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. You can access the Binghamton Weather Service webpage [here](#) and their Facebook page [here](#).

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)

There are two bus systems that can help you get around the city of Binghamton and the surrounding area. The University has [OCC Transport](#) (Blue Buses) and the city has the [B.C. Transit system](#). Both bus systems have stops on campus and at grocery/clothing stores, and are free to use with your student ID.

Don’t forget to visit the [ISSS Facebook page](#). We hope you'll "like" us!

Please note that this is the forth informative email within a series of ten emails. To view previous pre-arrival emails, please click [here](#). Emails will only be posted once they have been distributed to incoming students.

Best Wishes,

The Office of International Student and Scholar Services