

Undeclared Student Advising Guide



What we do

Your education is about learning, growing, and discovering so you can write your own story in this world. We are here to give you individualized attention and support whenever you get writer's-block or need inspiration for the next chapter. This fall, you should meet with your advisor to:

- Explore majors and check in during September
- Plan your spring schedule in October
- Get extra support any time you hit a roadblock



Where you can find us

Web: www.undeclared.casa.colostate.edu

Phone: 970-491-7095 (appointment scheduling and walk-in/ call-in advising)

Physical location: Collaborative for Student Achievement office on the east side of the football stadium

Summer hours: 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Fall/ spring hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.



Class opportunities exclusively for undeclared students

New Student Seminar - IU 172

Exploring Major Tracks

1 credit

- 8 weeks
- Explore personal values, interests, and skills
- Research major tracks and careers
- Learn about involvement and transition

Key Explore - KEY 192

Create Your Story

3 credits in fall, 1 credit in spring

- Build a community for your whole first year
- Explore personal values, interests, and skills
- Reflect on your personal story to understand how it impacts who you are and want to be
- Research majors and create a graduation plan
- Live in a learning community in Braiden Hall



Essential research tools

Catalog: www.catalog.colostate.edu

- Overviews and requirements for majors and minors
- Class descriptions
- University policies and procedures
- Student and advisor rights and responsibilities

My Majors: www.csu.mymajors.com

- Get a free report outlining your top CSU majors based on your preferences and abilities
- Assess your interests and skills
- Start researching majors this summer



Important work is ahead

Being undeclared in your first year has a lot of perks, and you'll need to actively research and engage to find a major that fits! We believe there are three essential steps to declaring your major:

1. Be informed

- Read about majors online at www.catalog.colostate.edu
- Register for an undeclared student seminar (outlined above)
- Understand entrance requirements for competitive majors (outlined on the back of your green major tracks sheet)

2. Make plans

- Work with your advisor to create a schedule that reflects your priorities and goals
- Begin requirements for a competitive major or take a variety of courses to explore major options

3. Take action

- Meet with your advisor
- Try new things such as sitting in on a class, meeting with a career counselor, job shadowing during break, or attending a club meeting
- Ask for resources

Undeclared Student Summer Checklist

Successful students complete these four items before arriving on campus in August



Study for and complete placement exams

Math, composition, and language placement exams impact your ability to add classes, get in to competitive majors, and make progress toward graduation. It is critical to complete these before you arrive in August.

Details about the placement exams can be found on our homepage: www.undeclared.casa.colostate.edu.

Students will receive specific placement information in their small-group advising session. Students who anticipate earning college credits through AP, IB, and concurrent enrollment programs may speak to their advisors about if they need to complete placement exams.

FUN FACT: Students who complete three credits of math, composition, and 30 credits during their first year persist to graduation at higher rates than students who do not.



Check your @rams.colostate.edu e-mail address

Advisors, instructors, the Office of Financial Aid, and all other university offices will communicate to students through this e-mail address so **it's important to start checking it now**. Visit <https://eid.colostate.edu/gmail/> to log in to your account, forward your CSU e-mail to an existing e-mail account, or link your CSU account to your phone.



Complete the My Majors assessment at www.csu.mymajors.com

Get a head start on your major exploration and take this free assessment that will give you a personalized list of majors to consider. Bring your list of top majors to your advising appointment in September.



Articulate the majors you know you don't want

Take a closer look at the green major tracks sheet you receive today and cross off every major you know you're *not* interested in pursuing. Bring this paper to your advising appointment in September.

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