

## about Exploration

### Who are we?

We are a group of professionals who want to assist incoming and current students who are undecided in their major.

### Who are our students?

University Exploration students identify themselves as undecided for a multitude of reasons, but we typically serve 3 types of students: those who want to learn about the 170+ majors offered, those who have narrowed their choices but who want time to confirm, and those who have chosen a major but need to fulfill the entrance requirements.

### What makes us unique?

We have a constellation of outstanding services to help students shine during their first years at Ohio State. Our program has been designed to walk your student through the process of finding a major, and we're devoted to helping him or her from the first to last day in Exploration.

## Exploration

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## myths debunked

### My student is the only undecided student.

Approximately 15–20% of all incoming students start in Exploration. Your student is in good company and will have a lot of support.

*Studies estimate that up to 75% of students entering college will change their major before graduation!*

### Students who start undecided will graduate later.

At OSU, students who receive support in selecting a major are just as likely to graduate on time. This is evidence that solid advising and relationship-building help our students stay on track for their selected degrees.

*Less than 2% of students who start in Exploration return to the program after declaring a major.*

### My student might not be able to get into the major they eventually decide on.

Your student would be entering as a pre-major for most competitive programs that can be selected on their application. Students who start in Exploration have the same opportunities to apply to majors as students who start in the pre-major programs. Our students declare majors in every college and school at Ohio State.

*We work closely with colleges to ensure that students in Exploration have similar course access as students in majors and pre-majors.*

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### family guide

### Is your student considering Exploration?

About 20% of incoming students start in our program because they are undecided on a major. We're here to help your student learn about the various majors at OSU and provide him or her with some extra time to discover the perfect fit.



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## orientation

Our professional staff will work with your student to build a strategic schedule and an advising syllabus. Your student will be contacted individually so our staff can work with him or her before classes.



## survey

Our unique class introduces your student to all OSU majors, resources, and policies. These are offered both online and in-person.



## support from the start

We strive to proactively connect your student with resources in their first semester. We are experts at identifying concerns and providing the appropriate advice.



## programming

Your student will be invited to a variety of workshops, speeches, and meetings aimed at furthering their success at Ohio State.



## success planning

We offer a workshop to intervene with students who fall into academic difficulties. Our goal is to assess challenge areas and develop a plan for success.

## academic advising

We will help guide your student throughout their time in Exploration. Our advisors hold masters degrees and are specially-trained to work with exploring students. Whether your student needs to select courses, declare a major, or identify strengths and interests, we're here to help!



## online resources

We encourage students and their families to learn more about the various majors at OSU, so we have made an interactive website to allow self-guided exploration.

