Student Needs & Events Survey from ISCOM

If you're getting crushed by your 300-level class or have a hard time getting that internship, you're not alone. ISCOM (Information Systems Council of Majors) exists to cut to the point, get you a job, and clear up the jargon on your way to graduation. We're students just like you and we work to bring internships, job-appropriate skills, and professionals you want to hear from, every week during the semester.

To make sure we don't skip a beat, we need YOU to tell us what you're interested in, and who to bring. Please answer as many questions as you can- any information to *us* helps *you*!

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1. **Please give your first name (full) and last name (only the initial).** *
   Ex. Jane Doe would be "Jane D."

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Career

2. **I'd like to see employers in the field of...** *
   Select all industries that you're interested in.
   Check all that apply.

   ☐ Cyber Security

   ☐ Health IT

   ☐ Bioinformatics

   ☐ Digital Marketing

   ☐ Data Science

   ☐ Defense

   ☐ Entrepreneurial Start-ups (from D.C. & Baltimore)

   ☐ I don't know

   ☐ Other: _____

3. **The kind of job/career I'm looking for is in...** *

Select the area(s) closest to your desired job title. This helps us bring people you want to talk to and who's job you may eventually perform. It also helps us determine topics of interest for career panels/info sessions (For example, an interest in Data Analysis would lead us to invite a Senior Data Scientist for a talk on Social Media Analytics.)
Check all that apply.

- [ ] Cloud Computing
- [ ] Cyber Security
- [ ] Database Administration/Programming
- [ ] Data Analysis/Data Mining
- [ ] Entrepreneurship/Startups
- [ ] Information Technology
- [ ] Marketing/Social Media
- [ ] Network Administration
- [ ] Quality Assurance
- [ ] Software Engineering
- [ ] Systems Engineering
- [ ] UX / UI Design (just front-end design)
- [ ] Web Development/Design (the whole kit and kaboodle: front-end and back-end design)
- [ ] Other: _____

4. **To get a job in that field, I feel I need more...** *

Helps clarify for us what obstacles you're facing on your way to landing that internship. Select all that apply.
Check all that apply.

- [ ] Coding skills employers are looking for
- [ ] Experiences/projects related to the field
- [ ] Confidence in professional settings (interview skills, presentation practice, networking skills)
- [ ] A more polished resume (i.e. my resume needs work/I don't have a resume)
- [ ] None of these

5. **I'm most interested in...** *

Select as many that apply.
Check all that apply.

- [ ] Workshops on skills I need (coding, resume, interviewing workshops)
- [ ] Info sessions on companies I'm interested in (multi-company career panels, company recruiting sessions)
- [ ] Conferences/summits in my fields of interest (SXSW, Microsoft Ignite, Gracehopper)
- [ ] None of these

6. **The best time(s) for me to attend a workshop/info session of interest is:** *
Check all that apply.

☐ Monday's during Free Hour (12:00-1:00 PM)

☐ Wednesday's during Free Hour (12:00-1:00 PM)

☐ Friday's during Free Hour (12:00-1:00 PM)

☐ I can't attend and/or would prefer emailed information & opportunities

Academic
Be honest!

7. **In general, how do you perform in your major-related classes?** *
Mark only one oval.

◯ I fly through my classes (Mostly A's, some B's)

◯ Meh. My grades read like the alphabet (A few A's, mostly B's, a C or two)

◯ C's get degrees (C's on average, only some A's or B's)

◯ I prefer not to answer

8. **Would academic support (like student-formed study groups, one-on-one tutoring) be useful?** *
Mark only one oval.

◯ Yes

◯ I don't know / I haven't tried

◯ No

9. **Regardless of your answer above, which one of the following academic support options would you *actually* attend, if offered?** *
Mark only one oval.

◯ A weekly / bi-weekly study group organized around times that work for me

◯ One-on-one tutoring with a student that aced my difficult class

◯ Professor-led study sessions outside of class

Research

10. **Have you considered doing research in the field of IS/BTA?** *
This could be anything ranging from trends in computing, the study of nanoconductors, the theory of Wumbology- anything.
Mark only one oval.

◯ Yes and I currently am pursuing a research opportunity

◯ Yes, but I haven't heard of any opportunities

◯ No and I haven't heard of any opportunities

◯ No and I am not interested in pursuing a research opportunity

11. **Why?** *

Mark only one oval.

( ) It's boring / uninteresting

( ) I don't think it's what employers are looking for

( ) I do find it interesting

( ) Other: _____

12. **Did you know that URCAD (UMBC's own research summit) gives students $1,000 grants to perform research of their interest?** *

Mark only one oval.

( ) Yes

( ) No

Grievances

We want to know the good, the bad, and the ugly of being an IS/BTA major. But mostly the bad and ugly.

13. **What's a frustrating, unsatisfying, or disappointing thing about being an IS/BTA Major?** *

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14. **If you were Chair of the IS department, how would you improve the IS/BTA experience?** *

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How do you want to hear from us?

15. **What social media platform do you use most frequently for finding UMBC events?** *

Mark only one oval.

( ) Facebook

( ) Instagram

( ) myUMBC

16. **What other ways would you like to hear about worthwhile internships, interesting career panels, and events to get your bang for your buck as an IS/BTA Major?** *

Select all that apply
Check all that apply.

☐ Brief, in-class presentations (run-downs) like the one ISCOM gave/will give in my class (Every few weeks)

☐ A bi-weekly newsletter of D.M.V./Baltimore-area jobs (at my skill-level) & on-campus events (that I'm interested in)

☐ The bulletin board in ITE 457 and/or fliers around ITE & ENGR

☐ Other: _____

17. **If you haven't already, would you like to be added to our myUMBC group for email updates and event notifications?** *

Mark only one oval.

◯ Yes

◯ No

18. **Please provide your email below, if so.**

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