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Dear Aspen,

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!

To celebrate your admission to the program, I would like to invite you to the MES Admitted Student Day on Friday, May 1, 2020 from 10am to 4pm. This is an optional event where you can meet faculty, alumni, and current students and learn about the opportunities available to you now that you are an MES student. On-campus housing is available, and parking will be provided for those who need it. We will also have an informal mixer with incoming and current students at Three Magnets Brewery that same day from 6-8pm. We have included the schedule of events in this letter. More information and registration instructions (please register by April 20) are at [evergreen.edu/mes/admitday](http://evergreen.edu/mes/admitday). If you're making a weekend of it, see the website for our suggestions for fun things to do, see, eat, and drink in the Olympia area.

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 periodic communication about events, internships, deadlines, 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). The course list for the 2020-21 academic year is available now.

Fall registration instructions will come by email from the MES office in May. You may also take spring and/or summer 2019 courses with MES as a special (non-matriculated) student – up to eight credits of these courses can count toward your degree. To see the courses offered, go to [evergreen.edu/catalog/grad/mes](http://evergreen.edu/catalog/grad/mes). Summer offerings are posted now. If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to MES Assistant Director Andrea Martin at [martina@evergreen.edu](mailto:martina@evergreen.edu).

This year, the Fall quarter starts on September 28<sup>th</sup>. **We will hold a mandatory orientation on Monday, September 21, 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 by February 1, 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 [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) to apply.

If you wish to accept this offer of admission, please promptly inform Andrea Martin, the MES Assistant Director, by emailing [martina@evergreen.edu](mailto:martina@evergreen.edu). Enclosed are directions to pay your tuition deposit. This non-refundable \$100.00 deposit reserves your space in the program. In order to hold your space **the college must receive payment by Friday, May 15, 2020.** If you cannot accept this offer of admission, please notify us 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 Andrea Martin 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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