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### Academic Prologue 2026 – Draft Schedule

| <b>Monday, August 24, 2026</b><br><b>Location: Founders Room (517-165 – unless specified below)</b><br><b>Dress Code: Casual</b> |                                                                                                                         |
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| 8:15 – 9:00 am                                                                                                                   | Check – In Attendance – Oasis Courtyard                                                                                 |
| 9:00 – 9:10 am                                                                                                                   | Welcome to KGI – Megan Prosser                                                                                          |
| 9:10 – 10:00 am                                                                                                                  | Academic Prologue Overview<br>Angelika Niemz                                                                            |
| 10:00 – 10:45 am                                                                                                                 | Project Overview<br>Steve Casper                                                                                        |
| 10:45 – 12:00 pm                                                                                                                 | Teamwork Skills<br>Angelika Niemz                                                                                       |
| 12:00 – 1:15 pm                                                                                                                  | Lunch with Faculty in 517 Chan Café                                                                                     |
| 1:15 – 2:15 pm                                                                                                                   | The KGI Experience - Faculty Panel<br>Yun Liu, Saurav Datta, Anna Hickerson, Animesh Ray<br>Moderated by Angelika Niemz |
| 2:15 – 5:00 pm                                                                                                                   | Work on Projects with your team; fun team building activity                                                             |

| <b>Tuesday, August 25, 2026</b><br><b>Dress Code: Casual</b> |                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                           |
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| 8:00 – 10:00 am                                              | Concurrent Sessions                                                                                                                |                                                                                                           |
|                                                              | <b>Group A:</b><br>Presentation Skills Workshop<br>Facilitated by<br>Angelika Niemz<br>121-1110 Classroom                          | <b>Group B:</b><br>Work on Projects<br>121-1111 Classroom or other campus<br>spaces (see Canvas)          |
| 10:00 – 12:00 pm                                             | Concurrent Sessions                                                                                                                |                                                                                                           |
|                                                              | <b>Group A:</b><br>Work on Projects<br>121-1111 Classroom or other<br>campus spaces (see Canvas)                                   | <b>Group B:</b><br>Presentation Skills Workshop<br>Facilitated by<br>Angelika Niemz<br>121-1110 Classroom |
| 12:00 – 1:00 pm                                              | Lunch on your own                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                           |
| 1:00 – 3:00 pm                                               | Work on Projects. Faculty Office Hours:<br>Group A: 2:00 - 2:30 pm, Group B: 2:30 - 3:00 pm<br>See office hour room list on Canvas |                                                                                                           |
| 3:00 – 3:30 pm                                               | Ice Cream Social in 517 Chan Café                                                                                                  |                                                                                                           |

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| <b>Wednesday, August 26, 2026</b><br><b>Dress Code: Casual – please wear comfortable shoes</b> |                               |
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| 8:30 am                                                                                        | Check-in -- Oasis Courtyard   |
| 9:00 am                                                                                        | Welcome / Overview of the Day |
| 9:30 am – 11:30 am                                                                             | Session I                     |
| 11:30 am – 12:30 pm                                                                            | Lunch                         |
| 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm                                                                             | Session II                    |
| 2:30 pm – 3:15 pm                                                                              | Closing                       |

| <b>Thursday, August 27, 2026</b><br><b>Dress Code: Casual</b> |                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                      |
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|                                                               | Concurrent Sessions                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                      |
| 9:00 – 11:00 am                                               | <b>Group A:</b><br>Honor Code, Academic Integrity,<br>and Appropriate Use of AI<br>Steve Casper, Joshua Morris<br>121-1110 Classroom | <b>Group B:</b><br>Work on Projects<br>121-1111 Classroom or other campus<br>spaces (see Canvas)                                     |
| 11:00 – 12:00 pm                                              | <b>Program Breakout Sessions:</b><br>MBS (121-1111), MS (121-1110), MEng (535-109), MSMDE (121-1112),<br>PPC / PPA (517-194)         |                                                                                                                                      |
| 12:00 – 1:00 pm                                               | Lunch on your own                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                      |
| 1:00 – 2:00 pm                                                | Work on Projects. Faculty Office Hours:<br>Group A: 1:00 - 1:30 pm, Group B: 1:30 - 2:00 pm<br>See office hour room list on Canvas   |                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                               | Concurrent Sessions                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                      |
| 2:00 – 4:00 pm                                                | <b>Group A:</b><br>Work on Projects<br>121-1111 Classroom or other<br>campus spaces (see Canvas)                                     | <b>Group B:</b><br>Honor Code, Academic Integrity, and<br>Appropriate Use of AI<br>Steve Casper, Joshua Morris<br>121-1110 Classroom |

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| Friday, August 28, 2026<br>Dress Code: Professional |                                                                                                     |
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| 8:00 – 8:30 am                                      | Continental Breakfast and Welcome (517-165 Founders Room)                                           |
| 8:30 – 10:10 am                                     | Team Presentations - Reviewed by KGI Faculty<br>(Group A: 121-1110, Group B: 517-165 Founders Room) |
| 10:10 – 10:20 am                                    | Break                                                                                               |
| 10:20 – 12:00 pm                                    | Team Presentations - Reviewed by KGI Faculty<br>(Group A: 121-1110, Group B: 517-165 Founders Room) |
| 12:00 – 1:00 pm                                     | Lunch and Presentation Debriefing (517-165 Founders Room)                                           |
| 1:00 End of Academic Prologue                       |                                                                                                     |

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