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Dear Student:

On behalf of the faculty in the Informatics Program and the Department of Computer and Information Sciences, it is my pleasure to *welcome* you to our program. We are very happy that you have chosen Informatics (INFO) as your major and we are confident that you will find this to be an exciting, challenging and rewarding program of study.

Allow me to take a moment to tell you a little about our program.

- ✓ Our program allows you to develop or find technological solutions to solve problems in the area of your passion or cognates (e.g., Bio Informatics, Business, Cognitive Science, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, English, Health Informatics, Life Sciences, Mathematics, New Media / Arts, Physics, Psychology, Social Informatics, Web Development)
- ✓ Our core faculty have doctoral or other terminal degrees in CS or closely related disciplines and they are engaged in cutting-edge research. Our faculty strive to excel in teaching and a number of our faculty have received teaching awards.
- ✓ Opportunities for undergraduate research, work-study, and tutoring exist and provide for very valuable experiences.
- ✓ Class sizes for our major courses are typically around 25 students which provides for a superb environment for interaction with faculty and for learning. CS and Informatics Tutoring Center offers tutoring for lower-level CS core courses.
- ✓ Our department offers exclusive computing labs and collaborative space for CS and Informatics students. In addition, there are many campus computing labs.
- ✓ As an Informatics major, you can select upper-level elective courses which include artificial intelligence, computer graphics, computer security, data mining, deep learning, game programming, mobile programming, networks, parallel and distributed computing, and software engineering.
- ✓ Our department offers other undergraduate and graduate degrees, certificates, and minors.

For more information about the department please visit our website at informatics.iusb.edu

We would like to discuss with you all of the exciting opportunities in INFO, as well as the courses that you should take in your *first semester* and the registration process. Please follow the below steps in order:

1. Set up your IU computer account by visiting https://kb.iu.edu/d/achn
   - o If you have questions contact the support center by visiting https://kb.iu.edu/d/abxl#iusb
2. Complete the Math and English placement exams by visiting https://exams.iusb.edu
   - o If you are not sure if either exam is required, contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@iusb.edu or (574) 520-4839
3. Contact me directly - Dr. Hossein Hakimzadeh, hhakimza@iusb.edu or the Department Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Linda Knefely via email: lknefely@iusb.edu or call (574)-520-5521 to setup an advising appointment.

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4. Enclosed with this letter is the "Golden Chip" INFO and CS advising form (or download it from http://go.iu.edu/1PH8). Please complete applicable items in Steps 1 and 2 of the form, and bring it with you to your advising appointment.
   o After your meeting with me, register for courses. Course registration instructions are available at http://go.iu.edu/1PH9 and https://kb.iu.edu/d/anig
5. Attend the IU South Bend New Student Orientation. Reserve your spot by visiting http://go.iu.edu/1PHa
6. Start attending classes.
   o Visit the CS and Informatics Tutoring Center to get help for lower-level CS or Informatics core courses. Visit the Campus Tutoring Center located in the Library to get help for several of your courses.
7. Meet with me at least once a semester, and also when needs arise.

Informatics is an exciting field and a person armed with an Informatics degree will find that there will be a wealth of post-graduate opportunities! Our faculty and staff will do their best to provide you with an excellent educational experience. We look forward to having you join us!

If you have other questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Knefely via email lknefely@iusb.edu or call (574)-520-5521 or email me at hhakimza@iusb.edu.

Sincerely,

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Associate Professor and
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