

University Exploration

Explore all the academic options at The Ohio State University
before making a final decision about your major

Are you trying to decide which major to choose at Ohio State? Many students are undecided about their major and career goals when they enter college. EXP is an academic program designed to assist students who are undecided about their major. EXP might be a great way for you to start your academic career at Ohio State if you:

- Want to learn about **all 175+ majors** offered at Ohio State, plus all the combinations of minors and specializations.
- Have a few areas of interest but would like **more time or information** before committing to just one.
- Would like to **experience college-level coursework** in a subject before declaring your major.
- Need to complete requirements before applying to a competitive major.
- Have a long-term goal, such as a **professional program** (law, medicine, physical therapy, etc.), but are not yet sure which major to pursue for your baccalaureate degree. None of these programs is a major!

You're in good company. Approximately 20% of the incoming student population each year enrolls through EXP, and many students change their major after arriving on campus.

How Does University Exploration Work With Students?

Advising & Academic Support	EXP advisors are professionals who are excited to work with undecided students and to help you be successful! Advisors will help you learn about all 175+ majors, and know the specific requirements for every major. They'll help you create academic plans, identify campus resources such as free tutoring and career services, and make the most of your time in EXP and at Ohio State.
Taking College Classes	Every new freshman begins with general education, or GE, courses. These are requirements for every degree at Ohio State, no matter which major you select, and are a great way to try different classes while still meeting requirements. The GE courses allow you to explore new subjects, to try classes at the college level, and to still stay on track for a timely graduation. Students who begin in EXP are taking the same GE classes as students who begin in a declared major.
Exploring Outside The Classroom	Ohio State offers thousands of opportunities to have fun and explore your interests: joining student organizations, volunteering, shadowing at the Wexner Medical Center, participating in sports, taking on leadership roles... the list is seemingly endless! EXP advisors will help you think about ways to explore majors and careers through these opportunities in addition to your classes.
Making A Good Decision	EXP advisors have a variety of self-assessment tools to help you figure out and describe your interests, abilities, values and goals. The advisors can also help you determine which factors are important to you in making a decision, what information you need to make a strong and thoughtful decision, and how to research answers to your questions.
Declaring A Major & Graduating	EXP students usually declare a major sometime during their first year, or early in their second year, and move into every college and department at the university. Students who enter EXP and work with their advisors are also on track to graduate! The four-year graduation rate for freshmen who entered EXP is consistent with the four year graduation rate for students who entered in other majors, and is higher than the four-year graduation rate for students who changed majors after coming to Ohio State.

To learn more about how EXP can help you explore the options and find the major which is the best fit for you, visit exploration.osu.edu, email exploration@osu.edu, or call 614-292-0646 to schedule an appointment with an advisor.