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Dear Ec Concentrators,

Welcome to a most unusual Fall semester! If you take only one piece of information from this note, I hope it is this: **We are here for you.** This is a semester like no other, and the state of the world is unlike what any of us has ever experienced. But whether you are on campus or elsewhere in the world, we in the Economics Department are here for you and will try to ensure that you receive a great educational experience this coming year. Please never hesitate to reach out if there is anything we can do for you.

For now, we wanted to share some important information and updates for the Fall.

- **Ec Advising Virtual Office Hours will resume full-time Wednesday, August 12.** Please see our [advising page](#) for hours of availability.

Please meet with an Ec Advisor in office hours to have your advising hold lifted by the August 26 Course Registration Deadline. While we encourage you to get to know the Ec Advisor assigned to your House—both now and throughout the year—feel free to virtually connect with any advisor during office hours.

- As a reminder, you can find [advising details](#), [course information](#), [job opportunities](#), and loads of other information on the [Economics Department website](#).
- We are excited to announce a **new course offering** this Fall: **Econ 980FF: *Economics of the Coronavirus*, a junior seminar with Professor Dale Jorgenson.**
- **Ec-Interested First-Years and Sophomores:** Please visit office hours anytime to discuss your interest in Economics! We would love to talk with you. **Sophomores:** Please note that the Economics Department requires a [three-step process to declare Ec](#). Please visit our website to ensure you have done everything you need to **declare by November 19 concentration declaration deadline.**
- **Juniors:** Take an [Ec 980 Junior Seminar](#)! There are nine seminars this year, covering a diverse set of topics. Junior seminars are an excellent way to get to know a faculty member and to prepare for potentially writing a senior thesis. If you need to take an [Ec 970 Sophomore Tutorial](#), come to the **mandatory Ec 970 Meeting on Monday, August 17, 12pm ET** via Zoom to learn how to lottery for an Ec 970 course.
- **Seniors:** Please meet with your Ec Advisor this semester to check your concentration requirements and declare your track. All thesis-interested seniors must attend the **Thesis Interest Meeting (Aug 17-21 TBD)** via Zoom to register for an [Ec 985 Thesis Seminar](#).
- **Everyone:** The Economics Department has posted a [statement](#) about diversity and inclusion on our website, as well as an outline of steps the Department is taking to make economics more welcoming to all. We encourage you to read this and let us know if you have any questions or concerns at letECKnow@fas.harvard.edu.

This semester will be an adventure for all of us, but please know we are eager to see you on our screens and connect individually with you. On behalf of the entire Economics Advising team, we wish you the best for the upcoming year.

Regards,

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