UB Major Explorers Program

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Who We Work With:  

• Students who are exploring majors (Undecided and those in transition)  
• Intended (but not accepted Engineering & Computer Science)  
• Prehealth  
• Pre-Law  

Advisor Appointment Hours:  
Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
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**What we do:**
- 1-on-1 exploration of how interests connect to majors
- Identify career goals and how majors connect to various options
- Discover internships, build connections, test out work opportunities

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Career Services
Major Explorers Program Partner

Career Services *listens* and *guides* students to better understand themselves, resulting in exploring and selecting a major that is the right one for them.

**Help** connect students to learning experiences, such as internships, networking, and employment opportunities that make their career path possible.

**Sponsor** numerous programs, such as UBE 202: *Career Planning*, The *Sophomore Advantage* and the *Sophomore Internship Program*. 
Each year, an average of 15 to 20 percent of the students in UB’s entering freshman class are undecided about their major. This is one of the reasons for the creation last year of a mandatory course for Undecided Students called UE 101: Major & Career Exploration.

Over 60 percent of college students change their major at least one time before graduation.
The **Major Explorers** program is dedicated to assisting first and second-year students in making an informed decision about selecting a major by 45 completed credit hours.

The **Major Explorers** program additionally supports students who want or need to transition from an existing major by helping to explore new majors while still achieving timely graduation.

**Many majors** enable you to develop the skills to prepare for similar careers, work environments and graduate programs!

The **Major Explorers** program complements the **Finish in Four** Initiative, by helping students complete the process of choosing their major as early possible.
Finish in Four is the University’s commitment to help students graduate in four years.

- Tuition, fees and loans have doubled since the mid 1990’s.
- Students can complete their undergraduate studies sooner so they can move on to advanced study or employment.
- A pledge between the student and the university.
- Take a look at the Finish in 4 Curricular Plans. They provides a roadmap for completing this academic program and the UB Curriculum. Sample plan for Anthropology [http://undergrad-catalog.buffalo.edu/academicprograms/fif/AnthropologyBA.pdf](http://undergrad-catalog.buffalo.edu/academicprograms/fif/AnthropologyBA.pdf)
Discover how your interests and strengths relate to Majors and Careers

• Meet with your UB Major Explorers academic advisor
• Review resources for choosing a major
• Research Exploratory Paths to majors
• Complete the MyPlan online self-assessment tool
• Choose a UB Seminar (component of UB Curriculum, UB’s new General Education program)
• Enroll in UE 101: Major and Career Exploration seminar. Mandatory for all students who are Undecided.
• Enroll in UBE 202: Career Planning course (Spring semester) or meet with a career counselor to continue your exploration
The entryway to your UB education.
A discussion-based seminar built around grand challenges and big ideas.

Courses in diversity, writing, math and natural sciences that promote critical thinking, creative problem-solving, enhanced communication skills, cultural competencies, and ethical and analytical reasoning.

A series of courses interconnected by theme or concept across a wide range of disciplines. Pathways can be customized to complement pre-existing interests or designed to expand horizons and engage curiosity.

A final project that integrates the whole in anticipation of next steps in life and learning.
Connect to your major through people, resources and services

- Meet with departmental academic advisors
- Explore how majors connect to career options
- Attend UB Celebration of Academic Excellence
- Enroll in exploratory courses
- Engage in campus activities
- Pursue Study Abroad
- Seek out networking events like Career Conversations
- Engage new experiences such as Road Trip events
Celebration of Student Academic Excellence

Interested in Undergrad Research?

Want to speak with current students about their research projects?

Stop by the Undergrad Poster Session
1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Thursday, April 7, 2016
Center for the Arts Atrium

Center for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity: http://curca.buffalo.edu/
Declare your major and graduate in a timely manner

- **Apply** to an academic major
- **Meet** with departmental academic advisors
- **Consult** with faculty mentors
- **Develop** an academic plan for graduation
- **Participate** in academic clubs
- **Gain** career experience through volunteering and internships
- **Connect** with professionals in your field
Explore our Majors / Minors using the Undergraduate Catalog

To view Academic Programs: [http://undergrad-catalog.buffalo.edu/academicprograms/](http://undergrad-catalog.buffalo.edu/academicprograms/)
Geology is primarily the study of the Earth. However, the term 'geology' applies to numerous scientific subdisciplines: environmental geology, geochemistry, geophysics, glaciology,...

Acceptance Criteria

Acceptance Criteria Courses and Grade Point Averages required to be accepted into a major.

What's going on in the Department

Faculty Listing – Area of Interest

Faculty Awards
Research Awards
Student Recognition
Student Club(s)

Example of a Faculty listing on next slide
My interests lie in the broad field of Quaternary geology and global climate change. I study glacial settings to better understand ice sheet processes, glacial landscape evolution and past glacier fluctuations. I also study paleoenvironments recorded in Holocene and Pleistocene lake sediments to better understand paleoclimate, which provides a template for modern global change.
Resources

University at Buffalo

- Undergraduate Catalog
- Departmental Websites
- Undergraduate Research (CURCA)
- Student Association Clubs
- Undergraduate Student Alumni

Some External

- Occupational Outlook Handbook
- O*NET Online
- Scientific American Topics
Next Steps

1. Complete New Student Data Form
2. Your Data Form is distributed to an Advising Office
3. Submit Immunization & Health Forms
4. Complete the **Course Registration Guide**
   (Undecided Students)
5. Schedule an appointment with Student Advising Services. You will be assigned an advisor.
6. Based upon your advising meeting, the advisor will build your Fall Semester class schedule.
7. Attend Orientation
8. Start exploring
**What’s Next**

1. **Pay Tuition Deposit**
2. **Fill out Orientation Data Form**
3. **Submit Immunization & Health Forms**
4. **Meeting with Advisor**
5. **Student adds UB Seminar to schedule**
6. **Send AP, CLEP, IB scores to UB**
7. **Send Transfer Official Transcripts to UB**
8. **Tuition Bill Emailed: 7/27/16**
   - **Tuition Bill due: 8/26/16**

**Distribution to Advising Offices**
- **Contact students to schedule appointment**
- **Advisor builds Schedule.**
- **Possible adjustment of schedule**
- **Fall Semester begins Monday, August 29, 2016**

**Timeline:**
- **April 2016**
- **May 2016**
- **June 2016**
- **July 2016**
- **August 2016**

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