Megan Odom: So um - this is getting into grad school, my name is Megan Odom, and I'm the Director here at the Career Center. And I'm really excited that you were all able to come today. So today I'm basically going over at the section in our website, and I'm just gonna talk a lot about the um - research process of finding a school that you're interested in. And then I'm gonna go over the application process, um - and talk a little bit about the interview process. Uh - you know we - I think students a lot of the times think that applying to grad school is just like applying to the undergraduate program; but there are several differences. And so hopefully I'll be able to cover all those today, but please just raise your hand if you have any questions. I mean this can be really informal, cause the group is so small. So anything that you think of, don't hesitate to just let me know, and um - hopefully after today you'll know where all the resources are on our website. So you will be able to do a lot of self help as well, so if you start out on the Career Center homepage, which is just the, um - it's cut off up here it's the Chico State homepage "/careers", okay. And once you get there you gonna go under 'students and alumni',
and you're gonna go to grad school,
and I’m gonna start here at 'applying to grad school'.
So I - basically I’ve organized the section into basically what you’re gonna do first. All the way until the end, so I handed out the um - the sheets, did everybody get a - a sheet, and if you didn’t, it’s right up here. Um - and you can find that sheet just right here,
this grad school research checklist um - but that's -
it's off of what I've printed out for you. So the first step is really just kind of figuring out what program are you interested in, right. So, kay great you have this idea of what you want to study, but you're not sure of the school. Maybe you're not sure where it's located, or maybe you know exactly what we want to go. So the um - the site I use the most is called 'gradschools.com', and that's right here,
so I'm just gonna - I've just logged in,
and you just basically click on, it brings up the site just like this.
And so we're gonna that select the subject,
so for - maybe
we'll say, uh - we could pick anything. Let's do
and teaching,
okay, and then we're gonna select
a specialty. So we'll say
Childhood Education -
we'll just click - let's
do Student Affairs and Development,
just for fun, and we're gonna click
'search now'.
So this is - this says - great, it says
there are all these different -
twenty-seven Certificate programs, thirty-nine
Doctorate programs, one hundred and forty one Masters. So we're gonna say
"I'm really just interested in looking at - for a Masters program right now. So I'm gonna click Masters, so we just narrowed it down to one hundred and forty-one programs."
Now I'm gonna say "Well that's
still quite a bit", right, one hundred forty-one is a lot of schools to research. So
we're gonna say "You know, I think actually I'm just gonna focus on the
schools in the
United States", so I'm gonna click here
'United States'.
'update'. Wow, that
still brings it down to a
whopping hundred and thirty-six, so I'm gonna try to narrow it down a little
bit more. So I'm gonna say "you know,
I think right now
I really want to look in California"
and let's say "Oregon". Hmmm, nineteen, okay so I'm gonna do an
update. Alright,
and I just really
want to look at campus programs, I'm not necessarily interested in online programs, cause I wanna - you know, live on campus. Or I wanna
do some research or something other, so I'm gonna click on
campus, so now it's
narrowed down to fifteen. Fifteen
is a pretty great, you know - working
amount. Now I'm just gonna scroll through here,
this is where the site is not quite as great as Petersons,
um - but I love how easy it is eh - uh - eh - if - have any of you used 'gradschools.com'. Raise your hands. Okay, great - yeah it's just such an easy tool to use, so now I can go through and I'm gonna say, "great, Lewis and Clark, California Lutheran, University of San Diego". So I might say "well wow, you know these are all private", maybe I'm gonna look for a public University,
so
I'm gonna scroll down
San Diego State, awesome, CSU Bakersfield,
um - National University. So we get some ideas of the types of schools, so you might wanna - let say that you just take a li-list and write down these fifteen. Then you might want to go back to that list, that I handed out earlier,
that grad school research checklist,
Getting in to Grad School

Applying to Grad School

Before Applying:
You can find resources in our office (SSC 270) and on the web. Be sure to visit the college's website that you are interested in and check their specific deadlines and requirements.

- www.csuchico.edu/careers
- www.graduateprogram.com
- Grad school research check list
- Talk to professors, peers, friends and counselors
- Visit an appointment or create an account in the Career Center
- Check deadlines and resources requirements

Putting Together your Application:
- Application, must be written
- Statement of Purpose of Letter of Intent
- Guidelines for content
- Writing a Grad School Personal Statement or Statement of Purpose
- Transcripts
- Letters of recommendation
- Statement regarding
- Former professor/employer & create advance notice
- Give recommenders tools to be successful (e.g., stamped envelope, copy of your resume, description of grad)
- Follow up to ensure you meet deadlines
- www.csuchico.edu/careers
- www.graduateprogram.com
- www.csuchico.edu/careers
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access them regularly to see what courses are offered.

Recommended websites:
- Gradual progression
- Grad school research

- Talk with professors, tutors, friends, and counselors.

- Check the requirements of the programs you are interested in.

- Check deadlines and important requirements.

Putting Together Your Application
- Application: Check each college’s requirements.
- Personal Statement:
  - Guideline for content
  - Writing your statement

- Transcripts
- Letters of recommendation

- Other information:
  - Letters of recommendation
  - Test scores

- Submission:
  - Follow the instructions provided by the college.

- Follow-up: Ensure you meet all deadlines.

Contact Us:
- Email: grad@calstate.edu
- Phone: 530-892-4848
- Website: www.calstate.edu/grad

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and then you might wanna start working on this list. Okay, so you’re going to say 'name of school', CSU Bakersfield; 'title of program' - we would look that up, that's actually gonna to be on that si- on this other site here. So let's see,
Applying to Grad School

Before Applying:
- Visit the university's website and search forGrad School Information.
- Check the graduate school's graduate and professional school information.
- Visit the career center's website and search for graduate school information.

Putting Together your Application:
- Applications must be complete.
- Include the Grad School Information.
- Visit the university's website and search for graduate school information.
- Visit the career center's website and search for graduate school information.

Follow up to ensure you meet all deadlines.
- Visit the university's website and search for graduate school information.
- Visit the career center's website and search for graduate school information.

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so it'll tell you 'counseling'
or 'the title of department is
Administration, Rehabilitation,
and Post-Secondary Education.
So they all have different - different titles,
Kay.

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Type of Career: Behavioral Management

Request Info
And then we're gonna say the type of program, is it public, or private. Um - you know - how long is it, may it's two or three years, how many units does it require, um. The prerequisites, so - you know - depending on what your grade point average. It's important to see, what's the average gra- average grade point average for students entering a program a lot of times you can find this information on the grad school website. Okay, so um - what's the application deadline, okay, and the prerequisites. Making sure that you've taken the prerequisites, it's really great if you're lower classmen, because you might still have an opportunity to take some of the prerequisites that you need. Um - if you find about it early - find out about it early enough, um - the application fee. Sometimes application fees can be waived if you qualify for financial aid. I would advise you go to your financial aid advisor, and talk to them about the possibility of getting um - the possibility of getting grad school application fees waived. Um - the program focus um - entry exams. So does it require the GRE, the GMAT, the MCAT um - maybe it requires a special subject test in addition to the GRE. Most schools are gonna take the Graduate Record Exam, um - which is the GRE; but some schools - it just depends if your medical school or business school or whatnot. Um - the tuition, types of financial aid, assistantships and fellowships. Has anybody heard of those? So what assistantship might be - where the universities - so your - your already admitted and - or maybe during the admissions process.
Um - they have what's called assistantships, which means you would work basically like 20 hours a week, and then they would pay - either your housing or your tuition costs. They would pay a portion or all of your expenses for attending the university. So it's really great to look into schools that have those programs to see if you might qualify. And those are gonna be great questions for you to ask the admissions department, and they can typically um - you know - or they - they might refer you to the specific program. Or maybe they'll refer you to Financial Aid, or you know - they'll refer you to a specific department, but definitely be asking those questions. Um - in addition to assistantships they're going to require letters of recommendation, typically about two or three letters are required for grad school. You are gonna want to think about who's gonna be able to best support your application, okay. If you are a grad school and you're reviewing applications, who do you think that you would want to see letters of recommendation from?
Audience Member: Teachers or program [inaudible]

Megan Odom: Yup, teachers or program heads. Yeah, professors, who else? Anybody else?

Audience Member: Bosses

Megan Odom: Yeah, maybe previous supervisors. So I would absolutely, if you've held a job for maybe a couple years while you've been going to school, it'd be great for your supervisor to write about what a great employee you do - you are. How conscientious, you know - you speak - you arrive on time, you create - you add value to their program. And then of course you want your professors to be writing letters of recommendation, because they're gonna talk about your student - you know, your academic record. Um - maybe, you know whether or not you were a great student, you work well with others. You were very um - attentive in class so, yeah.
Audience Member: Does it matter about their writing style? Like if were to be someone that wasn't a teacher, they weren't - like - I guess, grammatically correct in every single - you know what I'm saying. Like if it - like I-I don't want it to reflect bad on me, if it's not.

Megan Odom: Right - well, okay. Well that's a great question. So you're actually not gonna see these letters before they're sent to the school. Yeah, so you - when you think about it. You wanna find - think about somebody who's going to be able to repre- you know - to talk about what a great job you've done. I think they're really looking more for content of the letter of recommendation, but um - it's really your job to kind of guide the recommender, right. So you would want to ask your professor ahead of time, at least six weeks - say, "I'm applying to XYZ program, I would love to have a letter of recommendation from you".
Um - and if they say yes, awesome you know - "the deadline is gonna be Oct- or November first", okay. You might wanna pad the deadline a little bit, so um - there are definite circumstances where our faculty have not sent letters on time. So that is your job to manage that process, you can't just say, "great it's due on November first, thank you very much". Kay mmm, what are the chances that they’re gonna remember, what are the chances it's gonna get sent. Probably fifty, fifty. So I would say - so I would make - might make the deadline a little before it's actually due. Cause right, they have to send it - like physically send it typically. Sometimes there's an online system, but a lot of times they're physically sending the letter. You wanna give them a copy of a resume, and say "these are what the program is really looking for is this, this, and this" or you wanna - you know, whatever you want them to kind of highlight - you might wanna mention.
So don't hesitate to do that, I have written lots of letters of recommendation, and I'm always very grateful when somebody says, "great, I've attached my letter" or "my- my resume, and I've also attached the position description" or "a description about the program". Um, you know - "I think that -" you know - "my application is very strong, some things that I think I could get a little stronger in is this, this, and this. If you can talk to that, I would really appreciate it". So - and then you wanna follow up. So you'll send that to your faculty, and then maybe a couple weeks before it's due just send in, you know - a little reminder, give a call, stop by their office hours. Say, "hey, I just wanted to check in, thanks again for writing that letter of recommendation. Here's a little box of cookies", right. No - or you know, whatever it is, but check - just keep - continue to check in, because you wanna make sure that they get those letters written.
They will send a letter to each school that you apply to, so you want to make sure that you give them - so you want to make sure that you give them. So let's say you're applying to three schools, three envelopes, with you know - three stamped and addressed envelopes to the three different schools. And you want to make sure that they have all the information so they can get the schools, you know - correct. Cause they're gonna have to alter each letter of recommendation, for each different school. So again, you just really want to make sure you put a lot of time into managing that process?

Okay, any questions about the letters of recommendation? So - it's probably a much simpler, but I just like to be really thorough, because there's just little things that can come up. Um - most are gonna require a personal statement, and unlike when you apply to graduate pro- or an undergraduate program. Where either the undergraduate school doesn't require a letter or like the UC system, you would just write one letter and you can apply to every school. For grad school typically each school is gonna ask for different things, so some of them are gonna say "great, and we would like a personal statement". And they won't say anything else, some of you would like a personal statement no longer than two pages single state, say will say "we like a personal statement, no longer than two pages, single spaced".
Some will say "we would like you to answer the following questions in a personal statement", some will ask say it's like five pages, and it's just all over the map. So you want to make sure, when you're looking through each school that you really are taking some notes on what you're looking for in a personal statement. And we can help with the content so, we have a great writing center on campus if you're just starting your personal statement. They are a great team and they can give you some - a lot of great um - kinda prompts and information on starting to write your personal statement. And then once you get kinda your first draft together feel free to bring it into the career center, we'd be more than happy to read it over. And give you some feedback. So, but then just remember that you know - each schools a little bit different, so you are probably gonna be tweaking it. Depending on what they're asking for, and then just - contact information, don't hesitate to call the admissions department. I think, you know - I think just in this generation a lot of times, students want to do everything by email. Or you know virtual, but don't hesitate to pick up the admissions representative, and ask them any question you want to know. I mean that is their job, we have great admission staff...
And if they're busy, they'll find the time to do it - you know, in the next few days. So do not hesitate to reach out and start asking questions, you know - "I see that- that unit you - you have on your website that you - we answer these three questions in a personal statement. You know - what the typical length? I just wasn't sure". Or "You know - I'm applying, I see the deadline is December 1 is there any advantage to getting my application early". So with a lot of grad schools, there is an advantage - if you are a good - great candidate, typically what a grad school will do. Is they'll say "great our application deadline is March 1", for instance, or "January 1"; but they're gonna open it up let's say October. So let's say they've just opened it up, the sooner you get your application - they actually read them, typically as they come in.

And if you're a good candidate, you can get what's called early admittance. So they will set aside, you know - a certain chunk, and they'll say "great duh- duh - duh". And they might accept all the great applicants as they come in. If you are - let's say that those are the A applicants, if you're a B applicant - B C applicant you might be put in a different pile. And they'll wait until they have all the applicant, and then they'll read through them. Then they'll make those selections, yeah.
Audience Member: If it's the early [inaudible], is that like the early start. Where you have to commit to that school if you get in.

Megan Odom: Usually there is - there's certain - usually it's a specific deadline for everybody of when you need to decide. So good question. So yeah, there isn't - I can't think of any disad - that would be a disadvantage. I can't think of - but I - there is really - I disadvantage to applying early, other than you might find out that you got in earlier, so - okay. So the early bird gets the worm in the grad school application process. Alright, but again don't hesitate to reach out to the grad school um - admissions people.
Okay, so I'm gonna go back to here -
Putting Together Your Application

- Application, must be college
- Graduate School, professional
- University, state university
- School, graduate school
-研究生院, 大学
- 学士, 研究生
- Career Center, 学术中心
- Academic, 专业
- Research, 学术研究
- Writing, 学术写作
- Statements, 陈述
- Letter of Intent, 意向书
- Guidelines, 规则
- Summary, 摘要
- Deadlines, 截止日期
- Scores, 分数
- Transcripts, 成绩单
- Letters of Recommendation, 推荐信
- Academic History, 学术背景
- Personal Statement, 个人陈述
- Application Fee, 申请费
- Application Status, 申请状态
- Follow-up, 跟进
- Submit, 提交
- University, 学校
- Required, 必要的
- Contact, 联系
researching schools um - and then - another thing is talk with your faculty right. All of your faculty have gone to grad school. A lot of times they've gone to grad school in the subject matter that you're interested in, they can talk about the program that they went to, maybe further undergraduate or graduate or their PhD. And they probably have friends at different universities. They might also be able to say - maybe you're interested in Pacific, and they have a coworker - um, not a coworker, but uh um - a friend. Or a previous colleague that works at Pacific, they can call them up and I mean a lot still is who you now. Just like in the job market, that does apply to grad school to - so don't hesitate to reach out your faculty, if you're considering different programs and certainly can help you talk you through it. Um - and they are just fantastic resources, also talk with your friends and family, your coworkers, anybody just. You know - when you're trying to make decisions, and trying to decide on schools. It's good to have people that you can bounce ideas off of, um - you're welcome to make an appointment to meet with an advisor here in the Career Center. We have six different advisors and we'd be happy to meet with you - just - uh - anything along the, you know - application window of applying to grad school. Okay, and make sure that you keep track of the deadlines, so the deadlines really sneak up. Especially now right, who had midterms this week? If you're still in school. Right, most.
I mean it's - it's busy and it's stressful, and there's a lot going on so I would really advise that you figure out when the deadlines are. And then work your way back, so you'll say "great, the deadline to apply is January first. I'm gonna make sure that I have my application in the middle of October, which I have - I need my GRE scores at this time", and so you really want to create some type of a timetable. Um - alright let's talk - any questions about, just the research process? No, okay. So let's go into the application, unlike when you apply to your undergraduate, um - typically when you applied to um - Chico State or wherever else you applied. You would send your application in as a whole packet. With grad school that is not necessarily the case, you're actually - you're gonna fill out - you're gonna have your application.
Most are online some are still um - you know, in paper form. You're gonna have your resume, or your CV, which is basically just and more educationally focused resume. You're gonna have your statement of purpose or your letter of intent, and then we have just some - some guidelines on writing those. So just know that, that resources there for you um - your transcripts, you're going to - you know have your transcript sent directly to the school or you'll have them and you'll send it in with the - a packet. Whatever the grad school is asking for, um - so that is all gonna go to the school right one packet, but then the letters of recommendation are gonna go separately, cause your faculty, or your previous supervisors or current supervisors. They're gonna send the letter of recommendation directly to the school, so again - that - you won't be getting the letter and sending it. They send it directly for you, um - and then your GRE or whatever entrance exam that you took.
Those scores will be sent directly to the school, so when you go and you take the GRE or whatever test, um - you'll actually check the school that you want the scores sent to, and if you don't know then that step of the process - you can do later. Um - there is information on the different exams, so for those of you don't know - we actually have a testing office on campus, it's on the fourth floor of this building Student Services Center. And you can go up there, they have information on all the different entrance exams and information on when there offered. Some - almost all of them are offered here at Chico State, which is nice. You don't have to drive to Sacramento or somewhere else to take it, you can take it usually upstairs in the fourth floor. Um - they're - the tests are usually offered certain times of the year, and you really want to study ahead of time um - the GRE is gonna be like the SAT. Except for like the college level version, kay - I don't know about you, but when I took the SAT, it would've been helpful. I didn't really study for it, and it really would have been helpful to have an idea of what - what I was walking into. The type of questions I was gonna be asked, so for the GRE - what I advise is going and buying like one of those book, you know - 'Preparing for the GRE'.
And just taking like a half an hour, or an hour every night set aside from your homework, and start going over it and working on it. If you find an area that you’re not very strong in, let’s say math for a lot of people - people struggle in math. Um - there are test prep courses that you can take, like [not understandable] or something like that, that you can, you know - do online. Or you can actually go to a class, and you can study up on, or you can hire a personal tutor, or you can go to the, you know, math department. So it’s just good to be aware if you are a little more deficient in certain area, um - but I found um - I took the GMAT, and it was particularly helpful to buy the book ahead of time, and it really does kinda go through and see what the format is. Most of them will have like an online code, they’re almost all done online, and so um - you can go through the questions. A lot of them will have an essay components - I know the GRE does um - there are workshops throughout the semester, that are being put on writing for the GRE. That - that - those are put on through the - our graduate school. And um - those are gonna be excellent resources for you as you’re preparing. Okay. You can also
wanna take, like a free GRE practice exam, so there's lots of different sites for that. So does that make sense that your application packet, is just gonna - it's gonna kinda become whole once everything is sent in; but you definitely want to make sure that you manage that process. So you want to make sure that you're taking these entran - entrance exams in time. For the scores to be sent directly to the school, okay. Alright, so if you get into grad sch-er-er - if you get an interview, some grad schools will have interview process. Some will not, some will just take your application, and they will say yay or nay.

Yes you’re in, no you’re not in. Some will have an interview process, so and it's kind of - it's different for lots different schools so, um - specifically medical schools have interview processes; but lots of different programs have interview processes. So don't hesitate to come in, we can do like a mock or practice interview here in the office. We have listed resources over here, it says grad school interview questions, there's
general interview questions;
med school, law school.
Um - so just know that those resources are available. What questions do any of you have about applying to graduate school? What's so confusing, overwhelming, still unsure of? Deadlines? Like I said, typically um - it used to be at March first - was just like the did the deadline for grad school; but when the economy really took a dive, and grad like - like grad schools became uber popular. And students were saying "hey, can't get a job. Might as well go to grad school, and so um - grad school applications were through the roof. So they started inching up there deadline, because they were getting so many applicants that they couldn't get through them.

So sometimes deadlines now are even, you know - January, even as early as December. So it's just really good to be aware of when the deadlines happen, some grad schools will do admittance for Spring, so - but most of them. You - I mean all them all course will do Fall and you know - admit you for the Fall; but um - some of them will have spring admittance so just depends on when you're graduating and kinda when you're looking to start a program. Okay, yeah.
Audience Member: Do most people take the GRE twice, and like do like separate scores?

Megan Odom: Yeah that's a good question. So the question was "do most people take the GRE twice". I think it completely depends on the person, so - and it depends on what score you get, right. And if you get a great score, yeah, you can - you can take it again I think it's - there used to be a window you had to wait six weeks. But feel - I feel like that's actually just changed in this past year. Um - and it's - it's not cheap, it's you know - a hundred and fifty dollars or I can't remember exactly how much it costs. But you know - it's also - but there's lots of things - of reasons to determine whether or not you want to take it again, um. I know a lot of students that do exist, but it just depends, so; but that's something to be aware of too. If you're thinking - if you're gonna say, "okay, great. Well then I need to take the GRE by this time". Well if you wanna give yourself a little cushion to take it again, then you're gonna wanna you know - bump that up a little bit. Okay, any other questions? Yeah
Audience Member: I'm a junior, would I be applying for grad school next fall?

Megan Odom: You would, exactly. So if you're a Junior, and you're graduating in May of two thousand sixteen is when you're anticipated to graduate, right. Your goal would be, or Michael for you would be to get your application in a year from now - so next October. If you're graduating this May, then goal would be to get a really kick into gear and get your application in, you know - as soon as you can. You know - before the deadline, so. And it's not to say that you're not gonna get in, if you don't get it submitted early. I just - in an ideal situation, you know - you'd submit it early, but by no means you know - should you not apply; because it's October. Yeah.
Audience Member: How many schools do you suggest we apply to?

Megan Odom: How many schools should you apply to? It's so individual, it depends on how competitive you are. So if you're just like this rocksolid, most amazing student, and you're absolutely one hundred percent confident that you're gonna get into the school of your choice - if that's ever going to happen. You know - then you might apply for a couple schools. Most students apply between five and ten schools, so - but it begin it's - it cost money, it takes a lot of time. So it's really going to depend on what you choose, but why - I do see some students that will apply to just one program. And unless you know - you're dead set that, that's the only program you're gonna go. I would recommend applying to more than one, because you want to - you know you want to have a couple schools to choose from, and you know - you might not get in everywhere you apply. So, yeah.
Audience Member: Applications usually, you know - if like you're applying to a CSU it's like fifty dollars.

Megan Odom: Yeah, I think - you know what I think, it depends on the school you applied to. I think they're all between like fifty and a hundred, but I don't know exactly the - the fees for each school, yeah. Any other questions? Yeah

Audience Member: Would it depend on each school, which entrance exam you would have to take?

Megan Odom: So, that's a good question. Probably for most school - for most schools they're gonna, you know - if you're certain major, you're gonna take a certain test. The only discrepancy that I've seen is business schools um - they have - they used to just be a GMAT, but you need to GMAT if you're gonna go to a uh - MBA program. Um - but in the last two years they've really switched, and so I would say like half of them will accept the GRE and half will accept the GMAT, um - but for most other programs it gonna be very deli- you're gonna take one test. It's gonna apply to all the schools.
Audience Member: So if like they're under the grad program.

Megan Odom: Yeah, yup on their website they'll say the entrance exams that they require. An almost all of them are gonna require the GRE, with the exception of like I said medical school or law school so. And then within the GRE, let's say that you were an engineering major - you were applying for an engineering program. You would take the GRE, and then there are also I believe, five subject matter tests for the GRE, and then you would take the engineering subject matter tests. So just be aware of that, those are for - like a more technical degree. If you have a more. um - like liberal arts degree, you're not gonna be taking that subject matter test. You'll just take the general GRE test, okay. But the testing office, like I said up on the fourth floor. They're all wealth of knowledge, and while we know just a little bit about everything. They're gonna know a lot about each different test, um - they're gonna be a really great resource for you as you start planning out when you should take tests, how much they're gonna be, you - what's the average retake rate.
I'm sure they can answer all the questions for you, so - and usually they have like a little pamphlet, and it has sample questions on it. Which is kinda interesting to see so, any other questions?

**Audience Member:** [inaudible]

**Megan Odom:** The testing office is on the fourth floor, I wanna say that we - [inaudible]. Let's see.
It is
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four twenty, there you go, yeah four twenty. Uh-huh. Yeah - yes, they're very friendly. Usually there's a student that's working up at the front, and they're wonderful. Any other questions? So it's a half-hour seminar, so I try to just blow through this information; but don't hesitate to come and make an appointment. Um - you know grad school is - I just feel like it's stressful, because you're already in school, and then you're applying for another program, um. So don't hesitate to reach out and meet with an advisor, and then again. I can't emphasize enough, meet with your faculty, your faculty will be great resources for you, okay. Yeah, you're welcome. Alright, have a good day. Yeah, thanks for coming.