

# First Year Experience Requirements



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS  
PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

The Providence College School of Business (PCSB) is committed to providing students with opportunities to develop a meaningful college experience that supports life after graduation. To help guide students, the PCSB created a First Year Experience program designed to foster student learning and build upon business and liberal arts coursework. The first year experiences complement classroom engagement by providing students with opportunities to learn about careers, network with alumni and industry leaders, acquire essential business tools and skills needed to be successful, and more.

The PCSB has developed four requirements and experiences, outlined below, that all business majors must complete during their first year to continue into their second year as a business major: **1) minimum math proficiency, 2) First Year Advising Workshop (FYAW) or course, 3) participation in the Friar Leadership & Immersion Program (FLIP), and 4) PCSB admission requirements.** These experiences are designed to set the foundation for students' professional growth and development while enhancing their classroom experience. Additional information on each of these requirements can be found on the PCSB website and will be shared at summer and fall orientations, as well as during students' first year advising workshop or course.

## MINIMUM MATH PROFICIENCY

All PCSB students are required to demonstrate proficiency in finite mathematics by completing the following two requirements:

- 1. Students will be required to complete the ALEKS mathematics assessment at a 90 percent proficiency by the first day of classes.** ALEKS is an online math learning and assessment tool which is used to measure math proficiency and help bring students up to expected levels of proficiency for finite math topics. PCSB students will receive emails in July providing access to the ALEKS online exam.
- Successful completion of MTH 107 (minimum requirement for most business majors); or, MTH 108, MTH 109, MTH 131, or MTH 132. Math requirements for PCSB students are linked to intended career paths and majors. Students will complete a math placement exam prior to orientation – they will be registered for a math course (pending availability) based on their placement score. The chart below provides details on math requirements, to be used as a guide for students and advisors to determine, with math placement scores, the appropriate math course.

PROGRAM(S)	MINIMUM MATH REQUIREMENT	RECOMMENDATION(S) / OTHER NOTES
Accountancy & Management Majors	MTH 107 Mathematics for Business Analysis I	MTH 108 Mathematics for Business Analysis II, MTH 109 Calculus I, MTH 131 Calculus and Analytical Geometry I, or MTH 132 Calculus and Analytical Geometry II.
Finance Majors/ Minors; 4 + 1 MBA Track	MTH 108 Mathematics for Business Analysis II	MTH 109 Calculus I, MTH 131 Calculus and Analytical Geometry I, and MTH 132 Calculus and Analytical Geometry II.
Marketing Majors	MTH 107 Mathematics for Business Analysis I	Marketing majors will take an additional math proficiency exam in MKT 205 within first 2 weeks of classes.

## PCSB FIRST ADVISING WORKSHOP (FYAW) OR COURSE

Business majors are required to participate in either a PCSB First Year Advising Workshop (FYAW) or one of two first year courses. These first year workshops and courses are designed to enhance the first year experience for new students by providing them with an understanding of the PCSB curriculum and helping them to develop the skills needed to make important academic and co-curricular decisions. The workshops also give students face time with their first year academic advisors – PCSB faculty or administrators who serve as students' dedicated academic advisors for their first year.

### First Year Advising Workshop (FYAW)

FYAW sessions meet once a week over the course of the fall semester. Topics covered include an overview of business, business curriculum, registration, time management, career opportunities, global experiences, exposure to issues of diversity, equity and inclusion, and campus resources. All new business students should plan to attend one of the following meetings – more details for these meetings (i.e. location) will be sent in August.

- Accounting: Wednesday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Finance: Tuesday, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Management: Monday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Marketing: Wednesday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

### ACC 470 PCSB Introduction to Business (only for business majors)

The PCSB Introduction to Business class is a new option for Fall 2019. This course will cover similar content to FYAW, but will add depth in understanding of what it means to study business. The course will also address business communication. Students will have small assignments to assist with exploration. This is a one-credit course that will be graded. The course will meet on Tuesday's from 4:00-4:50PM.

### EDU 471 Introduction to Providence College (only for undeclared students)

The PCSB is partnering with the Center for Engaged Learning to offer two or three sections of this course for undeclared students interested in business. These sections will be taught by administrators who are very familiar with the business curriculum and resources and who have taught in the FYAW program. This course will fulfill the first year advising workshop or course requirement for students who later declare a business major. This course will be graded.

### **FRIAR LEADERSHIP & IMMERSION PROGRAM (FLIP)**

FLIP is designed to expose first year students to campus activities, networking events, guest speakers, and more. Through these events and experiences, students learn about campus resources, are exposed to careers and industries, and develop business skills. The PCSB, in collaboration with the Center for Career Education and Professional Development, will offer opportunities, through events and activities, for students to accumulate FLIP points and career competencies and levels by attending campus events.

For example:

- PCSB Involvement Fair, Career Expo and Major Minor Fair, Study Abroad Fair, etc.
- PCSB speaker and reflection paper
- Participation in a case competition, leadership weekend/workshop, etc.

Additional information on how to access FLIP, and to help students understand the career competencies and levels, will be shared at fall orientation and through the first year advising workshops or courses.

### **PCSB ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

All new PCSB majors (accountancy, finance, management, or marketing) will be required to have at least a 2.5 cumulative overall GPA at the completion of two semesters of academic work at PC to continue as a business major. GPA reviews will take place at the end of each semester during the first two semesters of coursework only. Non-business majors interested in changing their major to business will need at least a 2.5 cumulative overall GPA to enter the School of Business and must attend a mandatory PCSB Declaration of Major session. Additional information can be found on the School of Business website at <http://business.providence.edu/>.

*IMPORTANT NOTE: Students are required to complete the first year experiences to continue as a business major for their second year. If students are not making adequate progress toward completing these requirements, a warning letter/email will be sent, and students will be ineligible to register during PCSB pre-registration for business during spring registration for Fall 2020 courses.*