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Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to summer! I hope you and your student are finding time to rest, relax, and visit with family and friends. Here at Tufts, things are a bit quieter on the Medford/Somerville and SMFA campuses, but we still have plenty of faculty and staff members hard at work preparing for [Orientation](#) and the 2019-20 academic year. We also have many Tufts students, as well as visiting undergraduates and pre-college students, participating in [Summer at Tufts](#) programs. I'm writing today to provide you with information about a few of the more than 250 courses being offered at Tufts this summer by the School of Arts and Sciences, School of Engineering, School of the Museum of Fine Arts (SMFA), and the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy. While the First and 12-Week Summer at Tufts Sessions are well underway, there is still time for your student to register for the Second Summer at Tufts Session, which runs July 2 through August 9.

Summer is a great time for students to get ahead on credits, and many of the courses offered at Tufts satisfy our undergraduate [distribution requirements](#). Others allow your student to enroll in undergraduate and graduate-level courses to stay on track for degree completion, or to simply explore a topic they don't have time for during the regular academic year. [Registration](#) remains open for the Second Summer at Tufts Session until the first day of classes on July 2. I'd encourage you and your student to explore the options available to see if a course sparks an interest or seems like a smart way to make progress towards their degree.

Many [Summer at Tufts courses](#) are offered in the evening or [online](#), which allows students to earn credit while also holding an internship or working. Courses also have affordable tuition rates, and Tufts offers [on-campus housing](#) for those who might need it.

On campus, students can enjoy offerings that explore the history of Boston, artificial intelligence, Bio 13-cells and organisms, genetics,

chemistry, economics, calculus, abnormal psychology, ceramics, and the study of disease and medicinal plants. Many courses draw on Tufts' breadth of expertise in the Arts and Sciences, while others tap into professional schools like the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy and the School of Engineering. There are a whole catalogue of courses being offered during traditional daytime hours. For example, [Health Care in America](#) explores problems and issues encountered in the planning, organization, and regulation of health services. [Education of the Exceptional Child](#) covers topics that include brain and biological development and supporting students with specific learning disabilities, executive functioning disorders, autism spectrum disorders, and mood and behavioral disorders in schools. You can [browse a full list of daytime summer courses](#) by filtering the offerings by "Time of Day."

Summer at Tufts also has many evening academic options for those with work or have daytime obligations. [Japanese Visual Culture](#) delves into the extraordinary visual excitement of Japanese culture, including post-war fashion, manga, and anime. Professionals who work in the nonprofit sector or who want to support municipalities in their quest for grants will also benefit from the course [Philanthropy & Fundraising](#), offered by the Department of Urban and Environmental Planning and Policy. Art classes are being taught at the SMFA as well, including [Ceramics](#), [Mixed Media](#), [Etching and Intaglio](#), and the course [Visualizing Information](#), with a focus on how to bring "clarity, precision, and efficiency" to a data-driven world. You can [browse a full list of evening summer courses](#) by filtering the offerings using the "Evening" option under "Time of Day."

Tufts has also expanded its course offerings online to meet the demand from students for more flexibility. Just like in classroom courses, online students interact with faculty and their peers nearly every day. For example, [The Foundations of Literacy](#) explores the role of literacies, multiliteracies, and reading and writing instruction. [Classical Mythology](#) delves into the world of Greco-Roman myth and its intersections with art, ideology, and ritual. Students can enroll in online courses for [French](#), [Spanish](#), and [English Grammar and Writing for Teachers](#) as well. Mathematics professor Bruce Boghossian is also offering his popular class [Introduction to Wealth Inequality](#) this summer, which sheds light on the growing concentration of wealth

worldwide using mathematics tools. Other online courses include [Plants and Humanity](#), [Principles of Economics](#), and [Social Psychology](#).

For information about all the courses being offered through Summer at Tufts -- including those that still have spots open in the Second Session -- please visit summer.tufts.edu.

Wishing you and yours the very best for summer 2019,

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