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Dear Mathematics Student,

Welcome to the Virginia Tech Mathematics Department! We are Jessica Hurdus and Eric Ufferman and we will be your academic advisors during your summer orientation session.

Meeting with new students and helping them choose an ideal first-semester schedule is our favorite part of orientation, and we regret not being able to meet you in person this summer. We look forward to getting to know you during our online Mathematics Department orientation advising session and going through the registration process with you.

In the next few weeks we will send an email with instructions for signing up for a Mathematics Department orientation advising session. The main goals of the session are to familiarize you with the math major and the options it allows – we have four different degree options – and for you to complete your class registration for the fall semester.

As you know, the University has devised pre-orientation modules for new students. **You must complete through Pre-Orientation Module #2 before you can register for classes, so be sure that you do so before the departmental session that you choose.** Pre-orientation Module #2 opens on June 15.

Please pay close attention to the information in the modules. In particular, be sure to complete the pre-registration steps on HokieSpa. This includes filling out emergency contact information, signing up for the VT alerts system, etc. Secondly, be sure that you report any credit received through AP or IB exams and dual enrollment to the VT registrar, and send copies of test scores/transcripts as appropriate. Both of these steps are essential before attending a math department orientation advising session.

Before our session, you should also think about what courses you would like to take in the fall, so that your schedule best fits your interests. We will be able to recommend the appropriate math and English classes for you. In our orientation advising session sign-up survey, we will also include a list of potential fall classes which satisfy Pathways (general education) requirements. To learn more about these classes and to search for other classes use the Virginia Tech Timetable of Classes. A tutorial video that shows how to use the timetable can be found at [www.math.vt.edu/orientation](http://www.math.vt.edu/orientation).

For now, focus on your personal interests and take the time to read about the variety of courses offered at Virginia Tech. We will help you check prerequisites during our session and we will make sure that your fall schedule is appropriate.
Here is your to-do list before our math department orientation advising session:

- Complete the university’s modules through Pre-orientation Module #2, which is available June 15.
- Complete the pre-registration requirements on HokieSpa (the pre-orientation modules will guide you through this).
- Read/explore the math department website (www.math.vt.edu/undergrad-math), including learning about the four degree options available to math majors. You will choose a degree option at orientation.
- Become familiar with browsing the Timetable of Classes as explained above by watching the video tutorial here www.math.vt.edu/orientation.
- Complete the Math Department 2020 Orientation Survey to register for a math department orientation advising session. Information about this will be emailed in the next few weeks. Sign-up is a on a first-come-first-serve basis.
- Set up a FERPA passcode, which you will need to provide before we can assist you with registration. Details can be found by watching the video found here: www.math.vt.edu/orientation

We look forward to speaking with you this summer.

Sincerely, 

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