

NOT SURE ABOUT YOUR MAJOR?

- Is your major listed as Undeclared?
- Did you choose a major because you thought you had to, but you really are unsure of what you want to do?
- Confused about how to begin exploring possible majors and careers?

If you answered “yes” to any of the above questions you are in very good company! Between 20% and 40% of entering students define themselves as undecided about a major. Approximately 50% of all students change their majors during their academic careers.

Deciding on a major that is a good one for you is a process that can take from several weeks to several months, depending on your personal circumstances and needs. **First-time freshmen** are strongly encouraged to begin the exploration process their first semester with a goal of deciding on a major by the second semester. **Transfer students** from other colleges normally find it necessary to begin exploring possible options almost immediately.

Initially, all undeclared students will be able to identify courses to take that fulfill General Education requirements. What does this mean?

- **First-time freshmen** can expect to identify lower division courses for about the first three semesters before running out of options.
- **Transfer students** coming from a California community college usually have only one semester of upper division General Education courses to complete before starting major coursework.

So that completion of academic goals is not delayed, it is important that an exploration plan be developed that meets your graduation time line.

Where can you receive information about how to select a major that would be a good one for you? The **Office of Advising Services**, as well as Career Services, is a good place to begin. The Office of Advising Services is the primary advising office for undeclared students. Staff in this office assists you with the major exploration process as well as General Education advising and academic problem solving. The office is located in Joyal Administration Building, Room 224.

If you are trying to decide on a major, you are advised to attend a **COMPASS** workshop to receive the information needed for the major exploration process. This workshop is especially designed for students who have not declared a major or who are considering a major change. **COMPASS** workshops are offered several times each semester. For further information and to sign up for a **COMPASS** workshop, call 559.278.1787 or drop by the Office of Advising Services.

Attending college is an exciting time, filled with challenges and new experiences. College can also seem overwhelming. Whether you are a first-time freshman or transfer student, your first semester at Fresno State will present new opportunities, increased responsibilities, higher accountability, and adjustment. Don't let indecisiveness about choosing a major prompt you to delay exploring possible options. Attend a **COMPASS** workshop and get the information you need to start exploring possible majors that are right for you!