



May 15, 2009

To The Incoming Graduate Class for Summer and Fall 2009:

Congratulations again on your acceptance and on your decision to attend the Eastman School of Music! On behalf of the faculty, staff and students at Eastman, we are thrilled that you will be joining the Eastman community and we are in the process of preparing for your arrival at the end of August.

Most of the orientation materials are found on the admissions website. However, we will soon mail to you some materials from the University Health Service (UHS). Later in the summer, there will be additional information made available on our website in a publication entitled *ClefNotes*. This annual publication provides further information that will help you prepare for your arrival; it is expected that this will be on our website **in early July**, and we will notify you by email when it is available online. Details about what will happen during orientation week will be published on the web around the first week of August.

Orientation for all new graduate students will begin on **Monday, August 24 at 9:30am** with required placement exams and registration – check the published information in *ClefNotes* and on the website later this summer for details.

A mandatory orientation for all new international graduate students will occur on **Monday, September 7**. International students who will be living in the Student Living Center may move in on Sunday, August 23. Please note that new international must attend *both* the regular orientation on August 24 and the international student orientation on September 7.

This orientation website includes a variety of information, and more information will be posted to the site throughout the summer, so please visit it periodically. A payment agreement must be set up with the University Bursar **no later than June 10th** to ensure that your account is set up correctly (see the links to the Bursar's Office on this orientation website). Finally, please be sure to activate both your University NETID and your University email account, which is where future official communications from Eastman will be sent. As most of you will have just completed your most recent degree, or will be finishing some additional coursework this summer, it is important that we receive your **final, official** transcripts in the Admissions Office **by July 1st** if study is completed in May, or **August 15** if you are completing your program this summer.

Although many of you will be living off campus, there is the possibility for graduate students to live in the Student Living Center. A limited number of rooms are reserved for incoming graduate students. If you are interested in on-campus housing, you should contact the Residential Life Office as soon as possible. Off-campus housing information can be found at <http://www.esm.rochester.edu/studentlife>. Additionally, graduate students are eligible to participate in the various Dining Plans available for all students; information on this is found in these orientation materials.

We look forward to your arrival.

Sincerely,

Dr. Adrian Daly
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