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Dear New Student:

We want to welcome you to the Economics Department here at Binghamton. For those of you whom we have not yet met, our department is located on the 9th and 10th floors of the Library Tower (the tallest building on campus). We have heard that a number of you will be taking the Mathematical Analysis for Economists class (Math Boot Camp) and will plan to meet many of you then.

We are sure that you are wondering just how to register for your courses and how to get oriented to the Economics Department and the campus in general. With regards to registration, **the Economics Department will be registering you for most of your courses.** This is explained further in the FAQ described below and will make it much easier for you to access your bill. A list of Orientation Events can be found [here](#) that will give you an idea of what you can expect your first days here. You will also find an [invitation to a reception](#) for all new economics graduate students (and required for funded students) at. Perhaps most importantly, you will find a [FAQ](#) that will answer many questions that new students have. Additional useful links include:

- <http://www2.binghamton.edu/about/university-calendar.html> - a link to the 2011-2012 academic calendar
- <http://bulletin.binghamton.edu/> - where you can link to the *Bulletin* sections describing our programs

Funded graduate students should have received information from the Graduate School regarding TA/GA Orientation, which takes place on August 23. The Economics Department requires those receiving financial aid to attend this program, so please make your plans accordingly. Attendance will be taken and assistantships are contingent upon participation in this program.

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://www2.binghamton.edu/occ/> . If you are an international student you may also want to contact the appropriate international student association <http://www2.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://www2.binghamton.edu/iss/> .

Domestic students are reminded that it is ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE that you apply for New York State (NYS) residency BEFORE the start of classes. To demonstrate residency you will need a NYS address, a NYS driver's license, and NYS car registration (if you own a car). Additional information regarding residency requirements can be found at <http://www2.binghamton.edu/student-accounts/residency.html> .

International students should plan to visit the office International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) as soon after their arrival as possible. You are also expected to attend special orientation sessions sponsored by International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) beginning on August 22. You should have received information regarding their schedule directly from that office. Students who have been admitted as PROVISIONAL must take the ESL tests for placement purposes.

We also request that our new international students advise us if they have received their visa, or if the visa was denied. You should contact Joanne Ardune at jardune@binghamton.edu with this information as soon as you learn the status of your visa application.

Other information may be forthcoming from both the Graduate School and this department. We hope you enjoy the summer and we look forward to meeting you in August.

Sincerely yours,



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