Dear ArtCenter Undergraduate Student,

The Center for the Student Experience (CSE) is eager to welcome you to the ArtCenter community, and we have a carefully prepared Orientation program awaiting you. We hope that ArtCenter will become your new creative “home.” We believe all great art and design involves relationships with others to communicate meanings, and contribute positively to the world. To that end, Orientation will connect you with a student orientation leader who will serve as your mentor during the program; provide opportunities for you to meet other students, faculty, and staff; and introduce you to the programs and services that will support your creativity and success here. We will also review the requirements and expectations of ArtCenter, and as a member of this learning community you will be expected to understand and abide by all policies and procedures.

The schedule for your required new student Orientation (September 7-9) is enclosed. Please review it carefully. Note: some of you may need to be here for additional requirements on September 6.

You will receive online access to your class schedule during Orientation, as well as your Student ID.

**International Students.** Note that there is an additional mandatory orientation for all International Students on September 6. This program has been designed especially for you, with the intent of providing a smooth transition to your studies here at Art Center. If you do not attend this program, you may fall out of compliance with the requirements of your student visa.

**Testing.** All waiver testing takes place on Tuesday, September 6. Be sure to review all details listed on the schedule. For incoming students that miss the waiver testing opportunities on Tuesday, due to scheduling conflicts, an opportunity will be made available on Wednesday, September 7.

Undergraduate students who have not completed an English Composition or Writing class with a grade of “B” or better at another accredited college, or who have not achieved a score of “4” or “5” on an AP test must complete a mandatory writing placement test. The communications you have received from Admissions will identify your requirement (or waiver) to take this test.

A digital waiver test is optional for students in most undergraduate degree programs wishing to waive out of mandatory courses. See the Orientation schedule for Tuesday, September 6, for more details. Students in Illustration must complete a mandatory digital assessment test on Friday, September 9.

**Health Certificate.** Before you arrive at ArtCenter for Orientation, you must submit your required health certificate form (with tuberculosis test result) to Admissions, and failure to submit this form may delay or cancel your registration.

If you have any specific questions about the Orientation schedule, please call us at 626.396.2323 or email CSE@artcenter.edu. For any general questions regarding attending Orientation, health certificates, or admissions issues, call the Admissions Office at 626.396.2373. Thank you for your attention to these important obligations. We know that your active involvement in Orientation will give you a great start on your creative educational journey.

See you soon,
The Center for the Student Experience

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