

Rising Sophomore Presentation: Module #1

The following is the transcript of the Module 1 video of the Rising Sophomore Session.

Slide 1 - Hello! This is Module 1 of the Rising Sophomore Session. This presentation was created for all BBA first-year students who will be sophomores Fall 2020. It was intended to give pertinent information about the CoB admission process, registration for summer/fall/ and COB 300. Please review all three modules so you can be familiarized with COB policies/requirements and help with your transition into sophomore year.

Slide 2 - These rising sophomore sessions are run by the College of Business Madison Advising Peers. We are four students in the College of Business, and I'll start off the presentation. I'm Emily Hoang, a senior studying Computer Information Systems. The rest of the MAPs are Adriana, Tyler, and Elena, some of whom you'll meet later in the following modules!

Slide 3 - This first module will provide a brief academic overview. I will discuss course progression in the CoB, academic requirements, importance of a back-up plan, and mapping out a schedule.

Slide 4 - Here are some tips for you on some College of Business pre-requisites. Depending on where you placed on the math placement exam, it will determine where you start in math. As you can see, if you placed to be in Math 155, you'll need to take that before you take Math 205. For College of Business, you'll need to take Math 205 and COB 191 or something equivalent to take COB 291. It is not suggested that you take both Math 205 and COB 191 together because it'll be very difficult to juggle. For accounting pre-requisites, you'll need to take COB 241 aka financial accounting before you take COB 242 or managerial accounting. Also, COB core classes can only be attempted twice, including if you withdrew from a class. For grade requirements, there are restrictions depending on what your major is. If you're an Accounting major, you'll need a B in COB 241 and COB 242. If you're a Finance major or an International Business major with a Finance Concentration, you'll need a C or better in COB 291 and COB 242. If you're a Finance Major and have a Financial Analysis Concentration, you'll need a B or better in both COB 241 and COB 242. For economic majors, you'll need a C or better in ECON 200 and 201, statistics, and calculus. Withdrawing and retaking specific core courses (COB 191, 202, 204, 241, and 291) will limit your ability to register for the same course the following semester, meaning you will not get to enroll during your enrollment time but at a later time. Make sure to talk to your academic advisor if you are considering withdrawing from a class as it can have serious consequences.

Slide 5 - The best way to see if you're on track is to look at your academic requirements which is in MyMadison under Student Center. The Student Center is where you can change your major, register for classes and view other reports.

Slide 6 - To review your academic requirements, you'll need to expand each section to see individual requirements of each section. Your academic requirements should have a similar format to the one on the screen. But if you view yours right now, you'll probably see a lot of "unsatisfied" because you haven't taken as many classes as this person shown on the screen. That's okay! However, if you haven't seen your academic requirements yet, check. This will be used to see if you can graduate or not. If you see an error, please reach out to your advisor as soon as possible!

Slide 7 - If you don't already know this, you can register for courses if you're looking to fulfill a specific cluster code. When you search for classes, click on "Additional Search Criteria". Where it says, "Course Keyword", go ahead and put in the cluster code. If you click where the circle is shown on the slide, or the parentheses with the example of C1CT, it'll bring you to this list of cluster codes (next slide).

Slide 8 - This might be useful to find the courses to satisfy more efficiently during registration.

Slide 9 - It's important to have backup plans. Some classes can be really difficult, so you need to review each semester schedule carefully. Know what you can handle, know what classes you might have trouble with – so if you're having trouble with math classes, try to avoid taking two math classes in one semester. Also, consider options over the summer for Maymester or at another institution like community college. Ask yourself these questions: you're unable to register for certain classes, would this hinder your progress in the College of Business? Can you take courses over the summer? Plan now.

Slide 10 - When you consider enrolling in classes, schedule your lower-level COB classes FIRST. It would be unfortunate if you pushed off a class because you didn't want a certain professor and then fall behind. Major and minor classes should be priority two. Lastly, schedule your gen-ed courses. Gen-ed courses will always be there. Most gen-ed courses are offered at community colleges or Maymester. Classes taken at a different institution must be equivalent to JMU, so if you decide you want to take courses away from JMU, you must check to see if they are equivalent. Module 2 will discuss this in more detail. Nonetheless, you'll have your four years to spread gen-eds out. However, you only have a few semesters to finish your lower-level COB classes.

Slide 11 - Okay that's it for this module! Please review Module 2 which will discuss registration information including tips, tools, and transfer questions.