Welcome to UMass Boston! Academic advisors are here to offer support, guidance, and resources to help you develop your educational path. We will connect you to programs that match your academic and career interests and inform you of enrichment opportunities that will maximize your success.

Students with declared majors are advised in their college. Please see your WISER Student Services Center page for the name of your advisor. The University Advising Center advises the following groups of students: undeclared majors in the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) and the College of Science and Mathematics (CSM), and students with fewer than 60 credits in the College of Management (CM). Please read your degree progress report frequently and seek advising at least once a semester to discuss your academic plans or explore solutions to any problems you may be experiencing.

REMEMBER THESE DATES!

**Tuesday September 5:**
*Classes begin for most courses*
Print out a copy of 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 12:**
*Add-drop deadline*
If you need to add or drop courses, this is your last chance! 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, and 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.

**Tuesday October 10:**
*Get ready to register for next semester*
Registration for winter and spring 2018 is quickly approaching. In order to register as soon as your enrollment period begins, you will need to take care of any administrative obligations that would generate a “hold” on WISER and may prevent course registration. Holds may also appear on your WISER record as a reminder to pay your tuition or submit your immunization paperwork to Health Services. You will likely have an advising hold, so remember to print out 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.

**Monday November 6:**
*Winter and spring 2018 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 our website “toolbox” section for helpful ways to search for general education courses (www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/uac/toolbox/).

**Wednesday November 22:**
*Pass/Fail and course withdrawal deadline*
This is the last day to withdraw from a course or take it pass/fail. Consult with your advisor and professor if you are considering these options. Begin to develop a study plan for your final examinations.

**Wednesday December 13:**
*Last day of classes and deadline to withdraw from the university*

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

Visit the Registrar’s Office website for the complete academic calendar: www.umb.edu/registrar/academic_calendar/
WISER: 
First-time access to create your new password

1. Go to the UMass Boston homepage: www.umb.edu
2. Click the WISER link on the top of the page
3. Choose the Student Log-in link
4. Enter your campus email user ID (only the part before @ sign)
5. Enter your initial password. Your password will be in the following format: First letter of your last name (uppercase), second letter of your last name (lowercase), and your date of birth in this format: Your day of birth in two digits, the first three letters of your month of birth, beginning with a capital letter, and the last two digits of your year of birth. You must include the hyphens as shown in this example: Sandy Beach, born Feb.1, 1990, may have an email address of: sandy.beach001@umb.edu, and an initial password of: Be01-Feb-90
6. You will now change this initial password; follow the rules as outlined on the Change Password screen

WISER: 
Access to the Degree Progress Report

1. Log-on to WISER
2. On the left-hand menu, click the link “Classic View”
3. Under Student Center, click “Boston Degree Audit”
4. Sign in to the degree audit system
5. 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. (This allows you to select a different major.) You may also use this feature to run an audit for a second major or minor.
6. Click on the blue button near the bottom of the screen titled “View Audit.” Make sure to select the audit that you created with today’s date and time. You may also access your transfer credit evaluation from this screen; see below.
7. You will see a list of completed degree audit reports. Select “View Audit.” Make sure to select the audit that you created with today’s date and time. You may also access your transfer credit evaluation from this screen; see below.
8. Click “Download PDF Audit”

WISER: 
Information for Transfer Students

For transfer students, your Transfer Credit Evaluation can be found at step 7 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. Please make a list of these courses and try to get a sense of how they may count toward your degree requirements.

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.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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 to eligible students
Campus Center, Upper Level, 211 | 617.287.7430
www.umb.edu/disability

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

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

Counseling Center
Individual 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

One Stop Center
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/