



The journey to your future starts right here at UC College of Arts and Sciences

Get ready for the journey of a lifetime. UC College of Arts and Sciences lets you pursue your major while you experience all the benefits a liberal arts curriculum has to offer—co-op, internship, research and study abroad opportunities, professional development programming, and 60+ majors to help you find your best fit.

As a Bearcat, you can build a custom curriculum for a degree program that's as unique as you are. Combine majors, minors and certificates for greater flexibility in your career choices. Complete your bachelor's and master's in just five years with our 4+1 programs. Take advantage of our world-class faculty. All with the support of your experienced advising team, Learning Communities, and spirited Bearcats just like you.

Why wait? Your future starts today. Get in touch—we can't wait to hear from you!



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Exploratory Studies

The UC Center for **Exploratory Studies** (CES) is the academic home for students who have not yet declared or chosen a major or are seeking admission to one of UC's competitive academic programs. CES is specifically designed to help students choose an academic major or program by: (1) partnering them with professional advisors who are uniquely skilled in helping with navigating the admission and program requirements for all undergraduate UC majors and (2) structured approaches to informing them about the 125+ majors offered at UC.

Distinctions

The UC Center for Exploratory Studies has been recognized by the National Academic Advising Association as a best-practice model for assisting exploring students and has also been featured in *The New York Times*.

Special Programs

UC offers several unique programs, services and/or tools that can help students make informed academic decisions:

Discovering UC Course: This course helps students choose a UC major. The course includes faculty presentations from all of the UC colleges as well as some fun, experiential learning activities.

The First Year Experience Program: An innovative, year-long, freshman program that helps students successfully transition from high school to the university setting through freshman seminars, academic workshops and first-year courses.

College Success Skills: A course that focuses on vital skills acquisition, effective use of technology and campus resources.

Learning Communities: Groups of students, studying and taking classes together.

Major Mentoring: Meet with a student mentor who is already majoring in one of your areas of interest.

Personal Assessment Tools: (1) Exploratory advisors administer the *MyPlan portfolio of assessments* as well as the *ACT assessment profile* to help students develop the self-understanding needed for choosing a best-fit major. (2) The *CES Toolbox* provides students with a complete list of majors and academic options at UC and includes a major elimination activity designed to help students start honing in on their best-fit major.

Success Factors

Students in any UC college trying to identify their best-fit major will be successful if they take advantage of the following resources and programs offered through the Center for Exploratory Studies:

- Professional Exploratory Advising
- Faculty contacts in various UC departments and colleges.
- Discovering UC Course
- Major Mentoring



Corey Thomas

Major: Exploratory

"I first came to college with the idea of getting a well-paying job, but when I took some engineering classes, I discovered I was miserable. It's not that I couldn't cut it academically, but mentally I couldn't go any further. I knew UC cared about helping students, so after some soul-searching I realized I needed to do something that had deeper meaning than money. My academic advisor has been extremely helpful throughout my journey; when I had no clear academic path, she helped me find my way forward. I've only been in A&S for one semester, but it's already helped me grow by allowing me to focus on what I want to do, rather than what society tells me is safe. A&S has made the transition much easier and has been behind me 100%."

Ready to Begin?

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