



FALL 2020 GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION

Begins Monday, August 17, 2020

Program Agenda

WELCOME FROM THE SCHOOL (video)

Dean Piyushimita “Vonu” Thakuria, Associate Deans and administration provide words of welcome to the incoming Bloustein Class of 2020.

LIVE Sessions (all Eastern Standard Time)

ORIENTATION TO BLOUSTEIN STUDENT AND ACADEMIC SERVICES

LIVE Webex: Overview of student support services, advising, registration, term bills, financial aid, career development, activities and student organizations, on campus experience.

AUGUST 17 – 9:30am to 10:30am <https://rutgers.webex.com/meet/cec238>

ORIENTATION TO ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

LIVE Webex and Zoom sessions: Overview of degrees, classes, faculty, concentrations, advising, and requirements.

Public Policy Program: **AUGUST 4** – 4:30pm to 5:30pm (*held earlier-available online to view*)

Urban Planning and Policy Development Program: **AUGUST 18** – 9:00am to 10:30am

Public Informatics Program: **AUGUST 19** – 9:00am to 10:00am, Student Presentation: 10:00am

Health Administration Program: **AUGUST 24 and 27** – 5:00pm

Doctoral Program: **AUGUST 20** – 8:30am to 9:30am

ORIENTATION TO CENTERS and INSTITUTES - RESEARCH FAIR

LIVE Webex: Visit virtual rooms to learn about various research centers and institutes, grant and foundation funded research as well as opportunities to collaborate.

AUGUST 24 – Time TBD

CURRENT STUDENT WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS “ZOOM HAPPY HOUR”

LIVE Zoom: Current student welcome and social gathering online to talk Bloustein, Rutgers, New Jersey and more.

AUGUST 20 – 6:00pm

CURRENT PHD STUDENT MEET AND GREET

Live Zoom: Meeting for new Ph.D. students with current Ph.D. students at the Bloustein School to discuss doctoral student life, progress and expectations.

AUGUST 26 – 10:00am

Program Agenda Continued

RECORDED Sessions (available at any time)

ORIENTATION TO BLOUSTEIN SCHOOL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Essential for all students, an overview of information technology systems at the school, including labs, computing, your personal accounts, virtual options, software, printing, and more.

ORIENTATION TO BLOUSTEIN GRADUATE CAREER SERVICES

Our dedicated career management specialists provide an information session on career development support to Public Policy, Urban Planning, Public Informatics and Health Administration masters students.

ORIENTATION TO LIBRARY SERVICES AT RUTGERS

Introduction and meet Rutgers Library staff that supports Bloustein School students, learn what is available to you online through library services portal

ORIENTATION TO RU GLOBAL FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT BLOUSTEIN

Program that provides introduction to RU Global staff, supporting Curricular Practical Training (CPT), Optional Practical Training (OPT) and all visa/status documents and issues for international student support

ORIENTATION TO STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Provides incoming students with an overview of all Bloustein School and Rutgers student organizations, leadership and honor societies

PLACEMENT EXAMS Online Sessions (all Eastern Standard Time)

ONLINE PLACEMENT EXAM: BASIC QUANTITATIVE METHODS

*Live Webex: Exam session for placement purposes for the course Basic Quantitative Methods 970:515 and 833:521. <https://bloustein.rutgers.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Basic-Quant-Methods.jpg> Online exam date: **AUGUST 25** – 9:30am to 12:10pm EST*

To register: email pk480@scarletmail.rutgers.edu before **AUGUST 23** at 5:00pm EST

You will need: Non- graphing calculator and pen or pencil

ONLINE PLACEMENT EXAM: GIS

Online exam is a two-hour placement exam and you do not need access to an ArcGIS license to complete. You may find it useful to access online ArcMap help resources.

To take the exam, first you need permission and send note and a valid email address to Professor Payne (will.b.payne@rutgers.edu) by 5:00pm on August 26th. You will receive in return an email with details on the exam. A grade of 80 percent is a passing grade and you will be notified via email of the results. <https://bloustein.rutgers.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/GIS-Exam.jpg>

Online Exam Dates: May be taken **AUGUST 27** through **SEPT**

Time: 2 hour time limit

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