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Dear New McKinney JD Students-

Greetings! On behalf of the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) team, I'd like to officially welcome you to the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law (IU McKinney). We are thrilled that you have chosen to take the next step toward your future legal career with us!

Pre-arrival planning is critical to a successful start in law school. This letter contains important pre-semester information that will assist you in your transition to IU McKinney.

Preparing for Law School – Logistics

Registration: All incoming students take the same first-year curriculum. Students register themselves for classes. Jenn Watson, the law school registrar, will provide you with the information you need to do this. Please be on the lookout for an email from her in the coming days.

Textbooks: You will receive an email from Jenn on how to purchase textbooks after she sends the registration email.

Canvas Course Sites: IU Indianapolis uses [Canvas](#) as its Learning Management Service (LMS). You will receive notifications that classroom sites are active once they have been published. Professors should have their Canvas sites ready by the first day of classes.

Technology Requirement: All students must have appropriate technology to participate effectively in classes and exams. Please visit the [law school technology requirement page](#) for details about the computer specifications needed. As an IU student there are [discounts](#) available to you.

Crimson Card: Crimson Card is the official photo ID for students. It provides access to a variety of essential services including access to the building and printing. It is also an accepted form of payment for many services on and around the IU Indianapolis campus. Please visit the [Crimson Card website](#) for additional information about how to obtain your Crimson Card.

Note: While the website states you will receive information on how to get your initial Crimson Card during orientation, that information is specific to undergraduates only. Please follow the directions in the section titled new students not attending orientation. **You will not be able to get your Crimson Card until 48 hours after you register for classes.**

Parking Permits: Parking permits are available for purchase from [Parking and Transportation Services](#). Please visit this [map](#) to familiarize yourself with the locations of available lots (85 and 83 are closest to Inlow Hall).

Note: You will not be able to get your parking permit until 48 hours after you register for classes.

Lockers: Lockers are available for student use at Inlow Hall. Information on how to secure a locker will be provided during orientation.

Required Pre-Orientation Work

Please complete the following before orientation:

Avoiding Plagiarism: As a law student, it is important that you act with the highest degree of professionalism and integrity in all areas of your education, including legal research and writing. This assignment is to ensure you learn the basics of plagiarism and how you can avoid it.

Visit [Avoiding Plagiarism at IU McKinney](#) to complete the course (it should take 30 – 45 minutes). Download a copy of your completion certificate and then email it to osalaw@iu.edu.

JD Edge: The Office of Enrollment Management (OEM) has emailed all incoming students about the JDEdge program. JDEdge is a free program offered by AccessLex that is designed to provide you with a solid foundation of both academic and practical knowledge that will help prepare you for success in your first semester at McKinney. It is a 20-hour asynchronous program that can be completed on your own schedule.

Students are required to complete modules 1 -3 before orientation week.

If you have questions about the JDEdge modules, please email Professor Erin Engels, Director of Academic and Bar Success Program (eenegels@iu.edu).

Student Handbook Review & Acknowledgment: Our Student Handbook is currently being updated. Once the updates are complete, you will be notified so that you can review it and complete an acknowledgment.

Orientation Overview

Participation in orientation, with the exception of the optional Giving Back & Community Building day on Monday, 11 August, is **required** for all new students.

Please see the accompanying document titled Orientation Schedule for details about the week. Details about orientation are also posted on the [orientation webpage](#).

If you have questions about attendance at orientation, please email lawadmit@iu.edu.

Orientation and related activities at the start of the academic year will ease your transition to law school and provide an opportunity for you to start cultivating relationships with your classmates, faculty, staff, and alumni. We are excited to meet you and welcome you to the McKinney community.

Very Best-

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