Welcome Parents and Families!

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Academic Structures

- Student Success, University-wide
- Colleges/Schools
  - Academic Deans
  - Student Success personnel
  - Exploratory Advisors
- Departments/Majors
  - Chief Undergraduate Advisors
  - Academic Advisors
Transition to UMass – It Will be a Journey

• Academics

• Campus life at a large university

• Growth and change: college challenges assumptions about yourself
Graduation Requirements

• 120 credits:
  – Average of 15 credits x 8 semesters; options

• General Education Courses
  – Massachusetts transfer block

• College Requirements

• Major Requirements
Student Success

Time Management & Study Skills

Wellness

Seek support: it’s a skill, too!

- Tutoring
- Teaching Assistants
- Office Hours
Where to get support: Advisors

• Students meet with academic advisor to discuss requirements, progress toward degree, transfer credits, and more.

• Career Advisors in each College; plus Central Career Services

• Commonwealth Honors College

• Athletics academic counselors

• Pre-Health and Pre-Law
Where to get support

- W.E.B. Du Bois Library
  - Learning Commons
  - Writing Center
  - Learning Resource Center
- CCPH (Center for Counseling and Psychological Health)
- Disability Services
Additional Opportunities

- Education Abroad Programs
- Domestic Exchange
- Five College Interchange
- Civic Engagement & Service Learning
Reinforce with your students…

• Attend class!!

• 7+ hours sleep

• Use the syllabus (online Moodle)

• Get involved
  – Engagement is linked to success

• Work with mentors and peer leaders
  – Get to know faculty
More tips advisors emphasize

• Read student email! @UMass.edu

• Strive for independence, develop agency
  – Keep track of homework assignments, due dates, test dates
  – Seek help when needed
  – Go. To. Class. – can’t learn if they’re not in class
Academic Standing and intervention

– Academic Warning
– Probation
– Suspension
– Dismissal
Family Education and Right to Privacy Act (FERPA)

- What university personnel can and cannot say.
Let’s talk….

• Any additional questions?