Shaw University Divinity School  
Fall 2010 Orientation Schedule

All events are mandatory for new students. Returning students are invited to attend all events (particularly Friday’s worship service and cookout) and are expected to attend the Saturday writing workshop. Returning students who volunteer as peer guides must also be available from 10:15-2:30 on Friday.

**Thursday, August 12, 2010: Orientation for New Students**

1:00-1:15 Opening Devotional
1:15-1:45 Welcome from the Dean
1:45-2:45 Session: Introduction to Shaw University Divinity School
   - History of Shaw University and the Divinity School (could invite university archivist to do this component)
   - Overview of SUDS degree programs and sequence of courses
   - Special Initiatives of the Divinity School: ARMI, Ministers’ Conference, Women’s Conference, Leadership Conference, Youth Seminar, and Gospel Festival, In-Service Program, CCELT Training

2:45-3:00 Break
3:00-4:00 Session: Life as a Seminary Student Workload
   - Relationships with faculty
   - Grading
   - Balancing work, school, family, church, and self-care
   - Worship and spiritual formation

4:00-5:00 Session: Getting Started
   Financial aid procedures (presentation by Mr. OJ or another Financial Aid staff member)
   - Getting ID cards, parking permits, PINS
   - Overview of advising and registration, including Jenzabar
   - Using email
   - Buying textbooks

**Friday, August 13, 2010: Orientation for New Students (cont’d)**

9:00-9:15 Opening Devotional
9:15-10:00 Welcome from SUDS Faculty
10:15-10:30 Break
10:30-10:45 Welcome from SGA Officers
10:45-11:45 Student Panel: How to Survive Seminary
11:45-2:00 Campus Tour, Lunch, Financial Clearance, & ID Photos (with Peer Guides)
2:00-3:30 Worship with Holy Communion
   Featuring 2010 SUDS graduate as preacher

3:30-4:30 Meeting with Advisors
   Special meetings will be held for High Point and online students during this time.

4:30-5:00 ESQ

5:30 SGA Cookout for New and Returning Students & Families

**Saturday, August 14, 2010: Theological Writing Workshop**

*This workshop is mandatory for new students and recommended for returning students.*

8:30-8:45 Opening Devotional

8:45-9:15 Session: Learning Online with Moodle

9:15-9:30 Session: Introduction to Library Services
   - Introduction to the library and information technology resources, i.e., library catalog, ATLA

9:30-11:15 Session I: Reading and Taking Notes

11:15-11:30 Break

11:30-1:00 Session II: Developing a Winning Argument

1:00-2:15 Lunch

2:15-4:00 Session III: Avoiding Plagiarism and Other Pitfalls