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Welcome New Students!

Congratulations on your admission to the Public Informatics Program of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. We are looking forward to another exciting academic year.

I write to welcome you and to provide information that will ease your transition into the graduate program. You can find much of this information at the graduate student portal: <https://bloustein.rutgers.edu/students/welcome-informatics/>.

I would like to call your attention especially to the following academic items:

#### Orientation

Orientation will begin August 19, 2021 at 10 AM (EST).

#### Academic Advising

Shortly we will post a list of students and academic advisors. You can contact your advisor over the summer as you plan your course schedule. Please also plan to meet with your advisor after orientation.

#### Program requirements and courses

Please read the overview document on your degree program as well as the matching advising sheet for a description of required courses, including the recommended semester for completion. You should also review the documents on methods courses, including the methods sequence and incoming skills description of the courses.

#### Methods Placement

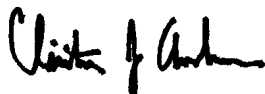
If you have taken courses in statistics, computer science, and/or Geographic Information systems, please review the placement processes outlined in the methods placement memo.

#### Connecting with students

The Bloustein School Graduate Association (BGSA) has a [Facebook page](#) for current and incoming students and you should feel free to join. This will give you the chance to interact with each other.

We are looking forward to meeting you in the Fall. If you have any academic questions before then, please feel free to contact me at [CJA1@RUTGERS.EDU](mailto:CJA1@RUTGERS.EDU).

Sincerely,



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