



STUDENT CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

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Capstone Course Registration

Capstone courses is typically taken during the last semester of the program and can only be taken after completion of all common core courses on the student's study plan. An application and approval is required before a student may register for ACCT8965, ECON4900, MGMT4900, MGMT8900, MIS8979, MIS8989, and MIS8999. Download the form in the myGSU portal or contact your advisor if you have questions.

Introducing our NEW COB Academic Advisors

Kerri O'Shea received her M.A. in School Guidance and Counseling from Lewis University in 2007 and has held a number of counseling and advising positions in secondary and post-secondary education, allowing her to gain valuable experience in administration, recruitment, career services, collegiate athletics, cooperative education, and community outreach. Previously, Kerri was a Women's Athletic Coordinator and Head Softball Coach at Joliet Junior College. Her passion is to provide direction and motivation, as well as to create guided pathways for students and encourage them to utilize resources for lifelong learning and academic success. She strongly encourages everyone to set an appointment with her each semester through GSU STAR. Kerri is the undergraduate academic advisor for Business Administration (last names A-L) and Accounting (last names M-Z).

Ivan Soto is originally from New Jersey where he earned a bachelor's degree in History from Rowan University. During his junior year, he participated in the Semester Abroad program at Rowan and became a student ambassador at Portsmouth University, in the Southern part of England, and traveled around Western Europe to France, Italy, Spain and Holland. After completing his degree, he accepted a position at a language institute in Taegu, South Korea where he facilitated conversational English for students and professionals of all ages. Ivan has served as an Academic Advisor at Prairie State College for four years, while completing a master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus on social foundations of education at DePaul University, and graduate work in school counseling at Lewis University. Prior to arriving to GSU, he was the Assistant Director for the E.O.F program at Rowan University, advising and recruited first generation college students. He looks forward to working with all students, building relationships, and providing support for each student with their personal academic journey. Ivan is the undergraduate advisor for the Economics, Manufacturing Management, Business and Applied Science and Business Administration (last names M-Z).



Assurance of Learning

The College of Business at GSU maintains an ongoing systematic assessment process of continuous improvement in which student work, in both undergraduate and graduate programs, is evaluated to determine the extent to which student-learning outcomes have been met in each program. Students play an important role in this well-documented process that is focused on improving the academic experience of our students. Assessment results of COB's Assurance of Learning (AOL) process can be found on our web page at www.govst.edu/AOL/.



COB Student Organizations

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the many clubs and organizations that exist at Governors State University. These clubs provide students with the opportunity to meet others with the same majors or special interests.



Internships for Academic Credit!

The value of a solid internship offers many benefits: work experience, on-the-job training, networking, professional contacts, a plus on your resume, and maybe even a job offer. Internships are career-based learning experiences that involve a “real world” work environment and standard workplace expectations.

The NEW Career and Internships web page (<http://www.govst.edu/cob-internships/>) provides the information and tools you need to start the process. You will find the COB Internship Guide, a “how to” locate an internship, tips on interviewing, appropriate dress, networking, resume examples, and student success stories.

To apply for an internship, follow the steps on the Career and Internships page. The Internship Form is located in the COB Student Handbook or download the form: <http://www.govst.edu/COB-Intern-Form/>

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES FOR SPRING 2020

Martin Luther King Holiday-GSU Closed
Monday, January 20th

Spring 2020 Term Begins
Tuesday, January 21st

Spring and Summer Graduation Applications Due
Friday, February 7th

President's Day Holiday-GSU Closed
Monday, February 17th

Spring Break (no classes)
Monday, March 9-15

Summer 2020 Registration Begins
Monday, March 16th

Fall 2020 Registration Begins
Monday, April 13th

Spring Term Ends
Monday, May 11th

2020 Commencement
Saturday, May 16th

Summer 2020 Term Begins
May 18th