Dear Brittanique Meisha,

We're delighted that you have accepted your offer from the Faculty of Arts & Science! Here are the next steps before your first day of classes in September.

Get to Know Your College

The colleges are a home community for Arts & Science students, so it's important to read through the college documents on your <u>Join U of T portal</u> and to visit your college registrar's website.

Your college also hosts <u>welcome and advising sessions</u> throughout the summer. These events are a great opportunity to learn about your college, first year, and everything you need to do before the fall.

Select Your Courses

Selection of your first-year courses is an important part of your academic planning process. The courses you take in first year will determine which programs you can choose at the end of the year.

- 1. Read the <u>program information</u> to find the first-year courses you should take for the programs you are considering.
- 2. Use the <u>2015-16 Arts & Science Course Calendar</u>, the <u>U of T Course</u> <u>Finder and Course Timetable</u> and mark the courses you want to take.
- 3. Consider taking a <u>first-year seminar</u> course, which are limited to 24 students. You may also want to consider a <u>First Year Learning</u> Community, or <u>First Year Foundation</u> (see below).
- 4. Create a tentative schedule, making sure that you have some alternate courses and sections, just in case some are not available.
- 5. Log into the U of T student information system—ROSI/ACORN.
 ROSI/ACORN is the website where you'll pick your courses, change your personal information, check your marks and student fees, and complete other academic business.
- 6. On **July 24th**, your course enrolment time will be available on ROSI/ACORN. This is the time that you'll be able to log into ROSI/ACORN and enrol in your courses, so add it to your calendar.
- 7. On **July 30th**, at your course enrolment time, log into ROSI/ACORN and start selecting and scheduling your classes.

Consider a Unique Learning Opportunity

Your first-year schedule will be made up of introductory courses that lead to a range of program choices in second year, as well as optional unique opportunities that give you a chance to learn in a different way.

FIRST YEAR LEARNING COMMUNITIES (FLCS)

FLCs take 24-30 students with similar academic interests and groups them into the same sections of their core courses. The available study streams are:

- Actuarial Science
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Life Sciences
- Mathematics
- Philosophy
- Rotman Commerce
- Social Sciences

Students in a FLC group take the same core courses, participate in activities outside of the classroom, and are advised by an upper-year peer mentor. It's a great way meet people and learn skills that will benefit your university career. You can register on the <u>FLC website</u> beginning June 15th.

FIRST YEAR FOUNDATIONS

Many of the <u>First Year Foundations</u> are still accepting applications. These combine small classroom, theme-based learning with extra curricular activities and are a great way to meet students with similar interests.

Confirm Residence

U of T has a number of residences, but most students live in the <u>residences of their college</u>. Follow the instructions you received from your <u>college's residence office</u> and contact them if you have any questions.

If you don't have the housing guarantee, or you're thinking of living off campus, contact U of T's <u>Housing Services</u>.

Pay Your Fees

In the summer, your fees will be posted to your <u>ROSI/ACORN</u> account and your invoice will be available online. To officially register in the classes you've chosen, you must <u>make a payment</u> of at least the minimum first installment (or officially defer your fees on ROSI/ACORN) by **August 25th**. If you don't pay or defer by **August 25th**, you will be removed from your courses because your registration is incomplete.

If you need help budgeting for first year, check out some <u>budgeting tips</u>. <u>Financial assistance</u> such as scholarships, awards or grants may also be available to you.

Get Connected

Your U of T email account (UTmail+) is an important tool used for all official communication from the University. Critical information about fees, exams,

residence, and more will be sent to this email address. It is important to set it up and check it often. Your UTmail+ account will also give you access to the Information Commons, libraries and campus internet services.

To set up your account you must first get your <u>TCard</u>, which is your student card and photo ID. You can get your TCard at the <u>TCard office in Robarts</u> <u>Library</u>—bring your offer letter, photo identification, and <u>proof of citizenship</u>. Once you have your TCard, you will receive an activation key for your U of T email account.

Resources

- New Student Website
- Welcome Guide
- Next Steps Videos
- Join U of T
- FAStanswers

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