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Dear New First-Year Student:

Welcome to Pomona College! And, more precisely, welcome to the Critical Inquiry Program!

Critical Inquiry—or ID 1—was established in 1986 to help incoming first-year students make the transition to college-level work. Focusing on the development of critical thinking, reading, and writing skills, each ID 1 section is a small, topic-based seminar. ID 1 faculty come from nearly every department on campus and the seminars cover a wide range of diverse topics.

This year's seminar topics range from "Advice about Love" to "Witchcraft in Early American Society" and address such subjects as "American Inequality," "Welcome to Hell: From Deep Sea and Subsurface to Outer Space," "The Look of Modern Life," and "Cultural Psychology." **Full information and enrollment instructions are available on myPomona (<http://my.Pomona.edu>).** Go to the New Student link in the left column listings of your home page.

Read through the complete list of Critical Inquiry seminar descriptions and select the seven seminars that interest you most. In making your selections, consider using your ID 1 experience as an opportunity to explore a subject in which you are interested, but may not have had much previous experience.

Follow the instruction on myPomona or <http://pomona.edu/adwr/Registrar/criticalinquiry.shtml> to download, print, and forward your enrollment form to the Registrar's Office. The Registrar would very much like to assign you to one of your top seminar choices, so please return your enrollment form **no later than July 1**. You will be notified about your seminar assignment when you arrive on campus. Once made, **changes in seminar assignments will not be possible**.

Welcome again! And best wishes for your career at Pomona College!

Sincerely,

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