Prepared for Success

It is far better to systematically decide on a major than to jump into one prematurely. Selecting a major is made up of three components: First learn more about yourself; then, learn about academic disciplines at the university level; and finally learn about careers available to you. You can analyze this information and follow a logical decision making process.

As an undeclared student you will be assigned to an adviser in the Advising office who understands academic policies and the curricular requirements for every major on campus. Your adviser will help you meet university graduation requirements and suggest courses that fulfill requirements in a number of majors. You will be advised based on the academic areas you are considering and encouraged to explore courses in a major or directed to a department to meet with a faculty member. At the same time, your adviser will help you through a process of research, analysis and decision making that will lead to an informed decision.

If you work with an adviser each semester from the time you arrive at UW-Eau Claire, you will be able to finish most majors within four years.

Suggested Freshman Curriculum

- University writing requirement—depending on placement exam.
- Language course—depending on placement exam and programs of interest
- Mathematics course—depending on placement exam and programs of interest
- General education courses in the sciences, social sciences and humanities

Course Work / Pre-Professional Courses

Most students take 30 credits (15 per semester) in the first year. Courses commonly include those that meet the university graduation requirements and general education program options.

Program Options

- The Career Discovery Lab, located in Schofield Hall, Room 226, right next to the Advising office, has information - books, pamphlets, videos, computer programs - about all majors at UW-Eau Claire and hundreds of careers. We administer the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator as well as other inventories to help you identify your interests, values, skills and personality traits. While you may already have had a "career test" that didn't help you much, you can rest assured that the staff in Advising and Career Services will help you understand the results so that they are meaningful to you.

Special Admission Guidelines

- A one-credit course, Gen 250: Academic and Career Exploration, helps you explore options while receiving academic credit.