

July 29, 2019

Dear New Economics Graduate Student:

Welcome to the Economics Department at Binghamton! Our department is located on the 9th, 10th and 11th floors of the Library Tower, the tallest building on campus. This letter will include information about arrival, orientation, and what to know before you get here.

Courses: The Economics Department will be registering you for your courses. Here are some helpful links about courses (see below.) If you have any questions about the courses you will be taking, please email us!

- <http://www.binghamton.edu/about/university-calendar.html> - a link to the **FALL 2019** academic calendar
- <http://bulletin.binghamton.edu/> - where you can link to the *Bulletin* sections describing our programs

Orientation events: In this email is a schedule of different events in orientation, some given by us, and some given by other offices around campus. Please check for what is required and optional, but even the optional events you should attend. We especially encourage you to come to the Graduate Student Reception hosted by upper year Economics graduate students on August 22. The Graduate School has their own orientation on August 19: we encourage all graduate students to go, and funded graduate students (TAs) are *required* to go. Here is that link:

<https://www.binghamton.edu/grad-school/admissions/new-graduate-students/orientation/index.html>

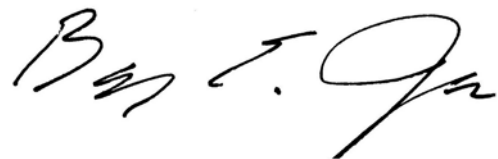
Housing: For questions regarding your housing search you may contact the Off-Campus College office at 607-777-2767 or via their web page at <http://www.binghamton.edu/occ/> . If you are an international student you may also want to contact the appropriate international student association <http://www.binghamton.edu/iss/new-students/virhostnew.html> or the office of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) iss@binghamton.edu . You can also visit their website at <http://www.binghamton.edu/iss/> .

Domestic students: you need to apply for New York State (NYS) residency before the start of classes: it will reduce your tuition. To demonstrate residency you will need a NYS address, a NYS driver's license, and a NYS car registration (if you own a car). Additional information regarding residency requirements can be found at <http://www.binghamton.edu/student-accounts/residency.html>.

International students: you should plan to visit the office of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) as soon after arrival as possible. You are also expected to attend special orientation sessions sponsored by International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) on **August 14**. You should have received information regarding their schedule directly from that office. Students who have been admitted as PROVISIONAL for English must take the ESL tests for placement purposes. Also, please let us know whether you have received your visa or where you are in that process. You should contact Ginny Stever at vstever@binghamton.edu with this information as soon as you learn the status of your visa application.

Look forward to getting more information from us and the university. We hope you enjoy the summer and we look forward to meeting you in August!

Sincerely yours,



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