

MAMS Advisor Meeting
March 11, 2014
12pm: Room L-202

Commencement:

- Confirmation that advisors have each ordered their regalia.
- Encourage students to attend the ceremony.

Academic Policy 2014 – 2015

- Discussion of whether or not to revise academic policy concerning dismissal from program with 2 grades of D or F.
- Ask that advisors consider having this changed to dismissal after 1 D or F and to make suggestions on how issue can be addressed moving forward.
- Discussion of whether or not student would be allowed to complete the Master's degree and whether or not to allow them to retake the course.
- Clarification was provided that this academic policy is enforced only after remediation.
- Topic will be revisited.

Orientation: Thursday, Aug 28 (11:00- 11:45)

- Advisor presence is required during lunch from 11 – 11:45 am.
- Room L-311 will be used for Check-in this year, which is convenient as it is across the hall from the GMS office.
- If there are any issues or conflicts preventing Advisors from being present at the lunch on Orientation Day, please let Dr. Offner know so that proper accommodations can be made.

MCAT PREP

- Summary of Princeton Review presentation last Wednesday, March 5.
- Non-MAMS students with BUID can sign up for PREP packages.
- Within the PREP package, Option 2 is highly recommended.
- The same two teachers as last year, both well received and liked by students, will be teaching the Organic Chemistry and Physics courses as part of the 30 hours of live instruction.

Advisor Letters

- It is suggested that advisors write body paragraph of their letter when meeting with advisees.
- A template of what the letter should consist of was provided to advisors, which included a first paragraph summary of advisor, middle (body) paragraphs with student information from Biosketch, and a concluding summary paragraph.
- Lynese will send out letter packets: 1 Program Letter, 1 Faculty Letter, and 1 Advisor Letter.

- Advisors will be asked to suggest a level of recommendation to be included in the program letter.

MAMS Research Symposium April 7, 4pm in Bakst

- Idea was proposed by a current student and student mentor.
- Preliminary inquiry sent out, response was good.
- Student can submit to mams@bu.edu.

Upcoming Events

- Open House March 21, 3:30p-6p in L-206
 - Advisors are encouraged to come and introduce themselves
- Class Meeting Wed, April 9, 4pm in Bakst
 - Dr. Witzburg will be presenting. Typically, his presentation includes reviewing 3 case studies of students who have applied to medical school.