FALL 2022 GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION

Program Agenda

REMOTE Sessions (all Eastern Standard Time)

ORIENTATION TO BLOUSTEIN STUDENT AND ACADEMIC SERVICES
LIVE Zoom: Overview of student support services, advising, registration, term bills, financial aid, career development, activities and student organizations, on campus experience.
August 3rd – 10:00am to 11:00am Student and Academic Service Orientation Session

ORIENTATION TO ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
LIVE Zoom sessions: Overview of degrees, classes, faculty, concentrations, advising, and requirements.

Public Informatics: August 4th – 3:00pm to 4:00pm
Public Policy Program: August 9th – 9:00am to 10:00am
Urban Planning and Policy Development Program: August 17th – 9:00am to 10:00am
Health Administration Program: August 18th – 5:00pm to 6:00pm

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CAREER & INTERNSHIP RESOURCE INFORMATION SESSION

Join your Bloustein student and academic services support staff- Andrea Garrido, Cheryl Egan, Emilio Del Valle and Courtney Culler – as well as our partners from RU Global – Jinling Quan, Bloustein Liaison and Senior International Student Advisor – Mark Keitges, Director, Graduate English Language Learners Program – to learn about the career and internship resources and services available at Bloustein and Rutgers University to support our international students.

September 16th – 10:30am to 12:00pm
RSVP HERE
IN PERSON Sessions (all Eastern Standard Time)

WELCOME FROM THE DEAN (REQUIRED ATTENDANCE - one out of two sessions)
Join Dean Shapiro as he welcomes all the new graduate students to the Bloustein School. We will be offering two sessions, students only need to attend ONE session, light refreshments will be provided between sessions
September 7th – 4:00pm to 4:45pm, The Special Events Forum, Civic Square Building
September 7th – 5:00pm to 5:45pm, The Special Events Forum, Civic Square Building
• Policy Students need to attend the 4:00pm Session

WELCOME FROM THE STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
IN PERSON EVENT: Join our student leaders for an overview of the Bloustein student clubs and organizations, ways to get involved and events already planned for Fall.
September 9th - 9:00am to 10:00am – Special Events Forum

CENTER AND INSTITUTE FAIR
IN PERSON EVENT: Overview of the Bloustein Schools Centers and Institutes, and the different job opportunities they have available for incoming and returning students.
September 9th – 10:00am to 12:00pm, rooms 112 and 113

FALL MEET & GREET
IN PERSON EVENT: Women's Leadership Coalition (WLC) and Bloustein Graduate Student Association (BGSA) will hold a Fall Meet & Greet at Old Man Rafferty's at the bottom of George Street. Come meet your fellow students. Food will be provided. Please RSVP below to attend this orientation event
September 9th - 6:00pm- 9:00pm, Old Man Rafferty’s
RSVP HERE
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INCOMING STUDENT AND FACULTY MIXERS
IN PERSON sessions: Meet other incoming students from your program as well as faculty.
PhD Planning and Public Policy: September 6th 4:00pm-6:00pm room 556
Public Policy Program: September 7th – 5:00pm to 6:00pm, room 261
Health Administration Program: September 8th – 5:00pm to 6:00pm, forum (food in room 113 to follow)
Urban Planning and Policy Development Program: September 9th – 1:00pm to 3:00pm, room 369A
Public Informatics: September 12th – 4:00pm to 5:00pm, room 489 (Ruci Lab)
PEER-TO-PEER MENTORING PROGRAM KICK OFF MEETING

*IN PERSON session:* BGSA and Bloustein student services will pair interested incoming students with mentors. Your mentor will be able to give you some advice about Rutgers, what classes/professors they recommend, on-campus job hunts - in addition to casual chats about life.

*During this in person kick off meeting incoming students will have a chance to meet with their assigned mentor to discuss on going meeting for the semester.*

September 15th- 4:00pm to 6:00pm – Special Events Forum

**FLIER: INTERESTED STUDENTS MUST APPLY**

ORIENTATION TO BLOUSTEIN COMPUTER LABS AND SOFTWARE

*IN PERSON EVENT:* Overview of the Bloustein computer labs and software available to all students.

September 13th- 12:00pm to 1:00pm, room 369A (computer lab)

WELCOME BACK BBQ

*IN PERSON EVENT:* Join the full Bloustein Community (incoming, and current graduate students, faculty, staff and administration) for a welcome back BBQ

September 13th- 4:00pm to 6:00pm, side court yard (signs will be posted throughout the building)

PLACEMENT EXAMS Online Sessions (all Eastern Standard Time)

**IN PERSON PLACEMENT EXAM: BASIC QUANTITATIVE METHODS**

*IN PERSON*: Exam session for placement purposes for the course Basic Quantitative Methods 970:515 and 833:521. [Read Flyer here](#), Exam date: September 2nd. 10am-1pm (EST) To register: email anuka.reddy@ejb.rutgers.edu before August 26th at 5pm (EST) You’ll 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, you need to send a valid email address to Professor Will Payne (will.b.payne@rutgers.edu) by 5:00 on Friday, August 26th. You will receive an email with the details for accessing the online exam. A grade of 80 percent is a passing grade. We will notify you of the results via email.