Undeclared

If you choose to be an undeclared student you will be welcomed and supported at UW-Eau Claire. Through the Advising, Retention, and Career Center, you will have an academic advisor who has the curricular and career expertise to help you explore majors. Many students want more information about themselves, the university environment and potential careers before they decide on their major. **About one third of new freshmen are undeclared. Of the remaining two thirds who arrive at the university with a declared major, 60 percent will change their major at least once before graduating. So, most students are undecided at some point in their college career!**

The Majors and Student Services Fair is held once during the fall semester and once in the spring semester. This is a good time for undeclared students to meet with different departments. It has representatives from various departments on campus.

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 advisor in the Advising, Retention, and Career Center who understands academic policies and the curricular requirements for every major on campus. Your advisor 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 advisor will help you through a process of research, analysis and decision making that will lead to an informed decision.

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

First-Year Suggested 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
- Liberal 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 liberal education.

Program Options

- The Career Discovery Lab, located in the Advising, Retention, and Career Center in Old Library 2100, has books and paper resources on majors at UW-Eau Claire and hundreds of careers.
- We offer a career assessment as well as the Strengths Quest assessment to help you identify your interests, values, skills and personality traits. Academic Advisors will help you understand the results so that they are meaningful to you.
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Special Admission Guidelines

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