FALL 2023 GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION

Begins Wednesday, August 2, 2023

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 2\(^{nd}\) – 10:00am  Student and Academic Service Orientation Session
Join Here
* All zoom sessions will be held in Courtney Culler's personal zoom room, you should not need a password to enter. **If a password is requested: 534411**

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

Public Policy Program:  August 8th – 9:00 AM
Urban Planning and Policy Development Program:  August 17\(^{th}\) – 10:00 AM
Health Administration Program:  August 22\(^{nd}\) – 5:00 PM

Public Informatics: August 29th – 12:00 PM
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BLOUSTEIN CAREER SERVICES ORIENTATION
VIRTUAL SESSION: Join Cheryl Egan, MA and Andrea Garrido, M.Ed. Bloustein's two (2) career specialists, who provide dedicated career management support to our health administration (Cheryl) and planning, policy and informatics (Andrea) students. Learn about the resources, tools, and services to support you on your journey from graduate student to alumni, including our full calendar of professional development and career events, job and internship search support, Bloustein Job Boards and connections to our amazing Bloustein alumni, and more. Cheryl and Andrea are here to enhance your Bloustein experience and ensure that you are well prepared for your career beyond Bloustein.

August 10th – 12:00pm to 1:00pm (zoom)
Join Here
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CAREER & INTERNSHIP RESOURCE INFORMATION SESSION
Join your Bloustein student and academic services support staff - Andrea Garrido, Cheryl Egan, Greg Marrero and Courtney Culler - as well as our partners from RU Global - Audrey Nguyen, Bloustein Liaison and International Student Advisor - to learn about the career and internship resources and services available at Bloustein and Rutgers University to support our international students.
September 8th – 10:30AM to 12:00PM (zoom)
Join Here

IN PERSON Sessions (all Eastern Standard Time)
WELCOME FROM THE DEAN (REQUIRED ATTENDANCE)
IN PERSON EVENT: Join Dean Shapiro as he welcomes all the new graduate students to the Bloustein School.
September 5th – 4:30PM to 5:00PM, The Special Events Forum,

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. Students interested in this program must APPLY HERE!
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 5th- 5:00PM to 6:00PM –Student paired with a mentor will receive additional information on this event via email
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. MANDATORY FOR ANYONE PLANNING TO USE THE COMPUTER LABS
September 7th- 12:00pm to 1:00pm, Special Event Forum

CENTER AND INSTITUTE FAIR
IN PERSON EVENT: An opportunity for the Bloustein Centers and Institutes to showcase their projects, work, and possible job opportunities they have available for incoming and returning students.
September 7th – 4:00PM to 5:30PM, room 261
STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS FAIR
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 8th - 3:00PM to 4:30PM – rooms 112 and 113

LIBRARY ORIENTATION SESSION
IN PERSON EVENT: Join Rutgers Librarian Julia Maxwell as she walks our new students through the important University Library tools and resources.
September 8th - 2:00PM to 3:00PM – Special Events Forum

INCOMING STUDENT AND FACULTY MIXERS
IN PERSON sessions: Meet other incoming students from your program as well as faculty.

PhD Planning and Public Policy: TBD
Public Policy Program: September 6th - 4:00PM room 369
Health Administration Program: September 6th – 5:00PM room 369
Urban Planning and Policy Development Program: September 8th - 1:00PM special events forum
Public Informatics: September 11th – 4:00PM room 490

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 12th - 12:00pm, side court yard (signs will be posted throughout the building)
Rain location: room 113
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 1st 1:00PM- 4:00PM (EST) room 253
To register: additional information to come
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 Wenwen Zhang (wenwen.zhang@ejb.rutgers.edu) by 5:00 on Friday, August 25th. 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.