

## **Back in Business Academic Success Program**

### **What is the Back in Business program?**

The Bachelor of Commerce Academic Success program, Back in Business, is designed to meet students where they are on their academic journey to identify individual student needs who may be experiencing challenges that are impacting their academic success. The Back in Business program offers students in the BCom program the chance to develop and action a personalized success plan in partnership with a dedicated Academic Advisor. Along with individual support, students will have the opportunity to build on their academic skills, determine their academic and program pathway, and set personal and educational goals. The Back in Business program is taken concurrently with for credit University courses. Students will be required to attend a range of individual advising appointments, academic coaching appointment, and other supports determined through their Student Success Plan.

At the Sobey School of Business and in the Bachelor of Commerce program, we believe in our students and understand that they come from a range of academic and personal backgrounds. We want to provide students with the opportunity to achieve their goals while participating in the success program through multiple opportunities to be involved in the program, its various support services, and build a success plan that best fits their individual needs.

### **Program Overview**

The overall goal of the Back in Business program is to support academic success through a co-developed success plan and pathway for students to achieve good academic standing and overcome academic or personal difficulty.

The program intends to help students by:

- Enhancing student persistence and academic preparedness.
- Build on and strengthen academic skills through programming.
- Improve student experience.
- Provide barrier free academic support for students.
- Provided individualize opportunities for self-reflection, goal setting, and exploration.
- De-stigmatize help-seeking and academic difficulty.
- Connect students to a wide range of supports and services on campus.

### **How can it help me?**

Benefits of an academic success program include specific focus for students who may need additional support to strengthen or learn more about:

- Academic skills
- Academic preparedness
- Persistence, motivation, and time management
- Academic and personal wellness
- Personal and educational goal setting
- And more...

## How long is the program?

The program typically takes place during the academic year from July - April.

## Who can participate?

Any student in the BComm program can participate.

The Back in Business program is optional for students on probation and who are returning on probation after suspension.

Students who are permitted to continue on probation after successfully appealing their suspension or dismissal decision or are returning on probation after a dismissal, will be required to register and participate in the Back in Business program.

## What can students expect?

Students who participate in the program can expect:

- Developing a Student Success plan with your Advisors
- Regular Academic Advising appointments
- Academic Coaching appointments
- Selecting and attending various one-on-one appointments or sessions on campus to help reach the goals of your Student Success Plan.
- Regular check-in communications and opportunities to engage.
- Referrals to supports and services on campus.
- Short self-reflection exercises

## How do I register for the program?

Students can register by completing the online form here: <https://forms.office.com/r/vmh6eDkvgA>

Students who were **suspended or dismissed** and their appeal approved.

1. Review your Appeal decision letter.
2. Register for the Back in Business Program.

Students on probation

1. Complete the About Me – Academic Advising Survey prior to your appointment.
2. Book an academic advising appointment online and select, Academic Standing as the “service”.
3. Register for the Back in Business Program.

## Does it cost money to participate?

No. The program is free to all BCom students in an effort to help students achieve their goals.

**Questions?** Talk to your academic advisor or email us at [bcom.advising@smu.ca](mailto:bcom.advising@smu.ca)