

WELCOME!

On behalf of the entire Industrial Engineering Faculty, welcome to Clemson! We're delighted you have chosen to join us to pursue your graduate degree. We hope that your time with us will be highly productive and fun as well.

Now, making the transition to graduate school and, for some of you, to a new university and even a country is a daunting challenge. To help, a number of orientations have been planned or are available on-line and I would strongly recommend that you take advantage of each and every one.

University Orientation

University-wide orientations are all coordinated through the Graduate School. The first place you should visit is <http://www.grad.clemson.edu/Newlyacceptedstudents.php> (alternately, go to <http://www.grad.clemson.edu/> and click on the New Graduate Student Guide in the upper right hand portion of the website. This is the central point for all information regarding the university and the community.

IE Department Orientation

The IE department's orientation is on-line. There are two presentations to view. The first presentation is an overview of the department, a discussion about assistantships, and the important policies with which you should be aware. The second presentation is differentiated between Master's and Doctoral students. Please visit the IE Graduate Programs home page (http://www.clemson.edu/ces/departments/ie/graduate_programs/index.html) and follow the link to your specific program – M.S. or Ph.D. You will see a link to "Orientation" from either program.

If after viewing all of these presentations you still have questions and concerns, I would be delighted to speak with you starting August 18. Feel free to stop by my office or see Ms. Holland to make an appointment.

Again, we are delighted that you have joined us this semester and look forward to working with you in this most exciting time of your life.

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