

OBW/OJS/OMG/ORA Student Exchanges

1. Welcome to the “Outgoing” Orientation 2009

The Program Office of the Ontario / Baden-Württemberg (“OBW”), Ontario / Jiangsu (“OJS”), Ontario / Maharashtra-Goa (“OMG”) and Ontario / Rhône-Alpes (“ORA”) Student Exchanges welcomes you to the 2009 “Outgoing” Orientation. (For us, you, the Ontario students, are “outgoings,” while the European, Chinese and Indian students who will be studying in Ontario are “incomings.”)

Most of you will have already participated in a pre-departure orientation seminar at your home universities. Our time together in Toronto is meant to complement that earlier seminar and to provide you with information you will need in the coming days, weeks, and months in Germany, China, India and France.

We look forward to meeting you very much.

2. Getting to the University of Toronto

Information on how to get to U of T is included with this message. The maps and directions are also available at our websites (www.yorku.ca/ontbw, www.omgprogram.org and www.yorku.ca/ontra). Please note that from May 8 to June 4 we will use a temporary web page to post documents and information on all our programs (<http://sites.google.com/site/orientationontarioexchange/Home>).

You can take the subway from Union Station and the airport to the University of Toronto. Get off at the Museum subway stop. Please refer to the Toronto Transit Commission at www.toronto.ca/ttc/ for more information. Alternatively Grey line busses go from the airport to downtown Toronto. You can then take a subway to the U of T campus. Check: <http://www.torontoairportexpress.com/myexpresspass.php> for more details.

3. Arriving before May 22

The University of Toronto offers a limited number of rooms to our students for the night of Thursday, May 21, for the cost of \$49.50 and/or for the night of Saturday, May 23, for the cost of \$35. Neither night is covered by the Program Office. If you require a room for either of these nights, you must book it directly with Victoria University Residence Services. Please contact Ms. Hana Adam at 416-858-4524 ext. 3091 or rahana.adam@utoronto.ca. Don't forget to mention that you are from our program in order to receive the rates listed above.

4. May 22

If you are arriving on Friday, May 22, the following guidelines apply:

1. You should register at Burwash Dining Hall, 91 Charles St. West, between 10:30 – 11:30 am. There will be a table set up at the entrance to the dining hall, inside the building. We will have lunch at Burwash Dining Hall at 12:00 pm.
2. Check-in to your rooms is between 5:30 – 6:30 pm., after Country Session II and before dinner. Please travel light as we cannot store any luggage. We will have some special guests at the dinner including representatives from the provincial government of Ontario as well as consular representatives from our partner countries. Please don't be late.

5. Arriving Late on May 22

If for some reason you are delayed and arrive during the sessions, you can come directly to Sidney Smith Hall (room numbers indicated in the program).

6. Registration

1. At registration, you will receive your Orientation Kit containing the program of events and other important documents.

2. Your Room

Most participants will be staying in Victoria University residence rooms (University of Toronto campus), and in most cases they will be **double rooms** – you will be sharing with someone else from our group.

Sheets, pillows and towels are provided. You may wish to bring a sleeping bag or an extra blanket as there is only one blanket in the room.

The rooms are administered by an organization called “Victoria University Residence Services,” whose offices are in the Margaret Addison Hall, 140 Charles St. West and are open 24 hours a day. Their phone number is 416-585-4524.

Rooms do not have telephones but a public phone is located on every floor.

Ms. Poleszczuk, Ms. Todd and Ms. Scott will also be staying on campus during Orientation.

You are responsible for any damage done to your room or the residence, for returning the keys as arranged, and for paying for any extra nights. If you are staying extra nights, you will have to pay Victoria University Residence Services in full when you check into your room. Please keep in mind that there will be **NO REFUND**.

7. Food

When we asked you whether you were coming, we also asked whether you had any food allergies or other special dietary needs. We have done our best to take these needs into consideration. In particular, we have provided for the vegetarians in the group. **For those with allergies, please inquire at each meal.**

8. After Orientation

The Orientation will be over at 1:00 pm. on Saturday, May 23. You are responsible for making your own travel arrangements to get back home from the U of T campus.

9. Health and Safety during Orientation

We want you to be healthy and safe during your stay at U of T. In case of emergency, please dial 911. You may also call the Campus Community Police 416 978 2222 while you are on U of T campus.

The front desk in Margaret Addison Hall, where you will be staying for the night, is open 24/7. You can phone them at 416-585-4524.

10. Contact and Communication:

Your Orientation kit contains a contact page for the exchange with emergency numbers. If you need to contact us during the Orientation, the following numbers apply:

Person	Residence Room #	Phone
Prof. David Darby (OBW)		226-373-2254 (cell)
Prof. Christian Marjollet (ORA)		416-272-8461 (cell)
Prof. Lalu Mansinha (OMG)		519-694-8039 (cell)
Ms. Agnes Poleszczuk (Program Office)	M314-A	416-625-3292 (cell)
Ms. Dagmar Todd (Program Office)	M214-A	289-325-0745 (cell)
Prof. David Wood (OJS)		519-497-9673 (cell)
Ms. Julia Scott (Program Office)	M414-A	

Please note: In Toronto, except for certain special numbers (like 911 for emergencies), you have to dial the complete 10-digit number.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.