

Enhancing Your Education with the Charlton College of Business

In addition to the comprehensive curriculum of the seven academic majors in the College of Business at UMASS Dartmouth, there are additional opportunities that each student should seriously consider that will add value to his/her overall education and degree. They include: selecting a minor course of study; participating in a student club or organization; participating in an internship experience; and studying abroad during a summer, semester, or academic year.

SELECT A MINOR COURSE OF STUDY

A student in the College of Business may select a minor course of study from within the College of Business (such as Marketing, Accounting, etc.), or from outside the College of Business (such as Sociology, History, Economics, etc.), or both. Generally, a minor can be officially declared when a student has completed at least 54 credit hours and has an overall grade point average of 2.5. Early consideration of a minor is very important because a student can greatly minimize the necessity of taking extra courses by advance planning with an academic advisor.

- Selecting a non-business minor:
Generally, a minor consists of 6, 7, or 8 specifically identified courses. Five of those courses can also fulfill the non-business electives in the student's major course of study, thus reducing the remaining courses in the minor to a very manageable number. Furthermore, by specifically selecting a required course for the minor that also satisfies a General Education elective course during the Freshman and Sophomore years, a student can almost eliminate the need to take any additional courses and thus complete their major and a minor within the overall 120 credit hours.
- Selecting a business minor:
A business minor can complement and supplement a student's major in the College of Business. For example: a Marketing major with a minor in Human Resources Mgt., or an Accounting major with a minor in Management Information Systems. A student may need to take anywhere from no additional courses to upwards of three additional courses depending on the combination of the major and minor selected. Planning in advance is very important when selecting courses that satisfy the minor course requirements while also fulfilling the business elective courses available in the student's major.

PARTICIPATE IN A STUDENT CLUB OR ORGANIZATION

There approximately eight clubs and student organizations in the Charlton College of Business which provide opportunities to meet professionals in the student's area of study, engage in lively discussions, and create a network of valuable contacts. Some of the clubs and organizations include: Accounting Club, Millennium Advertising, Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), International Business Association, etc.

PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Practical experience, relevant to the student's major, will certainly enhance classroom knowledge and potentially improve the student's prospect of future employment. The Internship program at the Charlton College of Business is structured, supervised and the equivalent of a 3-credit course. It is an optional program, offered to students in their Junior and Senior years, and more information is available from the Internship Coordinator, or by visiting <http://www.umassd.edu/crc/internships/businesspolicy.cfm>.

STUDY ABROAD

Exciting opportunities await students who want to experience living and learning abroad. The Office of International and Exchange Study Programs in conjunction with the Charlton College of Business, encourages, supports and assists students in arranging a summer, semester, or academic year abroad at a 4-year college or university where college credits can be earned toward the student's degree requirements. Planning early for this experience is very important.