Wednesday, July 10th Webinar

Transcript

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Hello, we are ready to begin the webinar I'm speaking right now. If you cannot hear me, please adjust the sound on your computer. Each slide will have captions at the bottom of it with what is being spoken and we will type all answers for the QA. So it is not imperative to listen to the audio. Hello. My name is Amy argyris Dupont and I'm glad you're joining us for this informational webinar.

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My Hope Is that this webinar is a good opportunity for you to get to know Casa before you arrive and have a good understanding of how we can support you while you are at mines I will be talking for about 15 minutes our presentation has time built-in for questions at the end we kindly ask you to hold off on sending questions until the QA as we may address your questions throughout our presentation When the time comes to send questions, you can send them via the chat feature on your screen displayed as a question mark in the chat bubble on the top right of the webinar.

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Here's a brief look at what we will be reviewing during our time together will meet the casa team learn about Casa Services discuss launch and kind of address The Final Countdown important summer dates and summertime tips to help you prepare for fall. My hope is our time will help you prepare for your first semester at mines. In addition. You will have a better idea of where to go to for assistance and support a little bit about me. I thought you might want to know a little bit about me. I was born and raised in the suburbs of Chicago which means I'm pretty opinionated about food, especially Pizza don't get me started on deep dish. I'm entering my eighth year as a member of the casa staff. I have been a part of Casa since our very first day in the office.

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I'm a third-generation Cubs fan. Yes. I cried when we won the World Series and I'm still in shock. It even happened lovable losers no more when I'm not busy enjoying my time at mines. I'm spending time with my very active three-year-old son, Nico and my husband Adam.

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This is our latest office picture a couple of highlights about our staff Armando on the left is our administrative coordinator. You will interact with him when you visit our office and he is a great resource.

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I'm next to Armando. I advise students with the last names a through C.

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Erica is kneeling by me. She advises last names Q through z.

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Lisa is kneeling opposite of Erica and advises K through p and then Jen our director is to the right of our sign and advises all students returning to Minds after leave.

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Last but not least Kyle is on the right. He's onto a new adventure at minds and we will have a new advisor brought on board soon. In the meantime D. 3j students can reach out to any advisor visit our website. For more information on our team. Casa dot mines dot EDU.

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Casa provides a variety of services ranging from tutoring to facilitating some academic courses. Let's take the next few minutes to highlight our services for more in-depth information. Visit Casa dot mines dot EDU.

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Our most popular services are in the area of peer academic support specifically tutoring and core review sessions the focus of tutoring spans a good portion of the mines curriculum. Our peer educators are sophomores through seniors pursuing a wide variety of majors and minors.

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Tutoring is designed for students in need of assistance as well as students looking for a place to study where they can ask questions. Should they arise tutor specifics locations and times will be posted on our website as a rule tutoring is from 5 to 11 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays.

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In case you didn't know tutoring is a Supportive Service and is completely free.

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Core review sessions are pre-exam workshops led by student facilitators sessions provide additional exposure to course material and weekly office hours are held by facilitators during Casa tutoring hours.

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Falcor review sessions include Biology one Calculus 1 calculus to calculus 3 chemistry one physics 1 and physics to Casa has both peer advisors and front desk assistants here to help you. They are undergraduate sophomores Juniors and seniors pursuing different majors at minds. They are available on a walk-in basis and can provide you with a valuable student perspective on course load faculty teaching styles and academic success tips as this semester approaches their bio information and office hours will be available on our website. They are eager to meet and assist you. They are pretty awesome coaching is a one-on-one opportunity to work with your advisor on topics. Like study skills test preparation and time management often. These topics are not ones you may have had to consider in high school are growing our goal is to support you as you pursue your studies at Minds.

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Faculty from various academic departments host their office hours in Casa. We call this faculty and Casa the picture on the slide reflect former and current faculty and Casa at times our cozy faculty office shown here with students and dr. Falconer becomes a bit small and we moved to our city hall for larger review sessions.

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Our faculty and Casa program has been recognized as an outstanding advising program by the national academic advising Association.

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Our building is actually a small house. Our study hall is available after hours with your blaster card your student ID. We love our space and hope you will too.

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Let's take a couple of minutes to chat about the information. We share at launch.

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The registrar's office will work very diligently to ensure you are taking the appropriate classes this coming fall to that end. They will be building your schedule based on the information. You have shared with mines this information includes your intended major any AP IB or transfer credit that you have Varsity Athletics themes learning communities and much more.

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AP scores should be in your Trailhead account soon. If you do not see them by the middle of July. Please check to make sure you sent your scores to mines. You can anticipate being enrolled in 16 to 18 credits for the fall semester. If you aren't comfortable with the schedule you receive please contact us before making any changes.

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Let's look a little bit more closely at the 16 to 18 credits. You will be taking this fall during your first one and a half to two years. You will be completing what we call the Core Curriculum core classes Encompass Calculus 1 through differential equations also known as diff EQ chemistry physics physical activities Humanities and social science design and first-year seminar, the courses that make up the core are detailed in our course catalog visit catalogued at Minds dot edu for more detailed information including the chart that is on the screen.

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Once you have completed the bulk of the core, you can move forward with more degrees specific courses. The core courses are often prerequisites to Major coursework. Okay, here are a few friendly reminders. If you haven't already send your AP IB and college transcripts to Minds as soon as possible.

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Access Trailhead and view your fall schedule on August first, please do not contact us if you want to revise your schedule. I'm sorry. Let me repeat that.

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Please do contact us if you want to revise your schedule so we can discuss changes you want to make I wouldn't be a good advisor. If I didn't have some words of wisdom to impart on you first Embrace this moment. You have worked incredibly hard to get here. This is an exciting time filled with new experiences. Enjoy it this year will be a time where you are learning a lot about yourself how to manage your time differently what is important to you both academically and socially the beginning of this year will be a lot of new experiences for you. There may be some uncertainty may be some anxiety and a lot of excitement welcome the newness be open to meeting new people and going through things. You have never experienced before second email is our primary way of communicating outside of the classroom and office. Please monitor your minds email account daily.

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Third get organized the days of keeping track of everything in your head maybe over we encourage you to find and use a planner. In fact, we have free planners for you. Visit us at Celebration of Mines to get one.

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Take a little time this summer to set some realistic goals for your fall. Think about what you would like to experience how you would like to perform how you will seek support and write it out. Look over your goals and chat with us. If you need some assistance lastly get to know mines visit the website for Casa to academic programs and other offices and departments contact us with questions. We love hearing from students.

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Thank you for your time and attention today as the kind reminder class schedule details will be finalized in August 1st when your schedule is finalized in Trailhead, if you want to revise your schedule, please contact us before making changes.

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Disability Support Services. If you are a student who currently receives accommodations in high school either through an IEP or 504 plan and or have a need for accommodation at Minds, please note that you will need to register with disability Support Services register with disability Support Services involves completing an online application, which is available on the DSs website at HTTP colon forward slash forward slash w-w-w dot minus dot edu forward slash disability - support - Services /name /script ants are encouraged to register well in advance of the start of school if possible and should contact DSS directly with any questions at 3:03 3273297 or disability support at mines dot EDU.

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Before we get to the QA, please follow us on social media.

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Now we'll get to your questions. Please type in questions you may have and we'll do our best to answer them. If you have a personal question, you do not want answer to the entire audience. You can email me or state through your question is private.

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Please click on the chat bottle bubble. Please click on the chat bubble with the question mark inside to access the chat as displayed above will answer questions verbally, as well as typed through the Q&A box.

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Will answer questions about Casa academics and schedules we encourage you to contact other offices if you have questions for them, and we can send your word send you their contact information.

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Alright, so feel free to send your questions to us and we will do our best to answer them.

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Okay. Our first question is what do I need to do to get a parking permit? So depending on what kind of student you are if you're coming in as a new freshman. Unfortunately, you cannot have a car on campus you will need so you won't be able to purchase a permit if you're coming in as a transfer student. You will need to visit parking services website directly and we will try and find that link for you and I'll put it up online.

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Okay.

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the next question is you say full time is 16 credits on average, but how many credits per semester does the school consider full-time minimum 12 or 15? So full-time status for full-time eligibility for financial aid and insurance and all of that information is 12 credit hours. The tuition charges are a per credit hour tuition charge until you get to 15 credits. So anything below 15 credits to your charged per credit hour anything between 15 to 19 credits, you're charged a flat tuition rate, but to be recognized as a full-time student at mines. It's 12 credits.

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Okay, the next question we have is how do we change our intended majors and to change your intended major right? Now? You can email registrar at mines dot edu to change your intended major beginning the first day of school. Come to Casa to change your intended major.

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and just bear with us as we're typing out our answers to Okay.

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Is it too late for the registrar to take into account honors math preferences? I just spoke with the math department today and they will still accept requests to take the honors Math course so you can send that information to the registrar's office or you can send it to Professor Scott Strong.

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I will include his email address, but I believe it's SS TR o NG at mines dot EDU The next question we have is how flexible will schedules be when it comes to class times when it comes to class times for your very first semester. The registrar's office will create your schedule and they're going to do it based off of your classes while you might be able to change your classes come August 1st. I'm guessing there will not be much flexibility when it comes to class times. So you while you might not have a chance to pick your class times right now, you will be registering yourselves for future semesters.

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Okay, our next question the AP transfer sheet available online outlines which courses you can get credit for but it's an abbreviated form. What is the equivalent of math 121 and 122 good question. So actually if we head over to the catalog I'm going to pull up the AP website as well. That should be the equivalent for calc 1 and calc 2 but I will pull up the exact equivalents and put them in the chat box.

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Okay. The next question is my daughter first gets to Minds on August 12th. Is there any way for her to discuss her schedule prior to that? Absolutely, we are happy to talk with students as they receive their schedule. So come August 1st. If your schedule is all ready to go and you have questions or concerns, you can call us you can email us. However you prefer to do that. We're happy to have conversations. We don't want you to wait until you get here. So as things arise please do be in touch and we can help you out.

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Our next question is how do I access my degree plan and check what credits transferred in which classes? I still need to take visit Trailhead to access your degree evaluation and unofficial transcript your degree evaluation will contain all of the course requirements from the catalog and will be personalized for you in any transfer credits will be shown in trailhead.

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Okay, similarly the question about how do AP scores affect our first year schedule. Basically, if you have credit that will apply for calculus or chemistry or physics will be taking that into account and placing you in the next course that you would be taking. So if you're receiving credit for Calculus 1 through AP scores, the registrar's office will be placing you automatically into calculus to if you have any concerns about accepting your AP credits or declining them or happy to chat through that with you on a one-on-one basis.

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Okay, our next question. Oh someone already got the bookstore great.

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Okay. So the next question is how do you know what books you need for class and you can look on the bookstore website for individual courses or wait until you receive your syllabus?

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Our next question given what you said about the Core Curriculum, when does the student have to declare a major great question students can declare their major typically once they're through a good chunk of the core or the classes. We generally look for that their inner past calculus 3 and physics to we will reach out to all students when they are eligible to declared invite them to come in to do that. So they'll be hearing from us when that time is ready.

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The next question is do transfer students still have to take the for physical activity courses. And yes, the physical activity requirement is required for all students.

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Okay, our next question. Should we include Casa and discussions with the registrar but updates to AP IB and transfer credits at this point? Probably not we don't deal with the credits piece. That's more looking at kind of schedule going forward. So I would say a good time to contact Casas. Once you get all the credit sorted out with the registrar's office in admissions, then we you can contact us and we can go forward from there.

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Okay.

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So the next question David we will send you some information privately to help you out with that. I've also included our telephone number if you want to reach out to us that way.

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Okay, next question. Neither of my roommates responded to their school emails. Is there another way to make contact with them? Good question. You will need to contact Residence Life and I'll include their contact information in the chat box for you bi you will need to contact Residence Life to see if they have alternative contact information for you.

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Okay. So the next question is what do free electives specifically 1-xx classes count for when transferring classes from another institution. So each degree has nine credit hours at minimum. Some degrees have a few more credits of free elective. So every student has to take either classes that they're interested in or if they're pursuing a minor they can use free electives for that. So if you bring in credits from another school and they count towards free electives know that that's covering anywhere from three to nine credits that you would automatically need to complete in your degree. Anyhow, so that's just nine credits less that you have to take in classes.

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Our next question when and where is the job fair before fall semester starts. Our Career Fairs only happened during the school year will have one in the fall and one in the spring. And the first one will be on September 10th here on campus.

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Our next question. I'm aware that some AP credit or AP scores were only qualify for credit the student passes an exam prior to coming to Minds if I must take such exams. When can I expect to receive information about them generally for most of them you will be contacted by the department. Usually either the week before the week of classes starting so it will be Department specific but I will throw some more information about challenge exams up in here, but generally the Departments will reach out to you directly to set up that time.

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Can the next question is does Minds have student insurance requirements? How does student insurance work with mines? So yes, all students are required to have health insurance. If you have health insurance, you can complete what's called a waiver and follow that process to show that you have your own health insurance, whether it's through your employer or through your parents. If you do not have health insurance, you will be purchasing it through our health insurance plan and I will include the website in the chat box for all of the insurance information.

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The next question is when is the earliest that I can pick a minor and you can start to explore your minors at your convenience. So explore our miners you can declare a minor once you declare your major, but you can start looking at them and start taking classes earlier.

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So our next question, what are the physical activity requirements when and where celebration of mines and any other important events to keep an eye for good question. So physical activity every student is required to take four separate semesters of a physical activity course, we have kind of general just get out and make sure you're moving kind of classes to yoga and personal Wellness rock climbing all kinds of options. They do not need to be taken concurrent or one right after the other you can spread them out during your time here, but you do need to complete four semesters of we call it PA by the time you graduate celebration of Mines will happen the front every day of the first week of classes, which will be coming up before we know it. So the exact date on that will be August 23rd. It's usually for about four to seven out on the intramural fields. And then yeah, they're important dates. Those are kind of the big ones for now.

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I would say another big one to keep in It would be census day since this day is September 4th is the last day to add or drop a class online. But those are kind of the big ones once you get here for kickoff weekend and things like that. They'll be a lot of other things going on. But those are kind of the big dates to keep in mind for now.

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Okay, the next question is how do we declare our miners? So you'll declare your minor after you've officially declared your major? So at the earliest at some point during your sophomore year minor is typically a minimum of 18 credit hours. And the requirement is that you declare that minor at the Midway point. So if you've completed nine credit hours towards your minor at that point you should really be declaring it and there's a form that you complete to declare your minor and you'll meet with a minor advisor to identify properly and accurately the courses that you will need to complete in order to earn that minor and the question that showed up just above that is can I still send my health record? So I believe so just double check with the wellness center in the link for the health centers there. It's mine straight edu / student - Health. That's a good question you deaf.

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I want to send them because they will put a hold on your account until they've received those which means you can't make changes to your schedule or anything. So the sooner you send them the better.

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Our next question. Is it possible to get physical education credit by doing intramural and club sports? Yes. It is possible club sports is a little more guaranteed just because you have structured practices and structured games intramurals you can as well, but it has to be something you're doing consistently so you can't complete or Computing one intramural Sport and think that will you know count because it's not as long but yes, those are certainly options for you and we can get you in touch with Athletics if that's something you're looking to do.

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The next question is when does the application for scholarships open in what is the deadline to submit the scholarship applications and I sent the link for scholarship information to the question box. So it's it's through the financial aid information from financial aid website. Fin. Aid dot mines dot edu / scholarships and it has more information there.

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All right, still have a little bit of time if there's any additional questions kind of lingering out there that you haven't asked yet.

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I'm just double checking to see if we missed any.

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There is a question that says will these questions still be available to review after the webinar? And yes, we will be able to post the recording of the webinar and also a transcript after the webinar has been processed.

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Our next question what are the club sport options? I'm trying to find a list currently and will get a link set up club sports are really varied a lot of our traditional kind of RCs letters usually offer Club option as well, but I will try and get a list sent linked in our chat box.

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Okay. The next question is am I correct in assuming I'll be automatically enrolled in the student health insurance program without filling out a waiver and the cost will then be added to my bill. You know, that's a really good question. Let me double-check and read through the material and confirm that for you.

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There's a question about when we would take a challenge exam and challenge exams are done by the individual department. And I think we're still finalizing the schedule. So you will find out more information at the start of the semester or if it's an invitation-only exam, then you'll be invited by the department.

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To get back to the question about the health insurance. I'm not seeing that it says that you're automatically enrolled, but I'm going to put a link with the information as well as the contact for the student health insurance program on the chat box so that you can contact them directly for additional information.

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We have a question where you can you find the pricing for per credit tuition versus flat tuition and I will send the link out again. It's on the financial aid website that has the cost of attendance and that will provide all the information that you need.

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Okay, next question. I've completed calcu in high school through Community College dual enrollment. My question is will be placed into math 113 which would be calc 3 and mass 213. I'm sorry 113 is short form and the to 13 which is calculus 3 concurrently in the fall or just being short form. You will be registered for both. They do run concurrently short form is only about five weeks long. So after about the first five weeks of the semester, you'll be done and just continue on with calc 3.

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We have another question that says if I participate in a sport outside of Mines, can I get physical Ed credit from that and I wrote that it depends on permission from the Department. We have heard that they're starting to allow that but you would need to get permission from the physical activity department to get that credit.

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Okay, we have another question. When can we expect transfer evaluations to be finalized that is ongoing and really dependent on when you send in your transcripts if you still have transcripts to be sent in and what needs to be reviewed. So that will be ongoing probably through the rest of the summer. So if you have questions contact the registrar's office and admissions directly and I'll include their emails in the chat.

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Sorry, I had a technical difficulty. So I apologize for not answering questions. I'm just getting some information together for you all.

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The next question is if I've never been to campus. Is it possible to get a tour when I'm there in August and yes, you can sign up for a campus tour and I'm going to send the link. It's toward our minds dot edu forward slash visit and also during fall kickoff. You will be exploring campus. So that may help with getting to know the campus as well.

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Our next question. I am a transfer and I'm taking calc 1 but that was almost 10 years ago. I was put into calc 2, but can I change it to calc 1 so that I can fre fresh. Yes. Absolutely. And this goes for anyone if you have credit that we've accepted that maybe you'd like to retake the course you can absolutely retake the class you will there is a forum through the registrar's office to deny your credit. So that will need to be filled out. But that is absolutely something you can do something to keep in mind though. Once you deny your credit you cannot get it back so something to think about before you make that choice.

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Okay, any last questions?

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I know it's taken me a little while, but I'm putting in the contact person for the health insurance in case you do want to reach out directly. So that's in the chat box now.

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All right. I'll give you one more minute. If we don't have any other questions, we'll we'll wrap up for the day.

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Alright, well, thank you so much for joining us. We hope this was helpful and informative if you have additional questions, or there's things that you want to chat about separately. Feel free to send an email to Casa at mines dot edu, and we will happily help you out. Have a great afternoon and a wonderful rest of your summer and we look forward to meeting you in August.