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Dear New Students,

Welcome to the MPI program @Bloustein @Rutgers University!

Congratulations on your admission to the Public Informatics Program of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. We are looking forward to another exciting academic year!

I write to welcome you and to provide information that will ease your transition into the graduate program. You can find important information at the graduate student portal: https://bloustein.rutgers.edu/students/welcome-informatics/ (this will be periodically updated as new information becomes available). I would like to call your attention especially to Orientation and Academic Advising announcements: We will post a list of students and academic advisors. Please plan to meet with your advisor after orientation to plan your course schedule.

Program requirements and courses
Please read the overview document on your degree program as well as the matching advising sheet for a description of required courses, including the recommended semester for completion. You should also review the documents on methods courses, including the methods sequence and incoming skills description of the courses.
Additionally, here are a few useful links to review:
MPI program: https://bloustein.rutgers.edu/graduate/public-informatics/mpi/
Students @ informatics / AI: https://bloustein.rutgers.edu/students/organizations/pisg/
Events: https://bloustein.rutgers.edu/graduate/public-informatics/ejb-intelligent-informatics/
Join on LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/rutgers-masters-in-public-informatics/

Methods Placement
If you have already taken courses in statistics, computer science, and/or Geographic Information systems, please review the placement processes outlined in the methods placement guidance.

Connecting with students
The Bloustein Public Informatics Student Group (PISG) has a website for current and incoming students (https://sites.google.com/view/pisg/home) and you should feel free to join. This will give you the chance to interact with each other.

If you have any academic questions, please feel free to contact me via email. We are looking forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,

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