

## **Rising Sophomore Session: Module 2**

The following is the transcript of the Module 2 video of the Rising Sophomore Session.

### Slide One:

“Hello everyone and welcome to module two of the rising sophomore session!”

### Slide Two:

“My name is Tyler Zogg, I am currently a senior accounting major and I work in the Academic Success Center as a Madison Advising Peer alongside the professional advisors and the people you see here.”

### Slide Three:

“This video will cover the four main topics you see listed here, some of this may be a review for you, and if you have any questions feel free to email me afterwards.”

### Slide Four:

“All of you have seen this view before. This is the student center and the hub of where your academic information is held. The two main things I want to point out are the Holds and Enrollment Dates sections listed on the right side. You will not be able to enroll in classes if you have a hold on your account. If you do have a hold, you can click on details to determine who you need to contact to get it resolved. Additionally, when you receive an enrollment date, make sure to click the details link to see the specific time you can enroll. This will help you get into the classes that you want most.”

### Slide Five:

“When it comes to the waitlist, it is important to know that there are NO overrides for COB courses. Therefore, it is important that you place yourself on the waitlist for any class that you need if you cannot get into an open section. Do NOT wait for the perfect schedule to open... you do not want to get stuck behind a semester because you waited for the perfect section. Getting on the waitlist also allows academic departments to see which courses need attention. Sometimes an 8am might be your only option.”

### Slide Six:

“A student may repeat any of the courses that he or she has taken during an undergraduate career at JMU except courses originally taken and passed on a credit/no-credit basis. All grades will be included when calculating the student’s grade point average. There are, however, certain exceptions to this rule.

Students may elect to repeat up to courses during their enrollment as an undergraduate student at JMU on a “repeat forgiveness” basis. As a result of the “repeat forgive” option, the university will exclude the previous grade and credit hours earned for the repeated course when it calculates the student’s cumulative GPA and earned credit hours total, regardless of whether the previous grade was higher or lower than the repeat attempt. Both grades will appear on the transcript. The student may either declare the “repeat forgiveness” option at registration or log into MyMadison and edit their courses prior to the end of the course adjustment period. Please review the Registrar website for further information- <https://www.jmu.edu/registrar/students/FAQ.shtml>

### Slide Seven:

“The swap function allows you to simultaneously drop and add a class without the worry of being caught without having a course. For example, if you find an open section that you’d rather be in, you can swap your current section for the new one and the swap feature will drop and add those sections for you.”

### Slide Eight:

“The drop function is a simpler tool, simply select the class and select the “Drop selected class” button. The main focus here is to double check you have only selected the courses you wish to drop”

### Slide Nine:

“This tool was developed as a guide to use if you’re wondering if you can get from class to class in 15 minutes.” I have found over the years it is very accurate so be mindful of location when you pick and choose your class times.”

### Slide Ten:

“Transfer credit can be complicated, but here are a few general rules for you to be mindful of: only nine credits will transfer back for general education courses. Only one is allowed in cluster one. Cluster 4 – the American experience can only be taken at JMU. If you click on the link above,

you can view a list of courses that are equivalent to JMU.” This can be used to see which general education courses are equivalent to ones at JMU.

“In terms of the BBA core, only ECON200, ECON201, Calculus, or Statistics can be taken at a two-year community college. All other BBA Core Courses must be taken at a 4-year AACSB institution (e.g. George Mason) If you are considering this option, please email your advisor to review your course of action. You must complete the Transfer Credit Approval form for any course you plan to take outside of JMU, this form can be found online.”

Slide Eleven:

“A few additional points regarding transfer credit: only the credit, not the grade transfers back to JMU (i.e. you cannot raise your COB GPA by taking classes outside of JMU) Also, you must receive a C or higher for the credit to transfer back. You must also have your OFFICIAL transcript forwarded back to the registrar as proof of your transfer credit.”

Slide Twelve:

“That concludes module #2 of the rising sophomore session. Like I said earlier, feel free to send me an email to [cobasc@jmu.edu](mailto:cobasc@jmu.edu) with any further questions you may have. The next module will discuss COB300, the Antwerp Program, and who you can contact if you have further questions.”