Overview of Summer 2020 ENSP Orientation

Welcome to Maryland!

I am Ms. Angela Mazur-Gray, your new academic advisor for the Environmental Science and Policy Program at UMD. Please read this message carefully before your New Student Orientation date.

I'm hoping that **preparation** for Orientation will help make the material you hear at Orientation feel "familiar," instead of "overwhelming," so I've provided checklists of readings and activities to make Orientation go more smoothly. Summer 2020 marks our first "online" Orientation, therefore, this is a new process for everyone. Plus, there are a handful of ENSP majors and only (1) of me, so it'll take preparation from all of us!

WHEN WILL I MEET WITH MY MAJOR?

You and I will "meet" to discuss the ENSP program during the "Academic Advising Virtual Appointments" portion of Orientation, where I will assist you in registering for classes.

- If you are attending a 2-day orientation program, (First Year students): Day 2 from 10:00-3:00. I am also available from 8:00 10:00 am on Day 2, so if you want, you can schedule an early morning appointment with me as well.
- If you are attending a 1-day orientation program, (Transfer and some First Year students): Advising appointments begin after the Meet Your College sessions ends at (12:00 onward)

MAKING YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISING APPOINTMENT:

I will handle advising one-by-one by appointment. Please use this website to make your appointment: <u>https://enspadvising.youcanbook.me/</u>.

If you select Zoom as your mode of advising, you will receive a separate Zoom invitation from me via email

- If you are attending a 2-day program: Advising takes place on Day 2 (from 10:00-3:00), however I am free prior to 10am so feel free to make an appointment during any time slot that is available that day. I am also happy to meet with you on Day 1, if slots are available and you have no other mandatory sessions to attend. If needed, you can make your appointment with me after your orientation day.
- **If you are attending a 1-day program**, Advising takes place after the College of AGNR's Meet Your College Session (11:30am onward). However, you are welcome to make an appointment with me the day before or any time afterwards, if slots are available. Please note that your advising block will not be removed unless you attend the full orientation program.

TO PREPARE FOR YOUR ADVISING APPOINTMENT:

Have a list of possible classes to take, look at what's open and closed, have your questions written down, etc. Please see the "PICKING CLASSES" document for more information.

Become familiar with Testudo (testudo.umd.edu), specifically the Registration (Drop/Add) page. This is the page you will be using to add your Fall 2020 course to your schedule. There is a helpful Drop/Add and Waitlist How-to video tutorial available (upper right hand side of page after you log in).

NOTE: Throughout the day while I am in advising appointments with other students (and while you are waiting for yours), spend your time becoming familiar with ENSP requirements, concentrations, the website, etc. You can also adjust your schedule and become accustomed to using the Add/Drop page on Testudo.

IMPORTANT: If you no longer wish to be an ENSP major, please let me know AND contact the Admissions office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to get your major changed (email applymaryland@umd.edu). If it is outside the College of AGNR, then you will need to switch orientation dates!