AN EXPLANATION OF THE APPLICATION AND REVIEW PROCESS REGARDING PAMPLIN’S RESTRICTED MAJOR: HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

What is required to apply?

In order to apply, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. Successful completion of MATH 1525-1526 (or equivalents*) and ECON 2005.
2. A minimum combined GPA of 2.5 in MATH 1525-1526 (or equivalents*), and all ACIS, ECON, and BIT lower division courses attempted; acceptance is based upon competitive GPA and space available.
3. A minimum overall GPA of 2.0; acceptance is based upon competitive GPA and space available.

* Equivalents are (1) MATH 1114-1205-1206, (2) MATH 1525+1206+1114, (3) 1016+1206+1114, (4) 1205-1526, (5) 1016-1526.

What is considered in the review process for acceptance?

Given the demand for admission to Pamplin and the resources available to the college, acceptance of students wanting to change majors into HTM is based upon competitive GPAs and space available. Therefore, please be aware that although a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 is required to apply, the mean overall GPA of students accepted into HTM is approximately 3.0. The minimum GPA in MATH and lower-level business classes required to apply is 2.50, but the mean GPA in those courses of students accepted into Pamplin’s restricted majors is approximately 2.8.

The review process examines an applicant’s overall GPA, as well as the GPA in courses required for application (see #2 above). Approximately 84% of all applications to change majors are accepted. GPA requirements may vary over time, depending upon the number of applicants and the departmental capacity to accept new students.

What are my options if I am not admitted into Pamplin?

If your application is not approved, we encourage you to meet with your current advisor. Additionally, transition advisors are available through the University Advising Center to assist students who are between majors. If you are not earning B’s or better in required College of Business prerequisites, it is not foreseeable that you will do well in upper division business courses; we suggest that you explore other options to put yourself on a successful academic path. In any case, do not take business classes beyond the 2000 level as a strategy to gain entrance into the college. Doing so is likely to be costly in time and money without contributing to your progress toward a degree.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE PAMPLIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS