

June 25, 2021

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Dear Emily,

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, Averi Azar, at averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu.

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. For you to enroll for the Fall Quarter, the Graduate Admissions Office must receive an official transcript reflecting the conferral of the bachelor's degree for you to start the program, by September 10th, 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 for any financial aid funds to be released for Fall Quarter.

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 opened 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 (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. If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to MES Assistant Director, Averi Azar at averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu.

This year, 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 Fall quarter by email if you have accepted this offer of admission.

If you applied for financial aid by completing your FAFSA or WASFA, 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. Noncitizens who meet Washington State residency requirements can apply for financial aid resources at 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 <u>veterans@evergreen.edu</u>. You can find more information on their website at 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. Enclosed are directions to pay your tuition deposit. This non-refundable \$100.00 deposit reserves your space in the program and is due by July 30th, 2021. If you cannot accept this offer of admission, please email 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.

Once again, thank you for applying to Evergreen's MES program!

Sincerely,

John Withey, Ph.D.

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