As you know, the International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) office at Binghamton University has been sending emails about important information to ensure a smooth transition from your home country to life as a student in the U.S.

In this communication we will be providing helpful tips about weather, clothing and shopping.

New York State has four distinct seasons with a wide variety of temperatures:

1. **Summer**: 50-89 degrees Fahrenheit (10-32 degrees Centigrade)
2. **Autumn**: 30-80 degrees Fahrenheit (-1 to 26 degrees Centigrade)
3. **Winter**: 0-41 degrees Fahrenheit (-18 to 5 degrees Centigrade)
4. **Spring**: 35-73 degrees Fahrenheit (2 to 23 degrees Centigrade)

During spring, summer and autumn, expect moderate amounts of rainfall to occur. During the winter months (December through March) you can expect periods of significant snowfall.

Because of the varying degrees of temperature, you will need three basic types of clothing:

1. **Winter**: Heavy jackets, hats, scarves, gloves and boots.
2. **Autumn and Spring**: Raincoats, medium-weight wool jackets, and sweaters.
3. **Spring, Summer, and Autumn**: A light-weight jacket is sometimes needed for cool nights.

Once in Binghamton, where can you go shopping for clothing and groceries? There are many choices that are just a bus ride away:

1. **Town Square Mall in Vestal** (Walmart for clothing, groceries, toiletries, bedding, etc…)
2. **Target** (Located on the Vestal Parkway for clothing, groceries, toiletries, bedding, etc…)
3. **Oakdale Mall** in Johnson City (clothing)
4. **Wegmans** in Johnson City (groceries)
5. **Weis Markets in Vestal and Binghamton** (groceries)
6. **Price Chopper in Binghamton** (groceries)

**For additional helpful tips, please review the International Student Handbook.** This handbook has useful information on both the university and the community.

We look forward to meeting you soon!

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