

# Welcome from the Office of Undergraduate Advising

[00:00:00] **Brandy Nelson:** [00:00:03] Congratulations and welcome to the UConn School of Business. You're joining a dynamic community of students, staff, and faculty.

[00:00:11] **Nakeia Moore:** [00:00:11] Whether you are launching your School of Business experience at Avery Point, Hartford, Stamford, Storrs or Waterbury campus, we will have plenty of opportunity to strategically engage both in and beyond the classroom.

[00:00:29] **Kelly Kennedy:** [00:00:29] Your School of Business advisors have years of experience. We have supported thousands of Business School students from orientation to graduation and onto their first internships and jobs.

[00:00:44] **Kristin Glinzak:** [00:00:44] Whether we are with you in person or virtually, we are here to help you with some tips to lay a strong foundation for a successful first year.

[00:00:53] **Phyllis Mensah:** [00:00:53] First, remember to smile. It's simple, but a smile is a powerful non-verbal cue that [00:01:00] indicates you're open. Open to learning, open to new friends and open to new experiences.

[00:01:07] **Kayla Hogrefe:** [00:01:07] Next, be prepared for and attend class. Try to be an active participant in your courses rather than a passive consumer, because that's how you truly learn.

[00:01:15] So form study groups, ask and answer good questions and complete your assignments before your class begins. That's how you communicate to your instructors that you're engaged in what you're learning.

[00:01:26] **Alison Lerman:** [00:01:26] Remember to dress professionally. If you're moving into on campus housing, be sure to pack your professional attire like a suit, if you have it, as you will have the opportunity over the next few years to practice wearing it. We want to help you feel comfortable and confident going into that big interview when the time comes.

[00:01:41] **Jose Aponte:** [00:01:41] It's important to attend every event for which you RSVP. Your reputation matters in the business world, so show that you are reliable and stick to your word.

[00:01:51] **Emma Bjornsgard-Basayne:** [00:01:51] Always use the appropriate staff and faculty titles when emailing and interacting with your instructors. We recommend that you start by [00:02:00] saying professor or doctor. They might tell you that you can use something less formal, but it's always best to assume formality. After all, that is you communicate respect.

[00:02:12] **Ruth Elizabeth Morris:** [00:02:12] Normally the next tip we give is to practice your handshake.

[00:02:15] A great handshake really sets a confident tone moving forward for all of your interactions to come right now, we're recommending that you do as President Katsouleas says, and practice and elbow bump instead.

[00:02:27] **Susan Harding:** [00:02:27] It is very important to read and respond to emails. Now more than ever, this is how the advising office and the rest of the university will communicate important information to you.

[00:02:39] So we recommend that you check your UConn email at least once a day and spend some time organizing your inbox. If you keep track of your emails, you'll not miss out on important opportunities, deadlines, and other really important information.

[00:02:55] **Arminda Kamphausen:** [00:02:55] Our number one and most encompassing tip for you is: take responsibility. You are in the driver's seat of your business education. So take ownership of how you engage in an out of the classroom. Make the most of your opportunities and be strategic in your choices, whether we are virtually connected or physically together on one of our campuses. Remember the School of Business will be here preparing experiences to help you succeed.

[00:03:36] **Alana Adams:** [00:03:36] After all, an important part of being a successful business professional is being able to pivot and adapt. Your Undergraduate Advising staff looks forward to helping you launch your growth and develop as a person, a student, and a professional in these areas and many more.