2018 Freshlaw Orientation  
(Tentative Schedule)

Tuesday, August 21
- Welcome events hosted by Dean’s Fellows

Wednesday, August 22
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Opening session
- Lunch with Dean’s Fellows and Tours
- Law School 101
- Financial Aid Open House

3:15 p.m.-5 p.m.
- Optional session for First-Generation Law Students

Thursday, August 23
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Academic Integrity & Bar Admission
- Mock Class with Dean Farnsworth
- Introduction to U.S. Legal Systems
- Welcome BBQ with Texas Law Faculty

Friday, August 24
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Introduction to Ethical Lawyering
- Library Logistics and Research Success
- Society Program Welcome Lunch

5 p.m.
- Happy Hour hosted by Hunton Andrews Kurth
Monday, August 27
9:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m.
- Surviving & Thriving in Law School
- Cultural Competence in the Legal Profession
- Faculty “TED” talks
5:30 p.m.
- Partnered and/or Parenting in Law School (optional session – families welcome)

Selected Session Descriptions

**Academic Integrity and Bar Admission:** Service as an attorney requires strict adherence to professional codes. Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Elizabeth Bangs will review University policies and procedures. And yes, you need to start thinking about bar admission right away. Representatives from the Texas Board of Law Examiners will discuss some early deadlines, as well as character and fitness requirements.

**Introduction to Ethical Lawyering:** Did you come to law school not just to practice but to do the right thing? Are you excited to learn about your professional responsibilities as a lawyer? Your duty to ensure fairness? To afford access to justice? If so, get ready to talk with your new peers about the basics of professional responsibility. And if not, don't worry – Professor Lucy Wood will hook you anyway.

**Introduction to U.S. Legal Systems:** Lawyers deal with courts. Even if you’re working on business deals and not on trials, you’ll need an understanding of the U.S. legal systems. What? Was that systems, plural? Yes, the U.S. has two court systems -- state and federal -- and you’ll need to be familiar with both. Plus, you’ll need to know the difference between civil cases and criminal cases, trials and appeals, and plaintiffs and defendants. In this session, you’ll meet your Legal Analysis & Communication professor, who'll address these topics.

**Law School 101:** How do I case brief? What is a case brief? I'm here to learn “THE LAW,” right? How does the Socratic Method work? In this first in a series of sessions that continue throughout the fall semester, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Elizabeth Bangs and Director of Academic Advising & Student Affairs Brandi Welch will demonstrate effective law school study methods and preview how to keep your success going through exams.

**Library Logistics and Research Success:** The successful practice of law is all about predicting how the law will apply to your client, and persuading the other party or the judge to agree with your predictions. Rather than relying on crystal balls, tarot cards or other sources of mystical divination, your predictions must be based on sound legal research and a thorough understanding of the sources of the law. In this session, Professor Barbara Bintliff, Director of the Tarlton Law Library,
will provide an introduction to the library and legal research. Tarlton reference librarians will discuss library services and resources that are available to law students.

The Value of Cultural Competence to the Legal Profession: Being culturally competent is an advantage both personally and professionally. In our profession, it is critical that we are able to interact effectively with people from all walks of life. Unfortunately, unconscious bias can get in the way of cultural competence. We all have unconscious biases; they are a result of how our brains work and our experiences in life. The objective of this interactive presentation is to increase our awareness of unconscious bias and provide strategies for increasing cultural competence.