Wednesday, September 13 – Dean’s Convocation and Orientation

9 - 10 a.m.  Peer Advisor Welcome (Annenberg Third Floor) – Required

We’ll begin orientation with food and beverages and you’ll have a chance to meet the Peer Advisors and your classmates.

10 – 11 a.m.  Dean’s Convocation (Annenberg 303) – Required

At the Dean’s Convocation, you will meet with the Dean of School of Education and Social Policy, the Director of Undergraduate Education, and the advising staff. An overview of the SESP orientation will be given.

11 – noon  Orientation and Annenberg Hall tour (Annenberg 303) -- Required

At this session, we will talk about how to ‘be the driver’ of your experience at Northwestern and discuss how to balance freedom and responsibilities. The session will end with a tour of Annenberg Hall.

12 – 1:30 p.m.  Lunch (Annenberg Third Floor) – Required

Lunch will be a time for you to get to know the peer advisors, other SESP students, and the SESP advising staff.

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.  Curriculum Information Session – Required

- Learning and Organizational Change (ANN 317)
- Secondary Education (ANN 303)
- Social Policy (ANN 345)
- Human Development and Psychological Services (ANN 347)

The information session will give you specific information about each concentration, including the structure of the curriculum, appropriate courses for the first quarter, and other pertinent information to address what you need to know about your concentration in the first few weeks of school. You will receive the SESP handbook, which is an excellent resource of school programs, policies, and opportunities. You will be given a homework assignment at the end of the session to help you prepare for your individual meeting with your academic advisor during
New Student Week. You will sign up for an individual appointment with your advisor at the end of the session. If you have not yet declared a concentration, you can select which information session you would like to attend to learn more about a possible concentration. Detailed descriptions of the concentrations are available in the SESP viewbook “We do things differently,” included in this packet. The descriptions are also available at http://www.sesp.northwestern.edu/programs/

3 – 4:00 p.m. Curriculum Information Session Part II (ANN 303) - Optional

This session is for students who may be uncertain as to which concentration they want to choose. All of the advisors and peer advisors will be happy to meet with students to answer questions, provide information, and suggest options for you to consider when selecting a concentration.

Thursday, September 14 – Individual Advising

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Meet with your advisor in the SESP Student Affairs Office at your appointed time - Required

You will have a 45-minute appointment with your advisor to discuss course options and begin your academic plan. The homework assignment from the Curriculum Information Session must be completed before meeting with your advisor. The university will offer a number of additional orientation programs during the rest of the day.

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Student to Student (Annenberg 303) -- Required

Designed by the Peer Advisors, this interactive workshop will give you all types of tips and strategies to succeed in the classroom and in your co-curricular life (buying books, transportation, campus groups and Greek life, etc.). This session will also include a ‘walk-through’ of how to register for courses on-line (CAESAR). Lunch will be provided.

Friday, September 15 – Registration

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Registration (ANN 333) - Required

You will be assigned a registration time (based on the last two digits of your student ID number). A member of the SESP
Advising Staff and a Peer Advisor will be present at all times to assist you with registering. You can also work on your SESP profile, if you weren’t able to over the summer. The SESP profile is a great way to connect with classmates and professors online.

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  Meet with your advisor in the SESP Student Affairs Office at your appointed time - **Required**

See preceding description.

**Monday, September 18 – “Buffer Day”**

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.  Meet with advisors (SESP Student Affairs Office) if needed

See preceding description.

5:00 p.m.  Meet for class photo – Northwestern Arch, corner of Sheridan Rd. and Chicago Ave.

We’ll gather at the Arch for a photo of your class and then depart for Dean Peterson’s house.

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  **Dinner at Dean Peterson’s home**

The entire incoming class, Peer Advisors, and Student Affairs Staff will walk to Dean Peterson’s house for a buffet dinner and social with members of the SESP faculty. This is a great way to meet the professors and it’s nice that we’re a small enough school that we can all go to the Dean’s house for dinner.

**Tuesday, September 19 – First day of classes**

**Post – New Student Week Events**

TBD  Follow up dinner with advisees and peer advisors - **Required**

The advisor will set up a dinner for the students in each concentration to meet and check-in to see how everything is going after the first week. We’ll also talk about opportunities you can consider participating in, including the Service-Learning Certificate Program and Study Abroad.