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Dear Jennifer,

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 2021 cohort for the Master of Environmental Studies (MES) degree at The Evergreen State College. Your admissions to Fall 2021 is based on your request to defer your admissions from your Fall 2020 admissions application to the 2021-2022 academic year. If you would like to accept your admissions to the Fall 2021 cohort, please email Assistant Director, Averi Azar, at <u>averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu</u> as soon as possible so that MES and the Graduate Admissions office can work to activate a student account for you.

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 (e.g. biology, ecology, geology, chemistry, physical geography)
- 4 quarter credits or 3 semester credits of social science (e.g. economics, sociology, political science, anthropology, human geography)

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 Grauate Admissions office no later than September 10, 2021. For a list of ways to meet this requirement, go to evergreen.edu/mes/prerequisites or email Assistant Director, Averi Azar, at averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu.

To celebrate your admission to the program, I would like to invite you to the MES Admitted Student Day on Saturday, May 22nd, 2021 from 10am to 2pm. 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. Admitted Student Day will be a virtual event which you will receive the zoom link for once you register at: <u>evergreen.edu/mes/admitday</u>.

Important notifications from the college and MES will be sent to your Evergreen email address periodically, so be sure to set it up as soon as you receive the Evergreen account activation email, and check it regularly. Directions for how to setup your account can be found in the Welcome to Evergreen 2021 document enclosed in this email. 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 through your my.evergreen.edu student portal which you will be able to login to once your student email and password has been setup.

Fall registration is open as of May 24th! 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. You will be able to register for Fall quarter's required core class, gCORE, and an elective of your choice through your my.evergreen student account, once it's setup. You may also take spring and summer 2021 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 <u>evergreen.edu/catalog/grad/mes</u>. If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to MES Assistant Director, Averi Azar at <u>averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu</u>.

This year, the Fall quarter starts on September 27th, 2021. **We will hold a mandatory orientation on Saturday, September 18th, 2021**. All new students are required to participate. In mid-August, we will send more details about orientation, and the fall quarter by email if you have accepted this offer of admission.

If you applied for MES aid and/or filled out your FAFSA or WASFA, you will receive a separate message letting you know if you received an award from MES. Loan awards, tuition waivers, and Evergreen Need Grants 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 or WASFA, you will still be eligible for loans by filling out your FAFSA at <u>fafsa.ed.gov</u>. Non-citizens who meet Washington State residency requirements can apply for financial aid resources at <u>readysetgrad.wa.gov/wasfa</u>.

If you wish to accept this offer of admission, please promptly inform Averi Azar, the MES Assistant Director, by emailing <u>averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu</u>. Enclosed are directions to pay your tuition deposit. This <u>non-refundable \$100.00 deposit</u> reserves your space in the program and is due by June 1st, 2021. If you cannot accept this offer of admission, please email <u>Averi Azar</u> 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 Averi Azar if you have any further questions. The MES faculty and staff look forward to having you join us in September.

If you have any questions, please contact me at <u>witheyj@evergreen.edu</u>. Once again, thank you for applying to Evergreen's MES program!

Sincerely,

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