Chapel
  7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  Seminary Wives Orientation  Retreat House
                  (Childcare provided)

Tuesday, September 18  All-Seminary Prayer  Kaiser Chapel
  (Prayer Service led by President and faculty is from
   11 am – 12 noon, w/breaks.)
  Dining Room will serve lunch from 1:00 – 2:00 pm