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TO: Entering Master's Students in Economics

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First, let us welcome you to the Department of Economics and provide you with information regarding the Department's orientation program. Our paths will cross throughout your studies at Boston University, and we look forward to meeting you at orientation.

During orientation you will take a math placement exam to help us determine your level of preparation. You will meet with your advisor and then register after Orientation. Classes will begin on Thursday, January 18th. Students are strongly urged to arrive in Boston as early as possible so they will have time to find appropriate housing. The earlier one arrives, the better the selection of available housing will be.

The Department of Economics provides an orientation program designed to acquaint you with the Department and the graduate program. It is extremely important that you attend the orientation meeting and take the math placement exam on that day in order to ensure the best start to your program. The Department Orientation and Registration schedule follows in a separate memo.

The following memo from our Department Chair provides general advice to all entering students. However, it is important to stress a few issues. Mainly, the importance of your required GPA and core averages begins with the first day of classes. Take advantage of the office hours held by faculty members. Spend time with your faculty advisor, especially if you are encountering academic troubles. It is important to ask questions, especially if you do not understand something. A very important issue is academic fraud. Refer to Marc Rysman's memo, Item 12. It is an unpleasant subject, but one which must be addressed. We will discuss this at Orientation.

This mailing contains very useful information, so it is recommended you save it with your important academic papers. Read through it again after the rush of your first semester has subsided. We look forward to meeting you in the spring.