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PRE-BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION TRACK

Program Description

Explorations Pre-Business Administration is a specialized two-semester, pre-business track in UMaine's nationally recognized Explorations program, a unique one-year program for first-year students who are undecided about a major. Students admitted into Explorations Pre-Business Administration take a set of specific courses in their first semester, designed to prepare them to transfer into one of the four academic majors offered by the Maine Business School: management, marketing, finance or accounting. A concentration in international business is also available. It is a unique opportunity for students to work closely with an academic adviser and other professionals on campus who will guide them through their first year of coursework while they are taking appropriate courses and earning the necessary grade point average (GPA) to move into their chosen major in the Maine Business School.

Specialized Information

Moving from the Explorations Pre-Business Administration track into one of UMaine's business majors is as easy as taking the right courses and earning a 2.0 GPA. Some students are able to move into the Maine Business School after only one semester as an Explorations pre-business student. Admission directly in to the Maine Business School is competitive and requires students to present a highly qualified portfolio of academic work (including strong grades in both English and mathematics) and strong performance on standardized tests (SAT or ACT). Experience has shown us that some students, who do not meet the requirement for admission directly into the Maine Business School, are well-qualified for admission to the university. These students are often able to earn the 2.0 cumulative GPA necessary to transfer into a business major after one or two semesters of focused college-level coursework. Or they may discover that they have an interest in another area of study offered at UMaine.

The Explorations Pre-Business track was created to provide those students with a clear path to transfer into a business major at UMaine. By taking the courses specified in the first semester of the Explorations Pre-Business Administration curriculum (generally the Explorations seminar, english, mathematics, introduction to business and two general education courses) and earning a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher, the student will be able to move directly into a major offered by the Maine Business School after their first semester. If the student does not earn a 2.0 or better at the end of the first semester, he or she will remain in the Explorations Pre-Business Administration track for an second semester, taking additional coursework and working closely with his or her Explorations adviser to validate his or her interest in business while attempting to earn the required cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. Students earning a 2.0 or higher will have the option at any time to move into the many liberal arts and science majors at UMaine (including the economics and economic finance majors offered by the School of Economics). Students are encouraged to move to an appropriate academic major by the end of their second semester.

Coursework and Advising

First-year students in the Explorations Pre-Business Administration track develop a professional relationship with their academic advisor prior to the first day of school. Through email and phone conversations, students are contacted as the class schedule for the first semester is negotiated. Students enrolled in the Explorations program are required to take a first-year seminar taught by

Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

4 English
2 Algebra I and II
1 Geometry
2 Lab Science (including biology)
2 History/Social Studies
2 Foreign Language (same language or two years of American Sign Language)

Academic electives (to equal at least 17 credits)

To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.

their academic adviser. This seminar meets once a week for 50 minutes. Students must pass the seminar as an entrance requirement to their chosen major. Students in Explorations Pre-Business Administration may be invited to participate in the Honors College. Explorations students select from the same college courses taken by other degree students at the university. The courses they take will be used to complete Maine Business School requirements, satisfy prerequisites or meet general education requirements that are required of all UMaine students. Credits taken successfully in the Explorations Program will transfer to any UMaine college or program.