Yes, academic advising does matter; in fact, it can be absolutely transformative. Advisors are here to help you uncover your talents and develop them into strengths so you can be authentic in your selection of a major and professional direction. We will challenge you to explore new horizons, engage in deep learning, and navigate your own unique path to success. We also know that unexpected life events happen – so turn to your advisor if things get overwhelming. We care, and will listen. We will also help you to problem-solve and connect you to the right resources so you can get back on track. Lastly, know that what matters most to academic advisors is…you.

REMEMBER THESE DATES!
Due to considerations related to Covid-19, these dates are subject to change. Check umb.edu/registrar for updated information.

Tuesday, September 8
Classes begin for most courses*
Review your class schedule and check it very carefully for accuracy. Remember—you are expected to attend all scheduled classes. If you are waitlisted for courses, be sure to attend them, too, so you don’t fall behind. If a space opens up in the class, the university will notify you by email, so check your UMass Boston email frequently. A professor may also give you a permission number allowing you to register for a course on WISER. (For access to WISER, see instructions on the other side of this sheet.)

Tuesday, September 15
Add-drop deadline*
If you need to add or drop courses, this is your last chance! After this date, you will be academically and financially responsible for the courses in which you are enrolled. Will you have enough time to study? Plan to study two to three hours for every hour spent in class. Develop an effective system for managing your time. Assess the difficulty level of your courses. Visit Academic Support for subject tutoring or help with writing.

Monday, October 5
Get ready to register for next semester
Registration for Spring 2021 is quickly approaching. In order to register as soon as your enrollment appointment begins, you will need to take care of any administrative obligations or “holds” on WISER, such as submitting your immunization paperwork to Health Services or paying your bill.

You will also need to meet with your academic advisor to remove your advising hold. Please make an appointment, and remember to print a copy of your degree audit, read it carefully, and bring it to your advising session. Once all of your holds are removed, you may enroll in your courses.

During the month of October, you may receive an Early Alert mid-term grade from one or more of your professors. Check WISER to see if you have an Early Alert grade and work with your professor and your advisor if you have questions.

Monday, November 2
Spring 2021 Registration Begins
Check WISER to find out when your enrollment appointment begins. The earlier you register, the more likely you are to get into your first-choice courses. Visit the “toolbox” section of our website for helpful ways to search for general education courses (www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/uac/toolbox).

Monday, December 7
Pass-Fail deadline
This is the last day to take a course as pass-fail. Consult with your advisor and professor if you are considering this option. Begin to develop a study plan for your final examinations.

Monday, December 14
Course withdrawal deadline
This is the last day to withdraw from a course. Consult with your advisor and professor if you are considering this option. This is also the last day of classes and the deadline to withdraw from the university.

*Excludes courses offered through the College of Advancing and Professional Studies (CAPS). Speak with an advisor or refer to www.umb.edu/academics/caps for more information.

Visit the Registrar’s Office website for the complete academic calendar: www.umb.edu/registrar/academic_calendar
EARLY ALERTS
Mid-term Progress Notification

An Early Alert is a type of mid-term grade that is being submitted in WISER in some courses.

The possible alerts you could receive are:
Green = Satisfactory
Yellow = Caution
Red = In danger of failing

If you receive a green alert, keep up the good work!
If you receive a yellow or red early alert, work closely with your advisor and your professor(s) to evaluate your plan and to connect with resources such as tutoring and/or supplemental instruction.

WISER:
Access to the Degree Audit Report

1. Log-on to WISER and in the mobile view, click on ‘Boston Degree Audit.’ Sign into the degree audit system.
2. You may select ‘run current programs’ for your current major, or open the ‘run a what-if program’ menu and select a different major/minor to run a ‘what-if’ audit, allowing you to see requirements for an different major, second major, or minor.
3. Click the blue button near the bottom of the screen to ‘run declared programs’ or ‘run different program’, depending on whether you are running a ‘what-if’ audit or not.
4. You will see a list of completed degree audit reports. Select ‘view audit’ to view the audit you just generated. You may also access your transfer credit evaluation from this screen.

Academic Support Programs
Writing, math, and subject tutoring; academic skills workshops (time management, note taking, test preparation, etc.); ESL Center; critical reading/writing courses
Campus Center, 1-1300 | 617.287.6550
www.umb.edu/academicsupport

Office of Undergraduate Studies
Information and resources for General Education requirements and the Writing Proficiency Requirement
Campus Center, 1-1300 | 617.287.6330
www.umb.edu/us

Ross Center for Disability Services
Testing accommodations, interpreter services, assistive technology, note-taker services, disability parking, and other services and accommodations for eligible students
Campus Center, Upper Level, 211 | 617.287.7430
www.umb.edu/disability

Counseling Center
Individual and group counseling; improving academic performance; balancing school, work, and personal life; coping with anxiety or depression; working through grief; and dealing with relationship difficulties
Quinn, 2nd floor, 039 | 617.287.5690
www.umb.edu/healthservices/counseling_center

WISER:
Information for Transfer Students

For transfer students, your Transfer Credit Evaluation can be found at step 4 above. Before selecting the degree progress report, select the “transfer evaluation” tab in the top menu. This evaluation includes courses that have been accepted, not accepted, or are pending review by the Admissions Office. Courses completed during the previous semester may not yet have been added to your transfer credit evaluation; make sure to request a final transcript from your previous college.

As a general rule, avoid registering for courses that closely resemble ones you have already completed, as you risk losing the transfer credit. This is especially true of courses offered in a sequence, such as math or science. For example, if you register for a UMass Boston math class at or below the level of a course you have transferred in, you will lose your math transfer credits.

If you find that “faculty review” is listed next to one or more courses, please visit the Admissions Office for further evaluation. You will need to complete a “Faculty Review/Transfer Credit Petition Form” and include a course description. The Admissions Office, in collaboration with the appropriate academic department, will then evaluate the course and determine how it will count toward your requirements—as an elective, a general education course, or a course in your major. Some courses may not be accepted.

If you have transferred in 8000-numbered courses, you are receiving elective credit. These courses may fulfill general education distributions or elective credit toward the 120 credits required for graduation. If you believe an elective course should fulfill a major or general education requirement, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to complete a Transfer Credit Petition Form. A course description is required for review.

Office of Career Services and Internships
Career planning, counseling, seminars, Focus 2 (a career-exploration inventory), internship opportunities, job search resources, graduate school, assistance choosing a major
Campus Center, 1-1300 | 617.287.5519
www.umb.edu/careers

One Stop
Walk-in assistance with registration, billing, and financial aid issues, including interpreting your financial aid award letter; financial aid assistance; student account inquiries; tuition payments; registration information; records information; add/ drop processes.
Campus Center, Upper Level, 120
www.umb.edu/campus_center/services/one_stop/

MyGPA — University Advising Center’s GPA Calculator
» Need an easy way to calculate your GPA?
» What grades do you need to reach your goal GPA?
» How will repeating a course affect your GPA?
Let the University Advising Center’s MyGPA calculator do the work for you! www.pcesp.umb.edu/gpa/gpa.php

Your Advisor
Check your WISER Student Center page to see your assigned academic advisor who you will need to meet once a semester for course enrollment advice and whenever you may need additional assistance. Call the University Advising Center if you need help connecting with your advisor. www.umb.edu/uac