Danielle Law: Welcome everyone! We're excited to answer your questions tonight.

Danielle Law: My name is Danielle Law and I'm the Assistant Director of Graduate Student Recruitment here at SPEA. Also here tonight are Megan Siehl, our Director of Graduate Student Services, and Lane Bowman, our Admissions Services Coordinator.

Lane Bowman: Welcome, everyone!

Danielle Law: Just a reminder: our merit aid deadline is February 1 :)"}

Vanessa Snyder: Hi Danielle, Megan, and Lane. I've been admitted for the 2015/16 start of the MSES/MPA program. Is there any way to check that my applications for aid have been received?

Danielle Law: Hi Vanessa!

Danielle Law: As long as you've submitted your application, you'll automatically go into our merit aid pool. If you're wondering about need-based aid, that runs through Indiana University's Office of Student Financial Assistance.

Danielle Law: Does that help?

Vanessa Snyder: Yes! Thank you. Is there a typical month during which I can expect to receive a decision on merit-based and other aid?

Ian Magnuson: First off, I wanted to thank you all for doing this; these chat sessions have been very helpful throughout the application process. I am very interested in a career in international higher education and, therefore, studying abroad is a natural must (the program in Augsburg looks fantastic!). I was wondering if students that are offered graduate assistantship or other work-related financial aid offers are able to study abroad?

Danielle Law: Yes! The first round of merit aid offers will most likely go out mid-March. Other offers will come out in waves after that.

Vanessa Snyder: Thanks, Danielle!

Hayley Smith: Hello! Thanks for holding this chat. How does merit aid work at SPEA?

Danielle Law: Hi Ian! We're so glad these chats are helpful :)"}

Lane Bowman: Hayley--

Erin: Hi everyone! What is the final deadline to apply for the fall of 2015?

Lane Bowman: All candidates who indicate on their applications that they wish to be considered for merit aid, and who meet the February 1st priority deadline, are included in the pool of potential merit aid recipients. Decisions are made based on how your overall credentials compare to those of other applicants in that current year.

Lane Bowman: We were able to offer financial aid to approximately 44% of our fall 2014 incoming class.

Danielle Law: Ian-- I'm actually not sure of how tuition remission would work while studying abroad for an entire semester. I definitely don't want to mislead you. Your best bet is to email Chemain Slater, the director of our overseas programs at slatertc@indiana.edu. I'm happy to do an email introduction if that would be helpful!

Danielle Law: Hi Erin! The final deadline is May 1.
Erin: Thanks Danielle!

Danielle Law: Of course!

Hayley Smith: Ok. Thanks!

Xinye Wang: Hi Danielle, Megan, and Lane. I am a senior student in SPEA now, but as an international student, is the first deadline also the same as US students?

Lane Bowman: Hi Xinye--

Ian Magnuson: Danielle- I see, well thank you for being totally honest! An email introduction would be fantastic actually, that way Ms Slater would have a little context with the question! Thank you :)

Danielle Law: Absolutely, Ian! Feel free to send me an email at drlaw@indiana.edu and I'll make the introduction!

Lane Bowman: As a current IU student, you will be considered like a domestic applicant with the final application deadline being May 1.

Brett Wiley: Does need- or merit-based aid get prioritized over the other? For example, tuition is $23,000, my merit aid package $15,000, and my need-based aid package is $15,000. Would SPEA decide to reduce my merit aid by $7,000 because IU has covered my costs with need-based aid?

Ian Magnuson: Awesome, will do!

Danielle Law: Hi Brett! Great question. Need-based aid determinations are made completely separately. (Sigh of relief, right?) Merit aid decisions are made in-house at SPEA.

Joshua Moore: Hi everyone, quick question: does every piece of the application need to be submitted by February 1 to be considered for merit aid? I am waiting on a couple of letters of recommendation. My recommenders should be finished by February 1st but I wanted to ask, just in case. Thank you!

Brett Wiley: Thanks, Danielle.

Danielle Law: You're welcome!

Danielle Law: Josh-- I know how stressful recommendation letters can be! As long as we have everything in your power to submit by February 1, we'll make sure to put you in the merit aid pool.

Xinye Wang: Asome! One more thing is that we should upload the official transcript on the application form, or submit it directly to the graduate admission office?

Chante Vines: Hello Danielle, Megan, Lane, everyone! What constitutes as a strong application?

Ana: Hi, thank you for having this chat. How are merit-based decisions made, and if I were to include an Addendum to my application explaining financial situation during undergraduate studies have any impact on the merit-based fellowship? Also, can I submit the addendum in the online application?

Joshua Moore: Perfect, good to know. Thanks Danielle!

Danielle Law: Xinye: you'll want to have your official transcripts sent to us at speaapps@indiana.edu or mailed to us hardcopy at 1315 E. 10th St. Ste 260
Lane Bowman: Chante--

Danielle Law: Ana-- You can absolutely submit an addendum as part of the online application! There is a section at the end that asks if you'd like to submit additional documents :) 

Tessa Mandra: Hi there! I deferred last year, and am re-applying for merit aid this year, and I am wondering what I should send along (transcripts, updated resumé, etc.) and who to send it to.

Ian Magnuson: As far as the available graduate positions that might be available I was wondering if they're all within the SPEA office or spread throughout IU? For example, would there be potential for someone to end up as a GA in study abroad or a TA in political science if it is not directly under the purview of SPEA?

Lane Bowman: The Committee looks for those who show academic excellence, especially in their junior and senior level courses. The field of study is not as important as the demonstration of commitment to your undergraduate studies.

Danielle Law: Merit aid decisions are based on the entirety of your application--we really do look at the applications holistically. You can submit in an addendum anything you feel isn’t elsewhere represented on your application.

Lane Bowman: SPEA students demonstrate academic strength through strong GPAs and GRE scores; a passion for public service through their essays and resumes; and a sense of community through active volunteering. Applications are reviewed for their overall merit; there is not one “make-or-break” section of the application.

Lane Bowman: Tess--

Danielle Law: Hi Tessa--anything you'd like to be added to your file should be sent to speaapps@indiana.edu!

Lane Bowman: Ian--

Chante Vines: Thanks Lane!

Tessa Mandra: Thank you!

Lane Bowman: You're welcome, Chante!

Xinye Wang: Thanks Danielle.

sam: Hey, I was just wondering what the best way to check on the status of documents not submitted directly through the application, i.e mailed transcripts, GRE scores, and Letters

Ana: Danielle, thank you for your answers. A follow up question is, in that section at the end can I submit documents regarding my Fulbright fellowship, such as copies of an unofficial transcript in a Brazilian institution (it's the only document they were able to send me via email) and a written certificate stating my hours of research work at another Brazilian institution?

Lane Bowman: Sam--

Ian Magnuson: Good question, Sam.

Danielle Law: Ian-- most of the graduate and teaching assistantships are within SPEA, but since the SPEA skillset is so in demand, other departments on campus do occasionally hire SPEA students. We do have our own study abroad office, though :) Additionally, SPEA's Service Corps program puts students into the community to do their work assignments with government agencies or nonprofits.
Lane Bowman: In one of the initial emails you received after submit your application, you received a link to a personalized checklist. This allows you to monitor the status all of your materials.

Danielle Law: Ana-- Absolutely!

Undrea: I have a question? After an application is submitted and ready for review, how long will it take to get an admissions decision? Will it be around March?

Erin: I have multiple transcripts because as a teacher we need to show continued commitment to on-going learning. Do we need to have official copies of ALL of transcripts or just where we received our undergrad?

Lane Bowman: Undrea--

sam: Great, thanks!

Ian Magnuson: Oh wow, very cool! That is great to hear. I'm honestly blown away by everything SPEA does. Thank you!

Danielle Law: Hi Undrea! Once your application is complete, we will get you an admission decision in 2-3 weeks. Speedy, right? :)

Ana: Thank you, Danielle!

Danielle Law: Ian-- we're always thrilled when people find SPEA is a good fit for them!

Undrea: Yes! thank you! I'm waiting on one last LOR to complete my app.

Danielle Law: Wonderful!

Ian Magnuson: Now the question is whether or not you find me a good fit for you! Thanks again!

Lane Bowman: Hi Erin-- To get a comprehensive view of your academic record, we asked that you submit official transcripts of each institution you have attended, even if a degree was not conferred.

Erin: Ok, thanks.

sam: Another quick question. Once merit-based aid is offered, how long does the prospective student have to make a decision?

Undrea: I hope my Americorps experiences are looked at when my app is reviewed. I also heard that there are some incentives for members and alumni.

Ana: I'm interested in learning what are the opportunities offered by SPEA's study abroad office?

Vanessa Snyder: Great question, Sam!

Lane Bowman: Sam--

Danielle Law: Undrea: They absolutely will be! We have an AMAZING returned volunteer community and our merit aid process looks at much more than just test scores and GPAs. We are always looking for people who will contribute to the SPEA community.

Lane Bowman: We are a part of a consortium of graduate schools that will not require a decision before April 15th. Typically, merit aid is extended in mid-March.
Danielle Law: We will also give AmeriCorps alumni a 3-credit hour reduction for each year of service, with a max of 6 hours.

Lane Bowman: Ana--

Undrea: that's great!

sam: Sounds good, thanks.

Erin: I notice that the website mentions three letters of recommendation that are preferably faculty members. I've been out of school for 15 years and have recently taken a couple classes at a local college to get more math under my belt, but I certainly don't have three faculty members to choose from. I can get one from my most recent supervisor, but that was when I was teaching. Is this acceptable?

Lane Bowman: SPEA has its own Overseas Education Programs and you can find out more here: http://www.indiana.edu/~spea/spea_abroad/

Lauren Shaman: Hi, thanks for hosting this chat! I was wondering what you think are the strongest points to hit during the personal statement. 500 words is tight to fit all of our important accomplishments that led us to these degrees!

Lane Bowman: In addition, IU also has a wealth of opportunities: http://overseas.iu.edu/

Christina Hayhow: Hello, I have a question about the application. I have attending two different colleges, do I need to calculate my combined GPA, or list the GPA from where I graduated?

Lane Bowman: Erin--

Ana: Lane, I think I missed this page doing all my previous research! thanks so much!

Brett Wiley: Danielle- I served in AmeriCorps for 6 months. It wasn't a year-long position. Can that also translate to a credit hour reduction?

Lane Bowman: We are happy to accept recommendations from supervisors! We want to hear from those who know you best, but can also speak to your ability to excel in graduate studies.

Lane Bowman: Lauren--

Danielle Law: Lauren: fantastic question! I get this one often :) For a personal statement, we want to get to know YOU. I would focus most on mutual fit: why is SPEA the best option for you and what will you bring to our community. SPEA is (for better or worse) a family, so fit is crucial :)

Lane Bowman: Christina--

Lauren Shaman: Thanks, Danielle. Very helpful!

Danielle Law: Brett, unfortunately, the minimum is one year. Your experiences, though, will definitely help make your merit aid application more compelling.

sam: Tagging on to that statement of purpose question, is the 500 word limit pretty strict? It seemed a bit opened ended in the application checklist.

Lane Bowman: Our SPEA team will compile your GPA for the Admissions Committee!
Ian Magnuson: My guess was to keep it on one page without having crazy margins, Sam.

Lane Bowman: Hi Ana, we're sorry--it can be hard to find!

Danielle Law: Sam-- the limit is a suggestion, but keep in mind that our admissions committee (comprised of professors) pores over thousands of documents each year.

sam: Absolutely, that's what i figured

Christina Hayhow: Thank you

Ian Magnuson: This question is less about merit scholarships and more about student work/life balance: I noticed SPEA has a very active student community (I'd be especially excited to work with the Model UN) and I was wondering, in anyone's opinion, is it feasible to "do" graduate school, hold a GA-style position, and be active in student organizations?

Ian Magnuson: By SPEA, I meant IU-Bloomington **

Danielle Law: Ian--definitely!

Vanessa Snyder: Are graduate assistantship invitations sent at the same time as merit-based and need-based aid offers?

Ana: Is there a way we can check if you have received our recommendation letters sent to you by email, transcripts, and GRE scores before submitting the application- for instance, can I call you and inquire?

Danielle Law: Graduate school is all about time management, but most of our students find time to be successful in classes, work 10-15 hours per work, be active in some of our incredible professional student organizations, and have a (limited) social life :)

Lane Bowman: Ana--

Diane Lally: Good evening, I think my question is similar to Ana

Sean Hadorn: Hello, thanks for hosting this! Quick question - do you accept unofficial transcripts and then require official transcripts if I get accepted? Or do you need the official ones right away?

Danielle Law: I worked, got my MPA from SPEA, and participated in student organizations without any total meltdowns.

Ian Magnuson: Oh that's great to hear! I can handle partial meltdowns ;)

Danielle Law: Ian-- :)

Emma W.: Great question, Ian. Danielle all of this is so exciting to hear about!

Diane Lally: My professor mentioned that she sent in a letter of recommendation for me and when I check my online checklist, it is not listed as a received document. Is this there a way to find out if it has been received?

Lane Bowman: Unfortunately, most of those materials haven't been processed if we haven't received an application as we prioritize those who have submitted one.

Lane Bowman: Diane--Please allow 7-10 business days for processing materials at this time. We are doing our best to keep your personalized checklists up-to-date!
Danielle Law: Vanessa-- merit aid decisions will be sent out mid-March. We won't work on actual faculty-student pairings until later, though; we'll meet with our faculty and learn more about their needs, first. We will also send out an application for hourly teaching and graduate assistantships in the summer! These are separate from merit-aid based positions.

Ian Magnuson: Lane - Just because you're here, I was wondering if you think the waiver for the application will likely be sent out this week? I'm just sending an update to my references and was just wondering. Thanks!

Lane Bowman: Sean--SPEA requires official transcripts to complete an application, even from institutions where a degree was not conferred.

Lauren Shaman: Do decisions about Service Corps get sent out in mid-March as well, or later?

Buddha: Hello thanks for hosting this chat session. Do the foreign degrees that have been given equivalence or assessed by independent agencies take into account in the merit aid?

Vanessa Snyder: Okay, thank you! I do sincerely appreciate this online session. It's incredibly helpful for answering questions and seeing those others are asking.

Diane Lally: Thank you for your help, my professor says the document was submitted Dec. 19. Perhaps she should send it again.

Erin: This sounds like a great program with some exciting opportunities. There have also been lots of pertinent questions and I'd love to stay and learn more but unfortunately I have to go to work. Danielle, I will be in touch.

Lane Bowman: Ian--The waiver requests are with the University Graduate School. We HOPE they will be processed by the end of the week.

Danielle Law: Lauren-- Service Corps fellowships go out in mid-March, but matching (with organizations) happens once you're on campus in August.

Lane Bowman: Buddha--

Hayley Smith: If we are currently undergraduates at IUB, we don't need to send in a transcript, correct?

Ian Magnuson: Ah I understand. Thanks for the update, Lane!

Lane Bowman: IU's Office of International Services evaluates all non-U.S. transcripts for bachelor equivalency. Thus, we rely on their assessments for the admissions and merit aid processes.

Danielle Law: Erin, please do keep in touch!

Lauren Shaman: Great, thanks! Does SPEA have connections with local non-profits and government agencies that can help students be involved in ways other than through Service Corps?

Vanessa Snyder: Good question, Lauren!

Lane Bowman: Diane-- Do you know how it was sent?

reynard cross: hi. good evening all
Danielle Law: Lauren-- absolutely! One of the perks of going to school in a college town like Bloomington (the greatest college town of all time!) is that SPEA is so incredibly well connected. We have incredible networking, professional development, and volunteer opportunities. This is where our professional student organizations really shine :)

Lane Bowman: Hayley, we will be able to obtain your transcripts from our Records Office--no worries for you!

Diane Lally: Lane, it was likely sent digitally.

reynard cross: I do not have a bachelor's degree but I have a masters degree I received from a UK university. Will this be a problem?

Lauren Shaman: Fantastic! Thank you!

Undrea: I have not yet visited the school yet and I would like to. Will there be any spring events for prospective SPEA applicants and/or can I schedule a visit to tour the school and sit in on a grad Spea course?

Danielle Law: Lauren: of course!

Kimberly: I will likely not be able to visit IU and SPEA in person. Will that affect my application?

Ian Magnuson: My last question is pretty simple... I heard Indiana takes basketball seriously... is this true?

Buddha: Will only the statement of marks be evaluated by International Office?

Danielle Law: Undrea: YES! We'll have a day for applicants and admitted students on March 27. This is a fantastic way to meet future classmates and start to envision yourself at SPEA. Visiting is the best way to determine fit! Plus, we'll have mountains of bagels. Everyone gets excited about carbs like I do, right?

Lane Bowman: Reynard--

Danielle Law: Kimberly: Not at all! If you'd like, though, we're always happy to set up a Skype session for you so we can get to know you a bit better!

Ian Magnuson: Danielle - I didn't know that was an option, I'm in a similar boat to Kimberly. How would one set that up?

Lane Bowman: This decision is handled by IU's Office of International Services as they evaluate all transcripts received by SPEA. These are typically handled on a case by case basis. You are welcome to reach out to them at newtoiu@iu.edu to confirm that your degree would satisfy their requirements.

Danielle Law: IAN! Takes basketball seriously?? Being at Assembly Hall is a life-changing experience.

Undrea: Danielle? I would have to pass on the bagels as I am a type 1 diabetic. But is it possible to schedule a visit before March 27?

Danielle Law: If you'd like to set up a Skype session, just email me!

sait sarr: Hello Megan, I have all my application materials ready but cannot afford the application fee till in a week time, will I have time to be reconsidered for merit aid?

Danielle Law: Undrea: of course! If you'd like to visit, just shoot me an email and we'll set up an individualized visit for you.

Ian Magnuson: Sounds good to both things! I'm from WMU so our focus was hockey. Thanks for the info!
Lane Bowman: Buddha-- the entire record will be evaluated.

Xinye Wang: I have another question about the internship for international students. Many people think that it is a little difficult for international students to find an internship in the public agents. Is it right? Will SPEA provide some opportunities for international students?

Ian Magnuson: Thank you Danielle and Lane for taking time out of your evening for us! Very much appreciated!

Buddha: I know I have submitted two transcripts, but not sure about the statement of marks for my Masters. Can I send them now if I have not?

Sean Hadorn: Great, thanks. Is the fee waiver just for current AmeriCorps / Peace Corps volunteers or for alumnus as well?

Undrea: what's your email, Danielle?

Yu Song: Hi, thanks for hosting this chat! You had mentioned that merit aid covers 44%. Is that a percentage of student, or tuition fee? Are all the merit aid the same amount?

Lane Bowman: You're welcome, Ian!

sait sarr: Hello Danielle Law, I have all my application materials ready but cannot afford the application fee till in a week time, will I have time to be considered for merit aid

Ian Magnuson: Goodnight all!

Vanessa Snyder: Goodnight, Ian. Great questions!

Danielle Law: drlaw@indiana.edu

Lane Bowman: Xinye-- SPEA has a career development office to help students find internships. We've very committed to our students getting practical experience.

Danielle Law: Sean-- for alums, too!

Lane Bowman: Buddha, please go ahead!

Danielle Law: Yu: that is the percentage of our students who receive merit aid before arriving. Most tuition remissions cover between 25-50% of tuition.

Kimberly: Great, thanks. :)

Alma Anides: Hello Danielle, My name is Alma, I am currently looking at SPEA to apply until next year. I have a BA in International Relations so I am planning on taking prerequisite classes (Calculus and Chemistry) this semester to be able to apply. How common is it for non science majors to apply and what recommendations do you have for students in my case?

Vanessa Snyder: Are SPEA students offered and/or required to have on-campus accomodations or are off-campus living accomodations typical?

sait sarr: Danielle, can someone answer my question
Lane Bowman: Vanessa--

Yu Song: Great! Thank you, Danielle!

Danielle Law: Sait: I sent you a private message :) 

Lane Bowman: Students are not required to live on campus--many choose to make off-campus living arrangements.

Vanessa Snyder: Thanks, Lane!

Danielle Law: Alma--fantastic question! Since we only have the two prereqs for the MSES degree, we get students from an array of backgrounds and undergraduate majors. My recommendation would be to make sure your quantitative skills are sharp--these are essential for success in the MSES program.

Danielle Law: If it's useful, I'm happy to set up an email exchange with one of our MSES students.

Lane Bowman: You're welcome, Vanessa!

Alma Anides: Yes, please! I would really appreciate it.

Danielle Law: Wonderful! If you send me an email reminder at drlaw@indiana.edu I'll set one up tomorrow!

Alma Anides: Will do, thanks!

Danielle Law: Of course!

Danielle Law: Vanessa, we have a housing guide that I'm happy to send you if it would be useful!

Undrea: I would like the housing guide as well.

Vanessa Snyder: Danielle -- Yes, that would be very helpful. Thank you!

Buddha: I have some concern about the GRE score. What is the range of score SPEA prefers?

Xinye Wang: Thank you so much!

Buddha: I have submitted one I did in July, but not very satisfied with it.

Lane Bowman: Buddha-- our average scores can be found here: http://www.indiana.edu/~spea/prospective_students/masters/prospective_students/student_body_profile/index.shtml

Lane Bowman: In addition, multiple score reports are submitted, only the best scores from each section are provided to the Admissions Committee.

Lane Bowman: *if multiple...

Buddha: Ok Thanks

Taylor Hodgkins: Hello everyone!

Buddha: Can I submit another GRE Score after the admission deadline?
Danielle Law: Housing guide:
http://www.indiana.edu/~spea/prospective_students/masters/admitted_students/Housing_Guide.shtml

Danielle Law: Hi Taylor!

Vanessa Snyder: Fantastic! Thanks!

Lane Bowman: In order to be considered for application/merit aid purposes, the test should have been taken before the deadline.

Taylor Hodgkins: I was wondering about financial aid in reference to studying abroad. I noticed that there are some scholarships mentioned on the website but I was wondering if there were many students who received outside fellowships (ex: Boren Fellowship).

Buddha: Understood

Danielle Law: Taylor: we definitely have some students who have been really successful in finding outside funding.

Danielle Law: We also have international engagement fellowships available for students who choose to do their internships abroad. These are awarded based on a competitive process run within SPEA.

Taylor Hodgkins: Also, for the exchange programs, I just wanted to make sure that the tuition rates would remain the same. I was also wondering if the accommodation costs would be paid through Indiana University or if they would be paid to the institution abroad.

Taylor Hodgkins: That's great! I didn't realize that students did their internships abroad.

Danielle Law: Those are great questions; it may vary by program. For exact answers, you would be best served to email Jeff at tmcevill@indiana.edu

Taylor Hodgkins: Okay, thank you so much for answering my questions! I really appreciate it. :)

Danielle Law: I'm happy to introduce you to Jeff via email if you'd like :)

Taylor Hodgkins: That'd be great!

Danielle Law: Of course! If you email me at drlaw@indiana.edu I'll happily set it up!

Taylor Hodgkins: Thank you so much!

Danielle Law: You're welcome :)

sam: Hey, I have to run but thanks so much for the info this evening. I'll be in touch if I have any more questions.

Lane Bowman: You're welcome, Sam!

Danielle Law: Sam, thank you for joining the chat! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything!

Ana: What type of internships abroad have SPEA alumni engaged in?

Danielle Law: Ana--great question! We have some established internship opportunities with NGOs in Uganda and the Seoul Metropolitan Government, but other students have interned everywhere from the European Risk Forum to the United Nations Environment Program.
Ana: Those opportunities sound awesome. Thank you!

Danielle Law: You're welcome!

Yu Song: Do we need to apply for international exchange program during application?

Vanessa Snyder: Thank you for all the information, Lane and Danielle. I appreciate your time and willingness to be here! Goodnight, all!

Danielle Law: Thank you for joining!

Lauren Shaman: How connected are SPEA students outside of the classroom? Do they tend to live together, socialize, etc.?

Megan Siehl: Lauren - we have an incredible student community. They tend to be very connected with one another.

Megan Siehl: Many are roommates.

Megan Siehl: Many join our professional student organizations and plan events together.

Megan Siehl: They work on group projects as part of their coursework and socialize in between classes.

Megan Siehl: And they socialize and have fun too! We have an active Graduate Student Association that not only serves as a representative and advocate for the student but also plans social events like football tailgates, a Halloween party, and an annual Soiree for Service that benefits a local nonprofit.

Lauren Shaman: Incredible--thanks!

Christina Hayhow: Lauren, I was curious about that as well. Megan, that sounds like a great group!

Megan Siehl: They really are a great group. It is great to have them back in the building now that classes have resumed for the spring semester - it was so quiet here without them!

Megan Siehl: Spring semester

Yu Song: Megan, Danielle, and Lane, Thank you so much for sharing these info! It helps a lot! Have a great evening!

Danielle Law: Yu: Thank you! We love getting to chat with you all!

sait sarr: thanks a lot Danielle

Christina Hayhow: Thank you for chatting with us this evening. I will be visiting IU and SPEA on Tuesday, hopefully I will be able to meet each of you!

Megan Siehl: Christina, thank you for joining us tonight! We look forward to meeting you in person on Tuesday!

Megan Siehl: We hope that each of you will be able to visit us when your schedule allows!

Megan Siehl: And as Danielle shared, we are also happy to engage with you via phone, email, and/or Skype if you are not able to visit in person.

Danielle Law: Please let us know of any ways we can help you explore your fit at SPEA!
Kimberly: Thanks will be in touch

Kimberly: Goodnight!

Megan Siehl: Any final questions?

Yihan Wang: Sorry I am checking in late. I am applying for MPA now but I would like to do a conjoint MPA/MSES the second year of my graduate study. I don't meet the prerequisite now but is it possible to take the pre courses during my first year and then apply for the concurrent MPA/MSES after the first year?

Megan Siehl: Yihan - yes, it is possible to add the dual degree after you have started in the program!

Megan Siehl: You can work on your prerequisite coursework in the meantime or even over the summer.

Yihan Wang: Thanks that's great

Yihan Wang: Also, what is the admission rate for the MPA program?

Megan Siehl: We don't have a standard admission rate. We evaluate each candidate's application file comprehensively to make an admission decision...so we do not admit or deny a particular number.

Yihan Wang: Ok that's all my questions. Thank you for your time!

Megan Siehl: Thank you for chatting with us tonight, Yihan!

Yihan Wang: Who may I contact with if I have further questions?

Megan Siehl: Please do not hesitate to contact us at speaapps@indiana.edu or 812-855-2840 with any questions!

Megan Siehl: Thank you all for joining us tonight - we have enjoyed chatting with you and hope that we will get to meet you in person.

Danielle Law: Have a wonderful night!

Megan Siehl: As I said, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time with questions or for more information!

Yihan Wang: Thank you! Good night!