Dear Incoming DSE Student:

Congratulations on your admission to Arizona State University! We are pleased that your application has been approved and we are looking forward to meeting you in the Fall of 2022. We want to relay important information to you before your arrival.

1. **Clear all HOLDs and Priority Tasks in your MYASU.** Click on the priority tasks on MyASU portal and you will find the details of pending items that requires action from your end.

   **Who to contact**
   - Financial Guarantee / I-20 / Visa: gograd@asu.edu
   - MMR: immunizations@asu.edu / website
   - Insurance: insurance@asu.edu / website
   - Registration and other academic-related queries: Assigned SCAI Advisor (advisor matrix)

You can find all events, relevant information, and frequently asked questions at: [https://scai.engineering.asu.edu/newly-admitted-student-information/](https://scai.engineering.asu.edu/newly-admitted-student-information/)

2. **Deficiency course options:** Refer to the admission letter to verify if deficiency course(s) have been assigned and click on this [link](#) for details

3. **Orientation (mandatory):** The purpose of the orientation is to cover degree requirements and expectations. Click [here](#) to self-enroll for orientation.

4. **Class Registration:** Registration begins on March 3rd, 2022 (Class schedule will be available from February 21st, 2022).

5. **Deferring Admission to Spring 2023:** Students may defer their admission to the next semester through their MyASU page by using the Request a Change link under their Program. If you have registered for a class after being admitted to the Program, you must first drop all classes and then request the deferral.

   **Important: New deadline for deferral request**

   - Deadline to request deferral is 11:59 pm Session ‘C’ ‘add/drop deadline. Beyond this deadline a new application should be submitted. Refer [academic calendar](#) for exact dates.
6. **Fall 2022 Course Recommendations**: There are two types of enrollment:

   a) full-time (9 or more credit hours)
   b) part-time (less than 9 credit hours)

   Additionally, students are allowed to register for a maximum of 11 credit hours.

   **International students are required to enroll in 9 credit hours to maintain F1 visa status**. The first priority is to complete deficiency courses. Hence, you must be enrolled in your deficiency courses and at least 1 graduate-level course each semester (Spring and Fall) or you will be discontinued from the Program.

   DSE PhD students register for one or more of the core courses.

   **DSE Core Courses**

   i. CSE 511 Data Processing at Scale
   ii. CSE 543 Information Assurance and Security
   iii. CSE 572 Data Mining or IEE 520 Statistical Learning for Data Mining or EEE 549 Statistical Machine Learning: from theory to practice
   iv. IEE 670 Mathematical Statistics or STP 502 Theory of Statistics II: Inference

   For guidance, contact your assigned advisor (advisor matrix).

   **Not all courses are offered every semester. Refer to the handbook for specific degree requirements and details**

   - Course descriptions (page 22).
   - Electives list (page 20).

7. **Research and Teaching Assistantships (RA/TA)**: Students interested in doing research should reach out to the faculty for possible RA positions. For TA positions apply [here](#). You are welcome to explore TA positions outside of SCAI. You will want to contact each unit separately for availability and application procedures. If you are offered a Research Assistant or Teaching Assistant position with Fulton Schools of Engineering, you are required to enroll in 12 credit hours. Typically, students register for DSE 580 Practicum in addition to their courses to meet 12 credit hour requirement. Rarely do students take 12 credit hours of graduate-level courses. Please follow the instructions on the [Course Permission Request page](#) to request DSE 580 Practicum.

   **Language Proficiency for Teaching Assistantship**: Refer to page 6 on the Graduate College RA/TA procedure handbook. Visit [SPEAK Test](#) for details for Global Launch Services.
We look forward to seeing you this coming semester!

Sincerely,
SCAI Advising Team