

### **Rising Sophomore Session: Module 3**

The following is the transcript of the Module 3 video of the Rising Sophomore Session.

Slide 1 – Hello everyone, welcome to module 3 of the rising sophomore session.

Slide 2 – My name is Elena and I'm a junior marketing major. The other Madison Advising Peers whom you heard in the other modules and have likely seen around Showker are Adriana, Emily, and Tyler. We're here to help you navigate your way through the College of Business as you progress through your classes.

Slide 3 - This module will go over the BBA Core Calculator, COB 300, COB 300 in Antwerp, and the COB Academic Success Center Directory.

Slide 4 - This is the BBA Core Calculator. You can find it online if you google JMU COB BBA 8-core calculator. It's a spreadsheet that you will be able to download and fill in. You need a 2.7 GPA or above in your BBA core classes, so it's important to use this to see what you have and what you need to get in your remaining classes to make sure you're on track. As you can see, your calculus classes do not count toward your core gpa, and neither does COB 242. When you use the calculator, all you need to do is enter the letter grade you received in the class and the spreadsheet will do the rest. Be sure to enter in a + or – if you received those. The calculator will calculate + and – grades. Also, if you have repeated a course, enter the second grade in the column of the repeat option you used.

Slide 5 – COB 300 is the first set of courses you will take once you are accepted into the College of Business. It is worth 12 credits and consists of four classes. The classes are finance, operations, marketing, and management. You will take all four of these classes with the same people and will be assigned a group that you will work with in each class and outside of class to complete a business plan, while going more in depth in each topic. COB 300 is typically offered at JMU in both the Fall and Spring semesters. Typically, Antwerp is offered in the Spring, Fall, and Summer.

Slide 6 – Completing your COB 300 coursework in Antwerp is an amazing experience. Each semester around 30 students study abroad in Antwerp, Belgium at the University of Antwerp. Along with the four classes you will take for COB

300, you will also take COB 301, European Business, which will earn you a concentration in European Business. All your classes will be taught by Belgian professors and you will live with your fellow JMU classmates in an apartment just a 5-minute walk away from class. You can travel whenever you don't have class, which is usually just on regular weekends, but you will have a few long weekends to travel as well. In addition, you will take at least one week-long trip with your classmates and resident JMU faculty member to another country or countries in Europe. Most weeks there will be one day where you get to go on a field trip to a new Belgian city or landmark with your class and professor for more experiential learning. You will not complete a business plan if you go on the Antwerp program, but instead will be tasked with completing other similar group projects. The application deadline for Summer and Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 is November 1<sup>st</sup> 2020. COB 300 in Antwerp is an exciting opportunity I suggest that you strongly should consider and investigate further in the coming months.

Slide 7 - As you can see, this is the academic success center directory. These include your major advisors that you can email and schedule appointments with throughout your academic career. They are great resources that are here to help you succeed.

Slide 8 - What I'd like you to do know with the information you've gotten in these 3 modules is to map out your schedule for the next 2 or 3 semesters, up until you plan to take COB 300. Use the academic requirements section in MyMadison that was shown in the previous module and the BBA core calculator we talked about in this module to plan out what classes you are going to take when. Fill in your BBA core classes first and then fill in gen-eds and electives next. Remember there are some classes you must take before others, like 191 before 291. Make sure this is reflected in your schedule plan. If you have any questions about this, please reach out to one of your College of Business Madison Advising Peers or advisers to get help. You can set up a meeting with us or email us at [cobasc@jmu.edu](mailto:cobasc@jmu.edu).

Slide 9 – Registration is coming up and it's important to stick to the plan you've made for yourself. Often, online reviews can get in the way of this. If the only teachers offered that semester are ones who you've read about online with unpleasant reviews, just remember, the only people posting online are the students who have very strong opinions about the professor. Every professor at JMU is qualified to be here and you will get a good education no matter who teaches the class. If you are really concerned about a professor's teaching style, feel free to

email the professors for that course and ask them personally about their teaching styles to get unbiased, truthful information.

Slide 10 – Again if you have any questions, no matter how small, please feel free to reach out to us. Thanks for listening to these modules. We hope you have learned a lot!