

# Graduate Mentors 2009



## Attention incoming students

If you want to sign-up for a Mentor, please visit the [Mentor Sign-up page](#).

**Mentor:** in Greek mythology, friend of Odysseus and tutor of Telemachus. On several occasions in the *Odyssey*, Athena assumes Mentor's form to give advice to Telemachus or Odysseus. His name is proverbial for a faithful and wise adviser.



## Meet the freshies first, help build diversity and community at Jacobs!



### About this page

Welcome! This is the resource page for Graduate Mentors of Fall 2009 incoming students. Board members, please refer to [internal O-Week 2009 page](#) for Board specific tasks.

## Summer 2009 Updates for current mentors

- Mentee assignments will begin in the next weeks
- Email your preferred T-Shirt size to [m.narozniak@jacobs-university.de](mailto:m.narozniak@jacobs-university.de) by July 14th
- The Undergrads will be running a final training session on Aug 24, (16:00-19:00, Conference Hall CC)
  - Also, there is a optional IRC presentation that day (14:00-14:45, IRC)
- We will be meeting for dinner Aug. 30th, Übersee Museum, 19:00

## O-Week 2009

[Orientation Week](#) will take place this year on August 25-September 1, 2009. The GSA run parts of the schedule include:

- Welcome Desk
- Daily Coffee Breaks in the GSA Lounge
- Introductory sessions to life on-campus and off-campus
- Informational session for housing
- Annual GSA Reception
- Bremen City Pub Crawl

Following the guide of the very successful undergraduate program of Student Advisors, we are now organizing Graduate Mentors to introduce new students to Jacobs and Bremen life.

## Graduate Mentors

*My chief want in life is someone who shall make me do what I can. - Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Graduate Mentors will provide much needed contact to incoming graduate students during the summer and in person during O-Week 2009. We expect there to be about 170 new Jacobs students arriving in the Fall. Although we would like each new student to have an individual mentor, it is more likely that Mentors will be in charge of a small group of mentees. All members of the Jacobs graduate community are eligible to participate (and in special cases graduate alumni).

## Duties of a Mentor

- Attending an information session in the Spring and a training session on August 24
- Answering questions and offering help to mentees
- Being on-campus during O-Week
- Meeting students on arrival day
- Encouraging students to attend O-Week events
- Helping run GSA sponsored events

If you become a Mentor, you will not be asked to do all of the above! As we understand better than anyone else that you are busy, you will be asked to commit the time and effort you are able to afford. **You do, however, have to commit to contacting your mentees during the summer and meeting them during O-Week.** The information and training sessions are very useful but not mandatory. Further participation is up to you. Once you have signed up to be a Mentor, you will be added to the Mentor mailing list where you will receive updates and announcements and later the name of your mentees. Anytime during your mentorship, if you encounter a problem or are overwhelmed with questions from your advisees, doesn't hesitate to [contact](#) us.

[Here](#) are some helpful Dos & Don'ts Student advisors are given. Please refer to the [Graduate Mentor guide](#) for information and activity suggestions specific to you.

## Incentives

- Gain satisfaction in sharing your expertise with others
- Network and meet collaborators for future projects
- Add to community life and diversity at Jacobs
- Mentor T-Shirt 🍷
- Extracurricular Transcript Credit
- Early move-in date if living on campus
- GSA sponsored [Mentor/Mentee lunch](#)
- GSA sponsored Thank You! dinner

Undergraduates have been running this program for years and many of them have become good friends with his or her advisors and with the students who were in the group. Being a mentor or advisor is a good exercise in community outreach and an expression of kindness. If you look back at your arrival at Jacobs, wouldn't you liked to have some one wise to ease you into graduate life?



### Attention

★ [Click here to register to be a Graduate Mentor](#) ★

**If you are not available during O-Week and still want to help, please [contact](#) us so that we can figure out another way you can contribute. This may include serving as a Mentor to students who arrive after O-Week.**

**If you have any comments about Mentors or about how we can make O-Week 2009 better, please leave them on this page.**