Tufts University Graduate Orientation Schedule

Computer Science Orientation

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Breakfast / Chair’s Welcome** – Halligan Hall 102

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Introductions** – Halligan Hall 102

  - Who We Are?
    - Front Office Support
    - Staff (Technical) Support
    - Grad Coordinator
    - The Rest of the Faculty (Overview)
    - Review of the Orientation Schedule

10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. **Course Overview** – Halligan Hall 102

  - Understanding the numbering system
  - Required courses overview
  - Regularly offered courses
  - Special topics (what they are)
  - FAQ

10:20 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. **Review of Master Program** – Halligan Hall 102

  - Course Requirements
  - MS project, finding an advisor
  - Graduation Requirement

10:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. **Review of Post-Baccalaureate Program** – Halligan Hall 108 (Post-bacs only)

  - Review of PhD Program – Halligan Hall 102

  - What is a PhD?
    - Graduate handbook
  - Course Requirements
  - Quals: 2 parts -- after 1-2 years
    - Exam
    - Research
      - Similar to MS project, find an advisor
      - Research-focused, possibly lead to publication
  - Funding: some TA, some RA (depends on advisor)
  - Dissertation research -- this is most of it
    - Research, publications, conferences
    - Defense
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  School of Engineering Orientation (lunch included) – Anderson Hall

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  Break Time

**Computer Science Orientation Continued**

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  Systems Training – Halligan Hall 102

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Advising Meetings (Arranged with advisor)

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Grad Student Panel – Mike Shah, Halligan Hall 102

5:00 p.m.  Grad Student Outing in Davis Square

5:30 p.m.  Pizza

7:00 p.m.  Bowling with Current Grad Students