

July 6, 2015

Dear New Student:

I hope you are enjoying the summer, and are looking forward to joining us in August. University records show that you have been offered admission to Binghamton University for graduate study. You should be receiving correspondence on a regular basis from a variety of offices (including ours) from now on, so please let me know if this is not the correct address for you. If you do **NOT** plan to join our program, **please let me know via e-mail as soon as possible.**

Below I will list some items that you will find useful:

- A form that requires ***your immediate attention*** can be found at [http://www.binghamton.edu/economics/graduate/documents/Response\\_Sheet.doc](http://www.binghamton.edu/economics/graduate/documents/Response_Sheet.doc). **PhD students** should note that it requires a response as to whether you will attend **Math Boot Camp** - see below. You should download it, complete it and return it to me as an e-mail attachment as soon as possible. A response is required ***no later than July 15.***
- New **PhD students** will soon be receiving an e-mail with additional information regarding an intensive **"Math Boot Camp" – ECON 603, Advanced Mathematical Analysis for Economists**, that is offered free of charge. It is scheduled August 17–29 and is recommended for those who want to review or improve their math skills before the semester starts.
- Completion and submission of the Health Form is also required for registration; information can be found at <http://www2.binghamton.edu/health/new-students.html>. We **strongly** recommend that you do this as soon as possible and submit the necessary documents via FAX to Health Services at (607) 777-2881, or scanned and sent via e-mail to a special account set up for that purpose, [health.forms@binghamton.edu](mailto:health.forms@binghamton.edu), before **July 31** to allow for processing. We cannot register you for classes until this information is on file.
- If you have not already done so, the Graduate School requires that you confirm your intention to enroll by submitting your deposit as described at <http://www2.binghamton.edu/grad-school/new-and-current-students/enrollment-intent.html>. This deposit is credited toward any tuition and fees that you will need to pay. If you do not do this you will not receive important information from other campus offices and the Economics Department will not be able to register you for classes.
- New international students should contact me via e-mail [jardune@binghamton.edu](mailto:jardune@binghamton.edu) as soon as you learn the status of your visa application.

I know that among the questions uppermost in your mind right now are "where am I going to live?" and "who am I going to live with?" Although the University does not have housing on campus for graduate students, housing in the local community is relatively inexpensive and convenient. The Off Campus College (OCC) Office of Binghamton University is available to assist you in finding a place to live in the surrounding community. Visit their web page at <http://occ.binghamton.edu> for information on off campus housing. They have an extensive housing list, apartment complex listing, a link to the local newspaper, and a listing of current students who are looking for someone to fill a vacancy in their rental unit. International students are also urged to visit the website for International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) <http://www2.binghamton.edu/iss/new-students/index.html> where you will find links to additional information about housing, as well as to various student organizations ready to assist newly admitted students from their countries.

I also wanted to supply you with:

- A list (attached) of the other new graduate students who have been accepted into the Economics Department this fall so that you can get acquainted with each other and perhaps search out potential roommates.
- A listing of [current graduate students](#) who have volunteered to assist you with some of the questions you may have about Binghamton University and the community.

All MA students will take ECON 501, 502 and 509C, while all PhD students will take ECON 611, 613 and 615. Information regarding the books for these courses can be found through the links in the [Schedule of Classes](#).

For **US CITIZENS and Permanent Residents** – if you are not already a New York State resident it is **vitaly** important for you to establish residency before classes begin. You will need to visit the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) immediately to change your car registration and to obtain a NY driver's license as soon as you have a local address. You should also register to vote at this time. This documentation is extremely important as NY residents pay lower tuition. Unfortunately these lower tuition rates will not take effect for you until you have lived here a full year (**Fall 2016**), but failure to establish residency before classes begins will delay this tuition reduction for an additional semester. This policy applies to ALL domestic students, including those with assistantships.

For **INTERNATIONAL students** – If you come to Binghamton before the start of Orientation (**August 21**) you should plan to visit the office of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) as soon as you arrive on campus.

You are welcome to schedule a campus visit with us at your convenience. To arrange a visit, you may contact me at (607) 777-2571 or via e-mail. I'm really looking forward to meeting you in August or sooner. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Attachments/Links:      [Mentors list](#)      Student list (attached to e-mail)