



## College of Science & Mathematics Student Success Center

### New Student Advising and Registration

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Welcome to the College of Science & Mathematics at UMass Boston! All new students are asked to do the following to best prepare for their New Student Orientation Advising & Registration session:

1. **Claim your umb.edu email and set up the multi-factor authenticator app** before your orientation session. You will need both to register!
2. **Complete the ALEKS Math Placement.** Unless you are transferring in the equivalent of Calculus I, you need to take ALEKS, at least once, if not twice. **Skipping this step will likely delay your enrollment.** A strong math foundation is particularly important for STEM students. [Make smart decisions about your choice of a math course, and learn how to take the ALEKS Math Placement Test.](#)
3. **Read your Audit in advance.** [Watch this helpful video](#) to become more familiar with your Degree Audit. Your SSC Advisor is always happy to help you understand your audit and degree requirements.
4. **Learn how to search for courses.** Learn how to search and enroll in your Fall 2024 courses. [Please watch this video to help guide you.](#)
5. **Review sample graduation plans to learn how you can start and stay on track.** [Select your sample graduation plan here](#) .
6. **Please refer to our [Advanced Placement Credit Policy Chart](#)** to determine the equivalent UMass Boston courses. In many cases, students choose to forfeit their STEM AP course credits in order to complete the course in their first semester and thus solidify their foundational knowledge in the subject. This is especially necessary if a course is serving as a prerequisite for the next course in the sequence such as; Calculus I preparing students for Calculus II, or Biology 111 preparing students for Biology 112. Please speak to your SSC advisor to explore the option of forfeiting your AP credit, or to assess if keeping the AP course credit is a better option for you.