Making the Most of a Ramapo College Education
Presentation Goals

• Discuss the value of a Ramapo education and how students can make the most of it
• Outline academic expectations and pathways to timely graduation
• Highlight the ways that Ramapo students become engaged and active learners both in and outside the classroom
• Review how Ramapo supports transfer students
• Encourage a partnership of support between families and the College
• Highlight policies, procedures and services that support community, safety and health/well being
The Four Pillars

Ramapo’s curriculum is built upon four pillars:

- Interdisciplinary
- Experiential
- Intercultural
- International

**Purpose:** To educate students who are prepared to succeed in a variety of professions by helping them to develop the ability to think critically, problem solve, and to communicate creatively and effectively across diverse cultures.
Integrating the Curricular and Co-Curricular

Curricular
- 5 Academic Schools
- Curriculum Components
- Curriculum Notes
- Academic Advisement and Support

Co-curricular
- Get Involved!
- Get Engaged!
- Resources
Five Academic Schools

- Salameno School of Humanities and Global Studies (HG)
- Anisfield School of Business (ASB)
- Contemporary Arts (CA)
- Social Science and Human Services (SSHS)
- Theoretical and Applied Sciences (TAS)

Helpful Links:
Majors/Minors A to Z: [http://www.ramapo.edu/catalog_15_16/majors-minors.html](http://www.ramapo.edu/catalog_15_16/majors-minors.html)
The Schools: [http://www.ramapo.edu/academics/index.html](http://www.ramapo.edu/academics/index.html)

*Teacher Education is a certification program, not a major or a minor. If you are interested in the Teacher Education program:

Contact: Dr. Rexton Lynn, rlynn@ramapo.edu
Get Involved!

- Clubs and Organizations
- Fraternities and Sororities
- Athletics, Intramurals, and Recreation
- Civic and Community Engagement
- Student Leadership
Get Involved!

• Programs, lectures, performances, and community service opportunities
• Local shuttles and buses to NYC
• Residence Hall communities:
  – Global Student Residence
  – Gender Neutral Housing
  – Sustainable Living Facilities (SLF’s)
  – Substance Free Free Housing
Get Involved!

- E-mail
- Daily Digest
- OrgSync
- Twitter
- This Week at Ramapo
- Ramapo News
Curriculum Components

• **General education (40 credits)**
  - First-Year Seminar
  - Critical Reading and Writing II
  - Math
  - Science
  - History
  - Readings in Humanities
  - Social Issues
  - International Course
  - Intercultural North America course
  - Topics in arts/humanities or in social science

• **School core and major (68 credits)**

• **Minor and free electives (20 credits)**

• **Please note 3 Writing Intensive Courses in School Core and Major are required**
Student engagement is the result of the time and effort students devote to activities empirically linked to the intended outcomes of college and what institutions do to both provide these activities and induce students to participate in them (Kuh, 2003).
Curriculum Notes

• What GPA do students need in their major to graduate?
  2.0 (some programs require higher than a 2.0)

• What about a minor?
  Minors are not required, but a great idea.

• Can students double major?
  In most cases, but there are some exceptions.

• How many credits can students transfer?
  Ramapo accepts 65 credits from a two year school and up to 80 credits from a four year school.
Academic Advisement and Support

• The following offices and representatives are available to support students academically:
  – Center for Student Success
    • Once a major is declared, the student is assigned a faculty advisor within their major.
    • All undeclared students are advised by Student Success professional advisors.
  – Center for Reading and Writing - tutoring
  – Office of Specialized Services (OSS)
  – Faculty and/or faculty advisors
Course Registration

- Today, students will register for classes for the Fall 2015 semester.
  - However, they are registering after all current students, so be aware that courses may be limited.

- In the future, they will register with all other students based on the amount of earned credits.

*If students still have questions about scheduling or courses after registration, meet with a CAAFYE advisor to address them. We will be available:

At the close of orientation in room D207.
Resources

• Center for Student Involvement (CSI)
  – Student Activities
  – Fraternity and Sorority Life
  – Civic and Community Engagement Center
  – Women’s Center
  – Equity and Diversity Programs
  – Commuter Affairs
  – Student Center
  – Council for Faith and Spirituality

• Athletics, Recreation, and Intramurals
• Center for Health and Counseling Services (CHCS)
• Cahill Career Development Center

• Office of Specialized Services (OSS)
• Office of Residence Life
• Office of Student Conduct
• Office of Student Affairs
• Department of Public Safety
..a word about FERPA
Academic Transition

• Academic Expectation
  – 4-credit courses
  – CEC Component

• Differences between colleges
  – 2-year and 4-year
  – 4-year and 4-year

Do not assume the policies and procedures from a student’s previous school will be the same at Ramapo.
Career Transition

• The Archway
• Cooperative Education
• Internships
• Job Fairs
• Workshops
Student Spotlight

• Danielle Reed, ’13
• Clifton Shambry, ’12
• Alison Banks-Moore, ’77
Welcome Week
August 30 - September 7, 2015

• The activities include:
  – Residential Student Move-in
  – Commuter Student Check-in
  – Leadership Experience
  – Workshops include “Choices and Consequences, Green Dot, Community and Civility, and Academic Rights and Responsibilities”
  – Club Fair and much more....
Questions?

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