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Dear Ashley,

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. If you would like to accept your admissions to the Fall 2021 cohort, please email Assistant Director, Averí Azar, at [averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu](mailto:averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu).

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 social sciences

The Admissions Committee would accept one of the following two options to provide confirmation of completion of this coursework:

1. A petition outlining your experiences with social science fields through your Evergreen collegiate experience and professional work experience submitted to the MES Director, John Withey, at [witheyj@evergreen.edu](mailto:witheyj@evergreen.edu), by no later than September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
2. Completion of a 4 quarter credit or 3 semester credit social science course. Please be sure that official transcripts reflecting completion of this work is received by the Graduate Admissions office no later than September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

This coursework or petition is required before you may begin the MES core sequence. Please email Assistant Director, Averí Azar, at [averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu](mailto:averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu), with any questions you may have about this requirement.

Your admission to the program is **PROVISIONAL** because your file does not contain an official transcript indicating you have been awarded a bachelor's degree. In order for you to enroll for the Fall Quarter, the Graduate Admissions Office must receive an official transcript reflecting the awarding of the bachelor's degree in order for you to start the program by September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If you are awarded financial aid, please note that your final transcript reflecting award of the bachelor's degree must be received by September 10, 2021 in order for any financial aid funds to be released for Fall Quarter.

To celebrate your admission to the program, I would like to invite you to the MES Admitted Student Day on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 as an MES student. Admitted Student Day will be a virtual event which you will receive the zoom link for once you register at: [evergreen.edu/mes/admitday](https://evergreen.edu/mes/admitday).

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 opens up May 24<sup>th</sup>! 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 (PT). 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 [evergreen.edu/catalog/grad/mes](http://evergreen.edu/catalog/grad/mes). If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to MES Assistant Director, Averi Azar at [averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu](mailto:averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu).

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

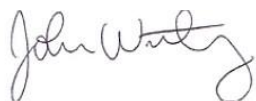
If you applied for MES Scholarships, you will receive a separate message letting you know if you received an award from our MES office. If you applied for financial aid by completing your FAFSA or WASFA, then a separate email from the Financial Aid office will inform you of your eligibility for loan awards, tuition waivers, and Evergreen Need Grants. 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 [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov). Non-citizens who meet Washington State residency requirements can apply for financial aid resources at [readysetgrad.wa.gov/wasfa](http://readysetgrad.wa.gov/wasfa). If you are active duty military, a veteran, or dependent interested in using education benefits for graduate school, please connect with the Veterans Resource Center at Evergreen to determine your eligibility and to activate your benefits by reaching out to them at [veterans@evergreen.edu](mailto:veterans@evergreen.edu). You can find more information on their website at [evergreen.edu/veterans](http://evergreen.edu/veterans).

If you wish to accept this offer of admission, please promptly inform Averi 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 and is due by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. If you cannot accept this offer of admission, please email [Averi Azar](mailto:Averi Azar) 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 [witheyj@evergreen.edu](mailto:witheyj@evergreen.edu).  
Once again, thank you for applying to Evergreen's MES program!

Sincerely,



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