

August 12, 2020

Dear Students,

Greetings from the Questrom School of Business MBA Center! We are very excited to officially welcome you to the Full-Time MBA Program this next Monday.

As you prepare to join us next week, we want to walk you through how to participate in LAUNCH and your MBA community, as well as address some of the lingering questions your class has raised about your early days here at Questrom. Please take a thorough read of this long-but-important email, and visit the referenced resources.

Please note that this is your final email to your personal email account; we will be using your **BU email address** to communicate with you going forward.

FULL-TIME MBA LAUNCH

Schedule

Going forward, please use your *Full-Time MBA Class of 2022 Pre-Work and LAUNCH* course on [QuestromTools](#) to find the LAUNCH schedule, asynchronous assignments, Zoom links, and recordings.

The 'Launch Schedule' menu item holds both your full-LAUNCH master schedule, as well as day-by-day details. You can expect the detailed schedule and Zoom links for each day to be made visible at least two days in advance. The times listed on the master schedule for required sessions are final at this time.

The 'LAUNCH Announcements' section is where we will post most announcements to the class during LAUNCH. You may additionally receive direct emails to your BU email account.

Day 1 Preparation

In order for us to make the most of our time together during LAUNCH, please complete some asynchronous assignments before Monday. Feel free to get started on asynchronous assignments for Monday and Tuesday, as well.

- Set up your Zoom login to meet Questrom requirements
- Watch ES735 Teaming video (*ES721 has been renamed ES735)
- Review the CauseEDU case materials and connect with your [case competition team](#) (and learn your program cohort!)

MG730 and ES730 Changes

MG730 Ethics, Part 1 and ES730 Leadership Communications are required, graded components of your curriculum. MG730 will meet in full during LAUNCH, while ES730 will start during LAUNCH and continue through Mod 1. There have been some positive changes to the timing of these courses during LAUNCH.

- MG730 will meet August 26-28 from 8:00AM-4:00PM (formerly 9:00AM-5:00PM). If you are an international student with significant time zones challenges, you should reach out to your instructor directly about accommodations.

- ES730 will meet on August 31 from 8:00AM-11:30AM. Your assigned instructors will be reaching out with instructions about class.

FALL COURSE SCHEDULE

Thank you for your patience and cooperation with the last-minute changes to and communications about your Mod 1 schedule. The changing influence of Covid-19 has required agility and flexibility from Questrom faculty and students alike, and, as shared in [Dean Bickart's email last week](#), this has resulted in last-minute changes to your Mod 1 schedule.

Registration Updates

You have not yet been officially added on the StudentLink to most of your first-semester classes, including ES735, ES730, ES723, AC710, PL727, and QM716.

- Faculty will still be reaching out about these courses.
- You will be registered to course sections according to your cohort. The one exception is MG730; for this course, cohorts have been split in half and assigned to one of two sections.
- You have temporarily been added to "SM499 Temp Credit" as a placeholder for these classes. This is not a real class; instead, it allowed us to register you full-time so that you could settle your student account.

Cohort Calendars

Because the first-year curriculum and schedule is so unique, we develop Google calendars for each cohort to keep track of when you have class and major deliverables due. We will be sharing these calendars with each cohort next week, once all recent schedule changes are accounted for.

Mod 1 Structure and Concerns

We encourage you to refer back to Professor Bickart's email, linked above. Mod 1 begins on September 2. Monday-Saturday, classes will be held between 8AM-12:30PM, with some 100% remote-lectures on T/TH afternoons. Discussion sections and any LfA classes will be limited to Monday-Friday. Asynchronous lectures will, by nature, already be recorded, and 100% remote lectures on T/TH afternoons and Saturdays will additionally be recorded. The following information is additionally from your Mod 1 core faculty:

- Regarding the three Saturdays with morning class sessions, students are encouraged to attend but will have flexibility about whether to attend live or to watch class recordings later. On the other Saturdays there will be exams but no asynchronous material.
- Faculty are mindful of the fact that some students will be attending religious services and observing religious holidays (including the Jewish high holidays), and will make alternative arrangements with those students. Students are encouraged to contact their professor.
- To specifically help with your personal planning for the coming weeks:
 - Mod 1 exams will be held in the morning of the following days: Sat 9/19(QM); Mon 9/21(PL); Sat 9/26(AC); Fri 10/10(QM); Tue 10/13(PL) and Wed 10/14(AC).
 - You will be working on your Mod 1 integrated team project (the IP) throughout the Mod, but particularly during the week of October 15-21.

- Once available, your cohort calendars will show even more specifically when your cohort will meet for class; in the meantime, students are requested to block off mornings and T/TH afternoons accordingly. Even when you are not in class, the time will be well spent with studying, team group work, and commuting!

COHORTS AND COMMUNITY

WhatsApp Cohort Groups

The student organization Cohort Cup recommends creating WhatsApp groups specifically for your cohort (Arlington, Beacon, Congress). You are encouraged to work together to do this!

Questrom 2022 Slack Workspace

Your peers have created a [student-run](#) Slack workspace! Here you can engage with the class on the whole, as well as find more specific groups – Bostonites, Boston Housing, Entertainment Lovers, Personal Growth, Questrom Gamers, career-oriented groups, and more. [You're invited to check it out!](#)

Questrom Common Access

The Questrom Common is the official graduate community platform for Questrom. It's where you'll engage with clubs and the Questrom calendar, RSVP for events, post announcements, and receive important program emails. This next week, please watch for an important invitation to log in for the first time and set up the app on your phone.

LFA AND COVID-19 REMINDERS

As we welcome you to campus this Fall, please stay informed with Learn *from* Anywhere and Covid-19 Information from these sources, which will update as changes to travel regulations, university facilities, testing, and more are made.

- [Back2BU](#)
- [Back2BU Graduate Student Guide](#)
- [Back2Questrom](#)
- [ISSO FAQ During Covid-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Mass Gov Covid-19 Updates and Information](#)
- [BU Student Permits - Parking, MBTA, Biking](#)
 - Student Parking is available at a somewhat reduced rate this semester due to the pandemic; however, the nearest student parking garage to the Hariri building remains 0.9 miles away.

LINGERING TO-DO ITEMS:

Terrier Card ID Photo

If you have not already, [please upload a photo](#) for your Terrier Card ID. This is important for on-campus and remote students alike.

Settle Your Student Account

Now that you have been registered for a full-time course load, you may [settle your semester bill](#). Student Accounting Services has more information on how to do this through the StudentLink. The due date is September 16.

Student Health Services

[Student Health Services](#) is the office that oversees both student immunization compliance as well as the Student Health Insurance Plan. They are adapting to Covid-19 -influenced requests, but their procedures and deadlines have not formally been affected in any way.

- [Immunization Compliance](#): By law, students must comply with immunization requirements. Non-compliance interferes with course registration, among other things, and this would first affect you going into Spring semester registration (which occurs mid-Fall). There is typically a 7-day grace period after the standard start of the semester (September 2). If you require a longer grace period or are currently outside of the country, please reach out to Student Health Services directly.
- [Student Health Insurance Plan](#) (SHIP): As a full-time student, you are automatically enrolled in SHIP. If you either a) would like to add dependent coverage for a family member, or b) are eligible to waive SHIP due to having required coverage in the state or country in which you are residing, you refer to the SHIP website and work with SHS and Student Accounting Services to make required changes to your enrollment. The open enrollment period for SHIP runs through September 20, 2020. If you have a qualifying life event (which may include moving to Boston mid-semester) and want to request insurance coverage mid-semester, please contact Student Accounting (insmed@bu.edu).
- [Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training](#): As part of the incoming student health requirements, students must complete a Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training by October 15. Student Health Services manages communications about this training, including the initial email with an invitation to complete it.

IN CONCLUSION

Your advisor (Cohort Arlington: Sally Jackson; Cohorts Beacon and Congress: Danielle Gautier) will be reaching out next week with your cohort calendars and other pertinent information.

In the meantime, remember that you are invited to the optional and casual [Games with Professors](#) event tonight, August 12, from 5:00PM-6:30PM EDT! Beyond that, the MBA Center and your Questrom faculty look forward to seeing you at 8:30AM on Monday for Welcome Remarks and the LAUNCH of your MBA experience!

Best,

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