DEPARTMENT OF EXPLORATORY STUDIES

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Student Exploring Majors
The QUEST Program ensures that students who are undecided on a major and are exploring their options have access to the resources necessary to make informed academic and career choices. Students can stay in the QUEST Program for a maximum of three academic semesters. At any time during the three semesters, providing they meet the requirements for their chosen major, students can declare a major in an academic college. The program provides academic advising that serves the various needs of students choosing a major and refers them to other campus events, services, and resources such as Career Events, tutoring, career development, and others as necessary. While in the QUEST program, students work to fulfill general education requirements. Employers are looking for college-educated employees with transferable job skills. QUEST helps students gain these skills, which include critical thinking, decision-making, and adaptation to change.

Exploratory Studies
Students that do not meet the admission requirements for the college of their choice are placed into the Department of Exploratory Studies. Students may take advantage of advisors and Success Coaches who will guide them through the process as they prepare to enter their chosen program or college. Advisors are dedicated to helping students make the right choice in scheduling classes and to making referrals if additional academic support is needed. After a student’s first semester within Exploratory Studies, they will be re-evaluated to determine if they meet the requirements to officially declare a major in the college of their choice. While in Exploratory Studies, new students will participate in the Exploratory Scholars Learning Community. Students will be part of a meta-major cohort and will take a three (3) credit FYE core course and UC 1120, a two (2) credit Career and Self-evaluation course. Students will also work to fulfill additional general education requirements.

Pre-Major Students
The Pre-Major Program here in University College is aimed at providing the additional services and programs needed to assist students with fulfilling their educational goals. During the time as a Pre-Major student, a student will:

• Take a reduced credit load
• Attend specialized courses
  • UC 1150: Orientation for College Success (3-credits)
  • UC 1120: Career & Self-Evaluation (2-credits)
• Participate in a cohort based curriculum

After a student’s first semester within the Pre-Major Program, students will be re-evaluated to determine if they meet the requirements to officially declare a major in the college of their choice.

Non-Degree Seeking Students
Students who are not seeking a degree, yet want to gain new skills or enhance an existing skill, expand career development, or explore new subject matter for personal growth can find a place in The Department of Exploratory Studies. Students can take up to 24 semester hours of undergraduate college credit as a non-degree seeking student.

Change of College or Major to Exploratory Studies
Students in good standing (i.e., with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher) who wish to change from another college of The University of Toledo to the Department of Exploratory Studies should make an appointment with an advisor to discuss the transfer and have their academic records reviewed. Student transfers will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Students who have decided on an academic major or are qualified to transfer from the Department of Exploratory Studies into the college or program of their choice must meet the academic criteria set by the receiving college or program. Students should make an appointment to discuss their transfer with an advisor in the college they wish to enter.