Dear Class of 2019 summer orientation session J student:

Next week, you will log into SIS (July 30) to enroll in classes for the fall 2015 semester. If you have not yet started completing your checklist of pre-orientation activities, now is the time to start. You can visit http://college.artsandsciences.virginia.edu/guide to see the checklist or to download a new copy of the College’s first-year letter. Please review the ppt posted under item 15. Communications & Presentations.

You should have already begun loading your SIS shopping cart with courses you are interested in taking. As you work on this, you should be thinking about what your fall schedule might look like. Put at least 25 different courses into your shopping cart before you enroll on July 30.

You may use SIS Mobile on your smart phone (http://its.virginia.edu/sis/mobile/) or you may log in to SIS on your computer (http://its.virginia.edu/sis/student/#videos). For completing remote enrollment online, we definitely recommend using SIS on a computer.

Embrace the freedom your first semester in college offers by choosing courses that sound interesting or exciting. Take a look at the College’s academic requirements and use competency and area requirements as a guide (http://college.artsandsciences.virginia.edu/requirements). If you should take the English as a Second Language ENWR, enroll in ENWR 1507 in the fall. (http://www.engl.virginia.edu/undergraduate/writing/placement). Otherwise, if your last name begins with A-K, enroll in an ENWR 1510 in the fall. Also look at potential majors and consider choosing a prerequisite course (http://college.artsandsciences.virginia.edu/degreqprograms).

Remember, you will have time at orientation in August to ask questions of deans and faculty and, if necessary, rearrange your course schedule. Your enrollment session on July 30 is simply the beginning of the course enrollment process. On August 3, you will be able to log in to SIS and join waitlists. If you have pressing questions between now and August 3, please contact your Association Dean (http://college.artsandsciences.virginia.edu/association-deans).

Finally, keep in mind that you cannot and should not try to take everything your first semester. By early September, you will have finalized a schedule of 15-16 credits that preferably includes multiple disciplines—science, humanities, writing, foreign language, and a social science. For now, sit back, peruse the class lists in SIS, and load your shopping cart with lots of interesting possibilities!

Best Regards,

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