



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Exploratory Center

What is the Exploratory Center?

The University of Georgia created the Exploratory Center in 2016 to provide academic advising services to exploring and undecided students. Students who aren't completely sure of their major, who feel they may be in the wrong major, who hope to find a major that pairs well with their pre-professional goals, or who simply want to know more about the 130+ majors offered at UGA are welcome to be advised in the EC. We want all students to know that it is OK to be undecided! We provide guided exploration of academic options while advising students for degree completion.

The Exploratory Center also advises students who plan to apply to Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communications or Terry College of Business. More information about transfer issues pertaining to these colleges can be found in their respective transfer handbooks, or by contacting Cindy Schulman at cschulman@uga.edu.

What does it mean to be an Undecided (Exploring) major?

Being undecided simply means you want the freedom to explore all of the major options available to you while still completing the requirements for an undergraduate degree. Here in the Exploratory Center, we help students discover their interests, skills, values, and goals while working through the major declaration process.

Once you have been accepted as a UGA student, there are two ways to connect with an Explore advisor:

1. Fill out the online referral form here: <https://advising.uga.edu/referral-form/>
2. Visit the Exploratory Center in room 114 in Memorial Hall during Explore Hours. For the Explore Hours schedule, see <https://advising.uga.edu/exploratory-center/walk-in-hours/>.

To start out as an Exploring major, simply apply to UGA as Unspecified AB or Unspecified BS.

Typical Transfer Issues

Many general transfer questions can be answered at the following website: <https://www.admissions.uga.edu/prospective-students/transfer>

Some frequently asked questions:

How will my credits transfer to UGA?

*You can start looking for direct equivalency at the following site:

https://www1.admissions.uga.edu/transfer_equiv/TransferEquiv/Index

What if my courses don't show up on this equivalency site?

Many courses have not yet been evaluated for equivalency at UGA. An advisor will be able to help you request a new course evaluation from the appropriate department once you have been accepted to UGA. Outside of this search system, there will be no guarantee of course equivalency before your transcripts are posted here at UGA, and you have confirmed your acceptance.

Can I graduate "on time" if I don't declare a major right away?

Exploring various majors is definitely a shorter process for transfer students who have already completed part or all of their core requirements. Our advisors have knowledge of all UGA majors and are trained to help students determine how their current courses stand up to the requirements of various majors and programs. They can suggest specific course options that will work for the majors you are considering, discuss application processes for various programs that require applications, and help connect you to the colleges or departments you will need to speak to for any UGA major you might be interested in.

I'm not sure my major will enable me to get a "good job" What should I do?

Most employers are looking for employees who have critical thinking skills, oral and written communication skills, problem-solving skills, the ability to work cooperatively in a group, and the ability to be innovative and creative. Students can gain these skills through any major at UGA. We also partner with an excellent Career Center that can connect you with resources to aid you in your job search; including internships, access to job search sites, mock interviews, and workshops for writing resumes and cover letters.

***Career Center website:** <http://career.uga.edu/>

What should I major in if I want to pursue a medical profession?

Medical schools do not have a preferred major, but they do require certain prerequisite classes that all their applicants must take. For more information about the pre-health requirements, you can talk with someone in our Pre-Professional Advising Office.

***Pre-Health website:** <https://prehealth.uga.edu/>

What should I major in if I plan to apply to law school?

Unlike medical schools, there are no prerequisite classes for law school. However, applicants to law school must take the LSAT, which evaluates students' critical reading, verbal reasoning, and analytical thinking skills. If you are pre-law, you should choose a major that will foster those skills and that you can be happy with even if you eventually change your mind about law school. UGA's Pre-Professional Advising Office can also help students in their preparation for law school applications.

***Pre-Law website:** <https://prelaw.uga.edu/>

For more information: Visit explore.uga.edu or email us at exploration@uga.edu

To speak with a transfer advisor about your major interests at UGA, contact

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