

Undecided about your major?

This information can help

Not Sure

About Your Major?

Is your major listed as undeclared? Did you choose a major because you thought you had to? Are you unsure of what you want to do? Are you confused about how to begin exploring possible majors and careers?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, help is available. Deciding on a major that is right for you is a process that can take from several weeks to several months.

When Should I Begin Exploring Possible Majors?

You should begin the process of exploring during your first semester. The exploration process may involve taking several steps, so give yourself time to do them. The sooner you start, the sooner you will graduate!

Where Can I Go for Help?

The Office of Advising Services in Joyal 224 is equipped to provide academic counseling for undeclared students during their transition period and can assist with identifying resources available to help with the exploration process. Undeclared students who are in the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), University Migrant Services (UMS), or on one of the varsity athletic teams should seek advising from their respective offices.

The Career Services Office in Thomas Administration 103 has career counselors available

to help with the exploration process. Some of the services and resources provided include workshops, assessment tools to help identify possible majors and careers, and specific information about job titles of interest to you. You will find information about job responsibilities, working conditions, expected salaries, required training or preparation, opportunities for advancement, and the projected demand for the occupation.

How Can My Fresno State General Catalog Help?

Use your catalog to learn about majors you are considering. A complete list of majors and minors is available. Use this to familiarize yourself with the various options Fresno State offers. Information is given about each department as well as the majors offered and possible careers. Each major provides a “road map” that specifies the courses required to complete that major. Read the description for each required course in order to gain an understanding about that particular field of study. Then, review your choices and ask yourself, “Which major would I most enjoy?”

G.E. Classes

General Education classes can be a career exploration tool. Choose classes that appeal to you or offer exploration in areas of interest. For many majors, it may be possible to double-count a course for G.E. as well as the major.

Talk with Professors

Faculty members have a wealth of career information they can share with you. Take advantage of their knowledge and experience. Faculty will indicate their office hours, so be sure to find out when they are available.

Meet with Department Advisers

If you are considering more than one field of study, meet with an adviser in each of those areas to help you decide on a major. Be sure to obtain their advising information or “road maps” to help you better understand the major requirements.

Don't Delay

Your first semester at Fresno State will present exciting opportunities, increased responsibilities, higher accountability, and many new adjustments. Be proactive. Begin exploring possible majors right away.

Mandatory Major Declaration

Freshmen are strongly encouraged to declare a major before completing 45 units and are *required* to declare a major before completing 60 units. Transfer students from other colleges will need to begin exploring their options as soon as possible. Students entering with 60 or more units will be allowed to register for their first-semester classes but must declare a major before registering for their second-semester classes.

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