

Your Driehaus Journey Begins

Starting Strong at Driehaus
Summer 2026

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DRIEHAUS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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By the end of this hour, you'll know how to:

- **Explore** business majors, interests, and career paths.
- **Connect** with faculty, classmates, and the Driehaus community.
- **Ask** questions and use support resources early.
- **Act** on the first steps that help you start strong.



Your First Business Decision

It is Week 3 of your first quarter.

You like your classes, but you're unsure about your major.

You want to meet people, but you haven't joined anything yet.

You have a question about registration.

What is your best first move?



What's your first move?

Hold up fingers to vote!

1. Wait and hope things get clearer.
2. Ask family or friends what to do.
3. Connect with an advisor, faculty member, career resource, or student organization.
4. Avoid the issue until registration.



The Driehaus Mindset:

The right answer in college is rarely
“figure it out alone.”

At Driehaus, successful students **explore** options, **connect** with people, **ask** questions early, and **act** on next steps.



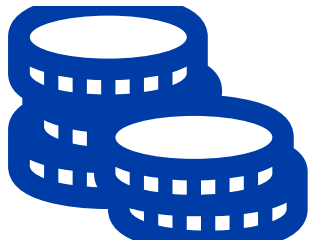
Explore Business: Your Academic Foundation

Your first year helps you discover:

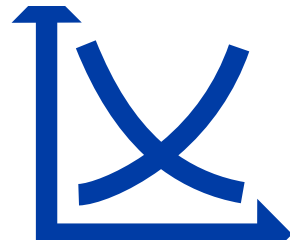
- What business areas interest you.
- How your strengths connect to majors and careers.
- What kinds of problems you want to solve.
- How business can create value in the world.



Business Core: Required Courses that Build Breadth in the Basics



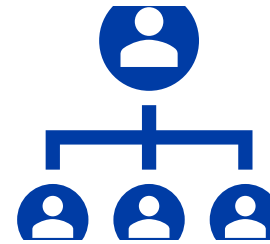
Accounting
& MIS



Economics



Finance



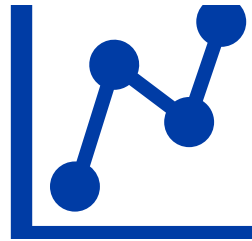
Management



Marketing



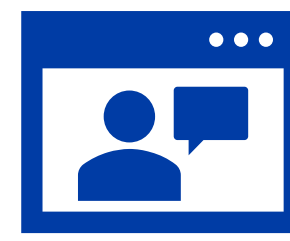
Business
Communication



Business
Statistics



Business
Analytics



Business
Technology



Business for
Social Good



Liberal Studies is the Foundation of your Degree

In year one, you'll take the following classes:



Chicago
Quarter



Focal Point
Seminar



First Year
Writing



The DRIEHAUS CAREER ACTION PLAN

The Step-by-Step Guide to Build Your Future

1 Begin here...

In **BUS 101**, all business students begin their career journey by learning the purpose of a resume, its structure, and how classes, co-curricular activities, and internships/jobs provide content for the resume. Students are introduced to the Driehaus Career Action Plan, so they know the path ahead. Students create a first-draft resume, LinkedIn profile, and Handshake account.

3 Find Your Passion

In **BUS 103**, students explore how business can be a force for social good. In doing so, students reflect on their personal interests and passions before considering co-curricular activities, internships, and career paths that allow them to nurture and contribute to these interests/passions. **BUS 103** helps students identify what motivates them and find activities and jobs that align with their personal passions. These experiences help populate the resume.

2 Quantify + KPIs

In **BUS 102**, students learn the importance of quantifying their performance and effectiveness using numbers and key performance indicators (KPIs). Quantifying performances helps hiring managers know the value a candidate brings to a company. Importantly, **BUS 102** teaches students how to identify metrics or, when no metrics are in place, how to create metrics with their manager so they can capture numbers to put on their resume.

4 Automate + Update

In **BUS 202**, students will learn how modern technology can be used to automate various aspects of the career planning process. From artificially intelligent resume reviews to keyword "pings" that can alert students to specific companies and job titles, many tools are free and make the internship and job search process much easier to do. The resume is a "living document" that needs to be updated regularly, so leveraging tools to automate this updating for one's resume and LinkedIn is critical. Every student will create an "automate + update" strategy.

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Go Discipline-Specific + Secure an Internship

Students enter their discipline-specific **250** class with a decent draft resume and LinkedIn profile, but in **250** they learn discipline-specific language, keywords, and strategies to help them find and secure a discipline-relevant internship. Students will also engage with career mentors, develop a list of target internships, and even secure an internship if possible.

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EDUCATION

Depaul University, Depaul College of Business
Bachelor of Science in Business
Major: Management, Finance
Minor: Marketing, Project Management
Graduation: May 2024, GPA: 3.8/4.0

EXPERIENCE

Business Development Manager
• Secured 10 new clients, increasing revenue by 15% over 6 months.
• Managed a team of 5 sales representatives, providing training and support.
• Developed a new client onboarding process, reducing onboarding time by 20%.

Marketing Intern
• Created and executed a social media campaign, resulting in a 10% increase in website traffic.
• Assisted in the development of a new product line, contributing to a 5% increase in sales.

SKILLS/ACTIVITIES

Technology: Microsoft Office Suite, Salesforce, HubSpot, CRM, Social Media, Analytics
Languages: English (Native), Spanish (Intermediate), French (Basic)
Certifications: Project Management Professional (PMP), Certified Financial Planner (CFP)

Career Readiness Starts in Your First Year

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Depaul University, Student Center
• Assisted with student center operations, including managing the front desk and providing information to students.
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• Collaborated with the student center staff to organize and execute events and programs.

Student Assistant, Career and Team Center
Depaul University, Career and Team Center
• Assisted with career and team center operations, including managing the front desk and providing information to students.
• Managed the career and team center's social media accounts, increasing engagement and visibility.
• Collaborated with the career and team center staff to organize and execute events and programs.

SKILLS/ACTIVITIES

Technology: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Google Suite (Gmail, Drive, Docs), LinkedIn, Handshake, CareerBuilder, Indeed, Glassdoor, Zillow, Zillow Rentals, Zillow Finance, Zillow Insurance, Zillow Mortgage, Zillow Real Estate, Zillow Home Loans, Zillow Auto Loans, Zillow Life Insurance, Zillow Health Insurance, Zillow Pet Insurance, Zillow Travel Insurance, Zillow Life Insurance, Zillow Health Insurance, Zillow Pet Insurance, Zillow Travel Insurance.

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Begin here: Business 101

Basic resume, LinkedIn profile, Handshake profile

2

Quantify + KPIs: Business 102

Quantify your accomplishments, use data to tell a story

3

Find your Passion: Business 103

Identify your passions and interests

4

Automate + Update: Business 202

Learn how technology can automate your job search and update your resume

Connect with Student-Focused Faculty



Real World
Experience



Research
Leadership



Student-Centered
Teaching

Teachers

Scholars

Practitioners

Mentors

Connectors

What Students Say About Driehaus Faculty

"The faculty has been my favorite part and have made a lasting impression on my academic career and journey."

– Marketing Senior

"Faculty really want me to succeed and I have had professors offer Zoom calls at any hour of the day just to help us."

– Accountancy Sophomore

"Professors are always looking to help students achieve their full potential."

– Marketing Junior

Learning Outcomes

The Driehaus College of Business strives to ensure that all graduates:

Are knowledgeable of the **functional areas of business** and the interrelationships among the functional areas within a business,

94%

Possess the necessary **decision-making skills** to solve the many complex problems they will face in the modern and diverse business environment,

88%

Are effective **communicators** in a variety of diverse contexts,

92%

Are knowledgeable about **ethical and societal challenges** they will encounter in the course of conducting business, and address issues in a socially responsible manner,

93%

Are **globally aware** of the differences among global economies, business practices & culture norms,

87%

Can proficiently **use contemporary technologies** to solve problems and support their business endeavors.

86%

Added in 2026: Career Readiness

*Demonstrate skills necessary to **effectively identify, secure, and succeed in professional employment** aligned with their interests, abilities, values, and organizational needs.*



Questions?

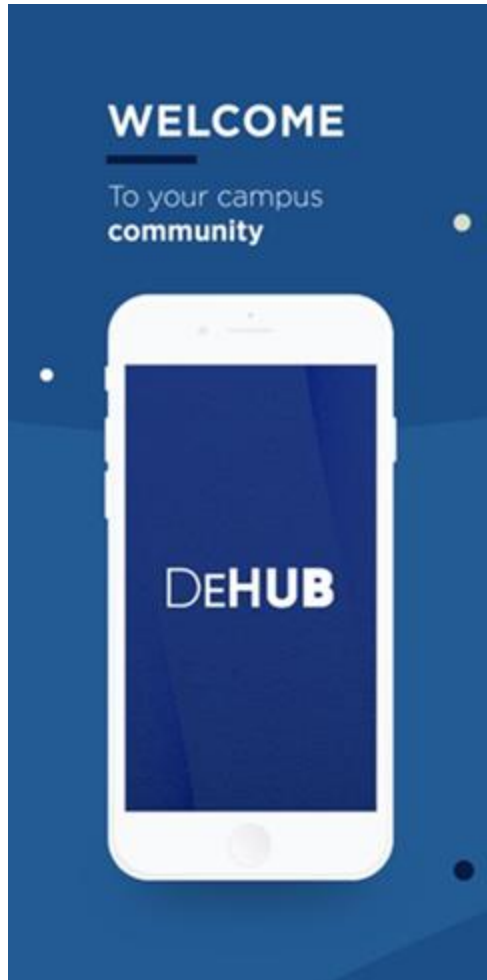
Connect with Your Community

Your first year helps you:

- Meet classmates
- Explore interests
- Build leadership skills
- Strengthen your resume
- Feel at home at DePaul



Start with One Thing



- Explore DeHUB in your first few weeks
- Attend one student organization meeting or campus event
- Try something connected to business
- Try something simply because it sounds interesting



Blue Demon Welcome: Tuesday, September 8



Upcoming Student Involvement Fairs

Lincoln Park – September 11



Loop – September 15



Get Involved as a Driehaus Student



Questions?

Ask Early

Asking for help is not a sign that you are behind. It is how you move forward:

- You are unsure about a major
- You have a registration question
- You are struggling in a class
- You want to explore career options
- You are not sure where to begin



Who Can Help?

Faculty

Academic
Advisors

Career
Resources

Peer mentors
and
Classmates

Student
Organizations

Campus
Support
Offices



Driehaus Academic Advising Team



Monika Gunty
Executive Director



Rhonda Bartosik
Associate Director



Diane Hu
Associate Director



Katie Tomlinson
Assistant Director



Kim Ryza
Assistant Director



Stephanie Scholwin
Advisor



Valentina Gonzalez
Advisor



Amanda Olenek
Advisor



Therese Lynch
Advisor

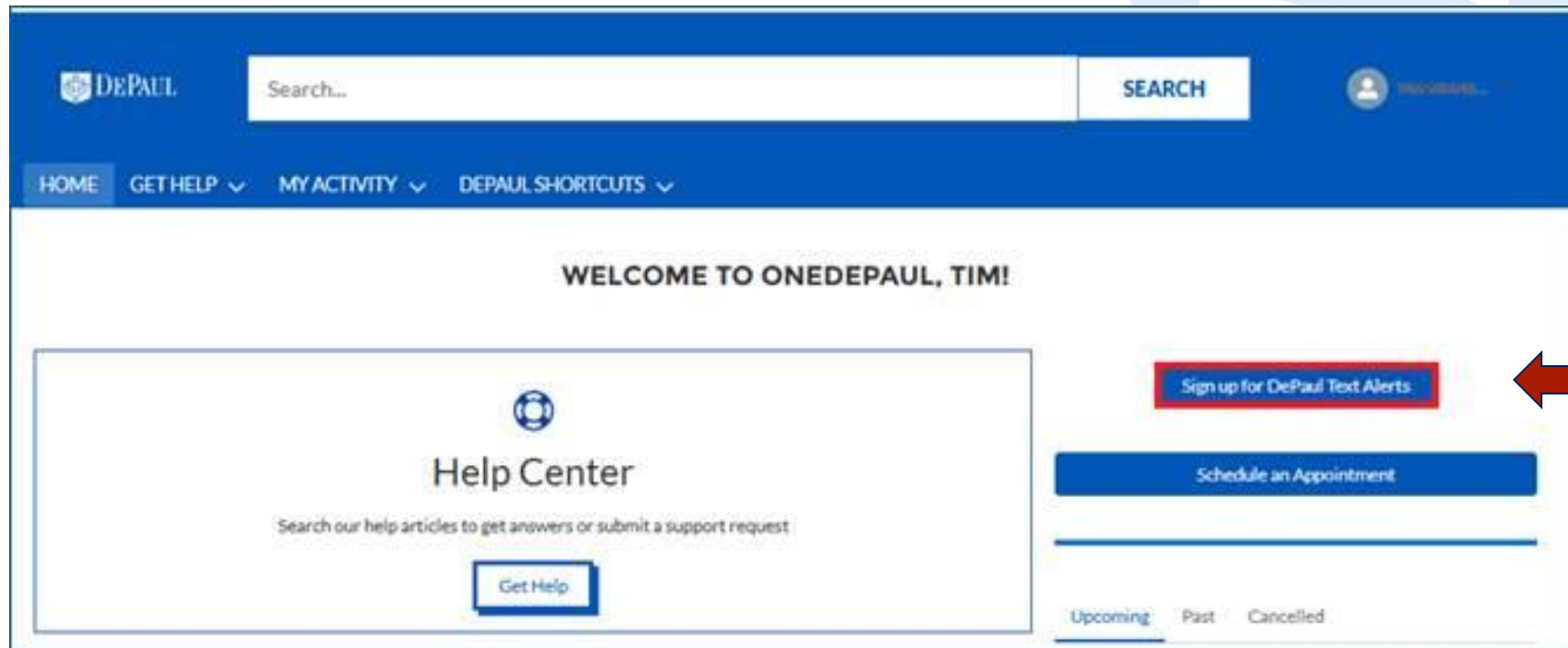
Communication Is a Success Strategy

- Check your DePaul email
- Opt in to DePaul texts through OneDePaul
- Read advising and registration reminders
- Ask if you are unsure what a message means



Want to be reminded when it's time to register for classes or for upcoming advising appointments?

Sign-up at <https://onedepaul.depaul.edu>



Questions?

Families & Trusted Guests

Support the transition from manager to coach

- Your support matters. The goal is to help your student build independence.
- Ask your student:
 - Who have you talked to?
 - What resources have you used?
 - What is your next step?
 - What are you learning about yourself?



What Successful First-Year Business Students Do

Act!

- Go to class and participate
- Read DePaul email and messages
- Meet with advisors
- Talk with faculty
- Explore majors and career paths
- Join something
- Ask for help early



Your First Three Driehaus Moves

- 1 Opt in to DePaul texts through OneDePaul
- 2 Explore DeHub and choose one event or organization to try
- 3 Ask one question before you think you “should” already know the answer

Welcome to the Driehaus College of Business!

