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Greetings!

As you may be aware, the College of Management is in the process of academic restructuring, changing all of our concentrations to stand-alone majors. This is an exciting evolution in the College with many benefits including increased visibility among employers; an email was sent from the College of Management Dean's Office earlier this week with more information about the benefits of this change.

The purpose of my message today is to help you understand and navigate some resources and options. Please read carefully as it is the hope you will get many questions answered below; the key points are highlighted below in blue with related details following in that section.

- These changes are effective as of Fall 2025. Students graduating anytime before September 2025 will not be able to join one of the new majors.
- Your degree will be automatically changed from the Management Major with a concentration to a full major. There is nothing else you need to do to join the new major that correspond with your concentration. Below are examples of this transition:
 - Management Major with the Accounting concentration is now the Accounting Major
 - Management Major with the Entrepreneurship concentration is now the Entrepreneurship Major
 - Management Major with the Finance concentration is now the Finance Major
 - Management Major with the International Management concentration is now the International Management Major
 - Management Major with the Information Systems and Business Analytics concentration is now the Information Systems and Business Analytics Major
 - Management Major with the Leadership and Organizational Change concentration is now the <u>Management and Leadership</u> Major
 - o Management Major with the Marketing concentration is now the Marketing Major
 - Management Major with the Sport Business concentration is now the Sport Business Major
 - Management Major with the Supply Chain and Service Management concentration is now the <u>Supply Chain Management</u> Major
 - Special Note for Interdisciplinary Business students: Due to administrative delays outside of the College of Management's control, the conversion of this concentration to a major has been delayed. We estimate degree audits and Wiser to be updated by mid-June. At that time, the Management Major with the Interdisciplinary Business concentration will be the Interdisciplinary Business Major We appreciate your patience.
- Updated Degree Audits are now available. We encourage you to run your new degree audit at your earliest convenience.
- All degree requirements are the same between the concentrations and new Majors.
- > All previously completed and in-progress courses will still fulfill your requirements.
- > If you previously had a double concentration, you now have a double major.

- Previous exceptions will still apply to the new major. We have been informed that these will transition with your new major but if you see any issue with these on your degree audit, please complete this <u>Reconciliation Form</u> and a CM advisor will look into the issue for you.
- Both the Management Major with a concentration and the new Majors result in a Bachelor of Science degree.
- Your UMass Boston degree will list your degree and major regardless of the option you choose. In both cases, you will earn a Bachelor of Science. As an example, if you choose the Finance Major, it will also say Finance on your degree. However, if you choose the Management major with a Finance Concentration, your degree will say Management. A visual representation of this example:

Finance	Bachelor of Science		Finance	Bachelor of Science
Major:	Finance	VS	Concentration:	Management

And, if you are a double major, both majors will appear on your degree:

Finance & Marketing	Bachelor of Science Finance	vs	Finance & Marketing	Bachelor of Science Management
Double Major:	Marketing		Concentrations:	

Regardless of your choice, your transcript will include your degree, your major(s), and any minor or additional major outside of CM that you complete.

- International students with an I-20: These new majors have resulted in new codes and your I-20 may need to be updated to reflect this change. Please see the *Change of Level Request DCF e-form* in your UMassVIP. You should contact the Office of Global Programs International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) Team if you have any questions.
- Three Year Degree Program students: We have been informed that your degree audits will need to be updated manually to reflect your participation in the 3YD program. This may take several days to complete, but please know that this update is also in progress and there is nothing else you need to do.
- Please review the attached charts for concentration and major comparisons, look at your updated degree audit, and consider the benefits of this new major structure, if you would like to change back to the Management major with your previous concentration, please meet with your Academic Advisor by October 1, 2025 to start this process to change back to the old degree format.

We know this is a busy time of year and this is also big news. We have been working with multiple offices on campus and in the UMass System for several months to make these changes and were eager to share these details with you as soon as possible. Academic Advisors are available all summer, so there is no rush to decide which format you would like to pursue today. You can transition to your summer schedule and plans and then look at your audit and make an appointment with your academic advisor should you have any questions.

It is our goal that these changes are only beneficial to you, and while we hope you agree, we are also here for questions and conversations about this transition from concentrations to majors at any time.

Best, Amy Mei

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