



May 28, 2020

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**NEW STUDENT ID: A00227285**

Dear Aric,

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you, upon recommendation by the Graduate Program on the Environment Admissions Committee, that you have been accepted into the Fall 2020 cohort for the Master of Environmental Studies (MES) degree at The Evergreen State College. I hope you are able to join us!

Your admission to the program is **CONDITIONAL** because the Admissions Committee did not see evidence in your application that you have completed, within the last five years, the following pre-requisite course(s):

- 4 quarter credits or 3 semester credits of statistics
- 4 quarter credits or 3 semester credits of natural science
- 4 quarter credits or 3 semester credits of social science

Completion of this coursework is required before you may begin the MES core sequence. Please be sure that official transcripts reflecting completion of this work is received by the MES office no later than October 16, 2020. The application committee would also be open to petition if you can demonstrate use of statistics, natural science, and social science in your professional work.

Based on the quality of the writing in your application materials, the Application Committee recognized additional need for further writing development. This could be achieved through a writing course in the summer, and/or through regular work with our MES Writing Tutor once you are enrolled in the program as a graduate student. Please reach out to me at [francisk@evergreen.edu](mailto:francisk@evergreen.edu), to discuss strategies to support this learning.

Important notifications from the college and MES will be sent to your Evergreen email address periodically, so be sure to set it up immediately and check it regularly. Directions are enclosed. Starting now, we will send out paid internships, jobs, and other opportunities for MES students to your Evergreen email address. Please also keep your mailing address updated by contacting Graduate Admissions: [graduateadmissions@evergreen.edu](mailto:graduateadmissions@evergreen.edu) or 360-867-6856.

As a new MES student, you are required to enroll in the first MES core class: graduate Conceptualizing our Regional Environment, or gCORE. All core courses are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-10pm. If you intend to finish in two years, you should also take an elective course along with gCORE. To see more information on our courses, including faculty contact information, please review the MES online catalog at [evergreen.edu/catalog/grad/mes](http://evergreen.edu/catalog/grad/mes).



Fall registration opens June 1<sup>st</sup>! You will be able to register for gCORE and an elective of your choice through your my.evergreen student account, once it's setup. You may also take summer 2020 courses with MES as a special (non-matriculated) student – up to eight credits of these courses will count toward your degree. To see the courses offered, go to [evergreen.edu/catalog/grad/mes](https://evergreen.edu/catalog/grad/mes). If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to MES Assistant Director Averí Azar at [averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu](mailto:averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu).

This year, the Fall quarter starts on September 29<sup>th</sup>. We will hold a mandatory orientation on Monday, September 21st, 2020. All new students are required to participate. In mid-August, we will send more details about orientation, and the fall quarter by email and postal mail if you have accepted this offer of admission.

If you applied for MES aid and/or filled out your FAFSA, you will receive a separate message letting you know if you received an award from MES. Loan awards, tuition waivers, and Evergreen Need Grants (residents only) will be sent to you by the Financial Aid office and will come later. If you did not apply for aid or did not fill out your FAFSA, you will still be eligible for loans by filling out your FAFSA at any time. Go to [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) to apply. MES will host another scholarship application cycle this summer so stay tuned for more updates!

If you wish to accept this offer of admission, please promptly inform Averí Azar, the MES Assistant Director, by emailing [averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu](mailto:averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu). Enclosed are directions to pay your tuition deposit. This non-refundable \$100.00 deposit reserves your space in the program. If you cannot accept this offer of admission, please email [graduateadmissions@evergreen.edu](mailto:graduateadmissions@evergreen.edu) to confirm your admissions decision in writing as soon as possible.

We are excited to meet you and share more about the program. We select the incoming cohort of 45 students with considerable care. We hope this opportunity to participate in our program will be meaningful to you. You will be part of a diverse, capable, and dedicated group of people. Please contact me or Averí Azar if you have any further questions. The MES faculty and staff look forward to having you join us in September.

Sincerely,

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