



**FINDING
YOU
IN
THE
COMMUNITY**

FIRST-YEAR BOOKLET

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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for joining with us, Class of 2026! This document is a Program Guide to provide an overview of Orientation. We hope that you have a wonderful week with us and we cannot wait to lead you into this new journey of yours and help you find yourself in the CMUnity. This booklet contains essential information to your Orientation Experience - please read!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at cmuq-orientation@qatar.cmu.edu, or DM us on instagram at @lifeatcmuq.

Best,

The Orientation Team

ORIENTATION LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Create a sense of belongingness to the CMU-Q community, and subsequently, the Education City and Qatar Foundation community.
- Embrace the student experience of CMU-Q built upon the history, traditions, campus culture, and engagement opportunities.
- Foster an inclusive and diverse community through meaningful one-on-one relationships with other students in their class year, upper-class student mentors, faculty, and staff.
- Explore the educational opportunities and intellectual life at CMU-Q.
- Communicate and connect students with available university resources.
- Conduct a healthy and safe Orientation experience for all your peers - please note that Masks are mandatory in all indoor spaces.



ORIENTATION LOGISTICS

While Orientation is not mandatory, it is highly recommended that you attend as many sessions as you can to learn how to be a successful CMU-Q student. There will be an opportunity to win CMU merch by attending and participating in our events

Canvas is CMU's online platform, and will be used to house modules of different materials you may need to succeed at CMU-Q. The orientation 2022 course is designed to familiarize and acquaint you with all the resources found at CMU-Q: library, facilities, health and wellness, information technology, diversity and climate, academic integrity and all rules and policies that each tartan is responsible for. Learning about all resources will help you have a smooth transition to CMU-Q and make the most of your experience at our campus. Students who complete the whole Canvas course with 100% on all quizzes will receive CMU-Q swag.

ORIENTATION BEST PRACTICES

Tips for a successful orientation experience:

- Check your email: This is a good habit to be in as professors and all university communications will be through your andrew.cmu.edu email
- Complete Canvas: Canvas is your one-stop station for all learning modules and quizzes on different resources we have to offer
- Participate: Get engaged with the awesome opportunities to strengthen your bond to the community
- Orientation Groups: Your Orientation Counselors and Orientation Group will quickly become some of your best resources! Your Orientation Counselors will make a WhatsApp group for ease of communication, please check that as much as possible.
- Stay organized: Stay on top of what the schedule is and the canvas learning modules to make the most out of the experience.
- Write a warm fuzzy: Make a new friend? Impressed with a team member? Leave a note of appreciation in the food court!
- Ask Questions: The Orientation team is here to support you, so don't hesitate to ask questions to learn more



A NOTE FROM ANGELA

Dear Tartans,

My name is Angela Ng and I'm the Program Director of Student Engagement. I'm so excited to welcome you into our CMUnity and watch you find yourself in this new journey of yours. I've had the absolute privilege of working with an amazing team that has designed an action-packed week to integrate you into our CMUnity:

HEAD ORIENTATION COUNSELORS (HOC) HOCs have worked tirelessly all summer to organize and plan this wonderful schedule for you. They are the brains behind this schedule and execution, running around making sure every detail is in place.

ORIENTATION COUNSELORS (OC) OCs lead orientation groups consisting of a small number of students - you'll be assigned to one! Your Orientation Counselor will be your first go-to resource, engaging with your group, leading you from session to session, answering any questions you may have, and helping you get the best experience out of orientation.

ORIENTATION MEDIA COUNSELORS (OMC) OMCs are the ones behind the camera snapping pictures of you to capture these Orientation memories. They also will put together picture slideshows and videos during Orientation for us to share with you and on social media. Please let an OMC know if you do not want to be photographed or on social media.

ORIENTATION LEADERS (OL) OLs work closely on logistics with the HOCs in order to make sure that activities are organized and ready to go in the fast-paced schedule of orientation.

TARTAN BRIDGE BUDDIES (TBB) Tartan Bridge Buddies are individual upperclass students available over the summer to answer any questions incoming students might have. You may see them around orientation poking their head around to say hi!

This group of students is ready to meet you and help you with whatever you may need! I cannot wait to meet you, listen to your story, and watch you find yourself in our CMUnity.

Warmly,


Angela Ng

Program Director of Student Engagement



WHO'S WHO?

HEAD ORIENTATION COUNSELORS

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Sara Al-Saloos
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MONDAY, JULY 25TH

8:30 AM CHECK IN, EAST WEST WALKWAY

Swing on by starting at 8:30 am to pick up your ID badge, name tag, donuts, and get ready for any Orientation needs!

9:00 AM OPENING CEREMONY, ASSEMBLY AREA

Join us in kicking off Orientation 2022 and discover what all the fun is about this week as we find YOU in our CMUnity!

9:30 AM ORIENTATION GROUP ICE BREAKERS, VARIOUS ROOMS

Get to meet your Orientation Counselors and your Orientation Group for the week as you create a team identity with chants, flag painting, and more!

11:00 AM CONTRIBUTIONS AND COMMITMENTS, ASSEMBLY AREA

Learn more your role in the CMUnity, including your Education City community!

12:00 PM LUNCH AND PHOTOS, FOOD COURT

Have a bite with your new peers and stop by our photo booth to take your official Orientation photo!

1:30 PM SCAVENGER HUNT, AROUND THE BUILDING

Learn more about our building as you navigate scavenger hunt maps to find all the resources we have to offer. Maybe you'll find some fun CMU swag along the way of finding your classrooms!

2:30 PM COMMUNITY COLLAGE, ASSEMBLY AREA

Enjoy the diversity of our campus as upperclass students demonstrate the integral role that unique experiences, personal reflections, and cultural performances have in shaping the character of CMU-Q.

3:30 PM ICE CREAM SOCIAL, FOOD COURT

Find your fellow strawberry or chocolate chip lovers! You'll also get a chance to learn more about Qatar with some informational booths.

4:30 PM ORIENTATION GROUP GOLDEN TIME, VARIOUS ROOMS

Come back together with your Orientation group reflect on the days ahead!

5:00 PM END OF DAY



TUESDAY, JULY 26TH

8:30 AM CHECK IN, BREAKFAST, AND PHOTOSHOOT, EAST WEST WALKWAY

Check in with your Orientation Counselor and group for the day, and make sure to take your official Orientation picture!

9:30 AM COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES, EAST WEST WALKWAY

Have you ever participated in a 150-person ice-breaker? Get ready to know everyone in the Class of 2026.

10:30 AM CONTRIBUTIONS AND COMMITMENTS PART II, ASSEMBLY AREA

Reflect on what it means to be part of a community and learn about the standards that exist for you as a Tartan.

12:00 PM COMMUNITY SERVICE, EAST WEST WALKWAY

Spend some time engaging in service with your fellow peers and learning about how YOU can make a difference!

1:00 PM LUNCH WITH STAFF, FOOD COURT

Meet some of CMU's staff such as the Library Team, Academic Support Team, Facilities, Information Technology, Student Affairs and more as they join us for a delicious lunch

2:00 PM UNBREAKABLE BONDS, EAST WEST WALKWAY

Your mission - should you choose to accept it - is to construct a parachute that will deliver an egg safely to the ground when dropped while making connections with your Orientation Team!

2:30 PM CHOOSE YOUR OWN WELLNESS ADVENTURE, ASSEMBLY AREA

Learn more about how to thrive at CMU-Q with different activities focusing on physical wellness, mental wellness, and self-care!

4:00 PM ORIENTATION GROUP GOLDEN TIME, VARIOUS ROOMS

Come back together with your Orientation group and reflect on the days ahead!

4:30 PM CONVOCATION PRACTICE, ASSEMBLY AREA

Understand your role and walkthrough the Convocation ceremony with Marketing and Public Relations

5:00 PM END OF DAY



WEDNESDAY, JULY 27TH

8:30 AM CHECK IN, EAST WEST WALKWAY

Swing on by starting at 8:30 am to pick up your ID badge and get ready for any Orientation needs!

9:00 AM ARTS AND SCIENCES BREAKFAST, FOOD COURT

Meet your Arts and Science Faculty as you eat breakfast!

10:30 AM WELCOME FROM THE DEAN OF EDUCATION, ASSEMBLY AREA

Learn about the educational office and the year ahead.

11:00 AM ACADEMIC PROGRAM TIME

Computer Science 1202; Business Administration 1213; Information Systems 1064; Biological Sciences 3069

Join your faculty and peers in learning about what to expect in your classes, meet your academic advisor, and have lunch!

2:30 PM CMU:REWIND ALUMNI CONNECTIONS, ROOM 1213

Come listen to inspiring alumni sharing stories about how their CMU experience has impacted their personal lives. From involvement and engagement with the CMU academic and extracurricular experience, this event shares CMU-Q Alumni stories in gaining confidence, growing, and making the most out of their experience.

3:30 PM KARAK KONNECTIONS, FOOD COURT

Join the Committee of Diversity and Inclusion's weekly program where you get matched randomly with another student, staff, or faculty and enjoy a cup of Karak!

4:00 PM ORIENTATION GROUP GOLDEN TIME, VARIOUS ROOMS

Come back together with your Orientation group and reflect on the days ahead!

5:00 PM CONVOCATION PREPARATION, FOOD COURT

Use this time to get dressed and prepared for the first formal milestone of your CMU-Q experience. Line up with your major to process onto stage for Convocation.

6:30 PM CONVOCATION CEREMONY, ASSEMBLY AREA

Join the Class of 2026 for a formal welcome to CMU-Q.

7:30 PM END OF DAY



THURSDAY, JULY 28TH

8:30 AM CHECK IN, EAST WEST WALKWAY

Swing on by starting at 8:30 am to pick up your ID badge and get ready for any Orientation needs!

9:00 AM CHOOSE YOUR OWN QATAR ADVENTURE, AROUND QATAR

Discover the diversity of opportunities Qatar has to offer while getting to know other students, staff, and faculty in small groups off campus. You'll have a chance to discover Qatar's greatest museums, tour a world cup stadium, learn how to cook food, make clay pottery, and more! Wear your Class of 2026 shirt and bring a water bottle for the day out!

2:00 PM RESOURCE FAIR, EAST WEST WALKWAY

What resources are available to you? Learn more from the Library, Information Technology, Academic Resource Center, Career Development Office, Office of Health and Wellness, Committee of Diversity and Inclusion, Facilities and more! You can also stop by and get your locker, set up your laptop to print, or get a tour of your class schedule!

3:00 PM ORIENTATION GROUP GOLDEN TIME, VARIOUS ROOMS

Reflect on the week and write a letter to yourself that you'll receive upon your graduation!

4:00 PM CLOSING CEREMONY, ASSEMBLY AREA

Say goodbye as we wrap up Orientation with a bang: dinner, a talent show featuring YOU, and some wonderful speeches from your Orientation team!

6:00 PM END OF DAY

