
What new freshmen
should know about an
Undeclared Major

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Degree Path Options for an Undergraduate Degree

- Bachelor of Science vs. Bachelor of Arts:

- Bachelor of Science (Skills - Option A)
 1. *ENG 101*
 2. *ENG 102*
 3. *SPC 103, 104, or 105*
 4. *FL 106, IME 106, PHIL 106, or MATH 106*
 5. *STAT 107, CMIS 108, or CS 108*

Degree Path Options for an Undergraduate Degree (cont.)

- Bachelor of Arts (Skills - Option B)

1. *ENG 101*

2. *ENG 102*

3. *Foreign Language 101*

4. *Foreign Language 102*

5. One of the following courses: *FL 106, IME 106, PHIL 106, MATH 106, STAT 107, CMIS 108, or CS 108*

Degree Path Options for an Undergraduate Degree (cont.)

- Please note that **both** the BS and BA options are available for several degrees.
- HOWEVER, in certain instances, **only one degree option is available**. For example, while a student pursuing a degree in Computer Science may opt for either the BS or the BA, a student in Civil Engineering may only obtain the BS.

Academic Development Coursework

- Any student who requires AD coursework **MUST COMPLETE** this coursework prior to enrolling in General Education requirements (i.e. ENG 101, BIOL 111, MATH 120, etc.). Such AD coursework includes:

AD 070 – Beginning Algebra

AD 095 – Intermediate Algebra

AD 080a/b – College Reading I

AD 082 – College Reading II

AD 090a/b – Basic Writing I

AD 092 – Basic Writing II

- Please be advised that Academic Development (AD) coursework *may* lengthen the time to finish your degree.

Prerequisites & Foreign Language Proficiency

- Students who did not receive an ACT Math sub-score of 22 **and** complete one year of high school Chemistry must either enroll in CHEM 113 *or* complete SIUE's Chemistry Readiness Test.
- Students who completed at least 2 years of a foreign language in high school may be eligible to complete a foreign language proficiency test. If you are interested in completing this test, please contact the Foreign Language Department at 618-650-3510.

AP Credit & Dual Credit

- Students who have completed Advanced Placement coursework (AP) will want to have test results sent from the Advanced Placement Program of the College Board to SIUE.
- Students who have completed dual credit coursework through a community college or university should have official transcripts sent from the noted institution to SIUE. Credit cannot be granted without this documentation.

What Can I Be Doing Now?

- ❑ **Visit the Career Development Center (618-650-3656)**
Their office can provide you with multiple resources, advisement, and even career testing.
- ❑ **Examine company/career websites in which you might be interested.** Consider your strengths and interests. Direct questions to your closest resources (parents, family friends, school officials, professors, etc.).
- ❑ **Research, Research, Research...** and remember – it's alright if you change your mind, direction, focus, and interests.

Is there anything else????

□ **Imagine, Imagine, Imagine!!!**

Where do you see yourself working? *In an office? Outdoors?*

What kind of clothes are you wearing? *A suit? Jeans? A uniform?*

With whom are you working? *Students? Teammates? By yourself?*

□ **Explore, Explore, Explore!!!**

Speak to friends, family, professors, advisers, etc.

Seek out arenas in which you are interested – get involved!

Keep an open mind – according to Dr. Willard C. Lewallen (1995), 22-50% of incoming college freshmen are undecided upon a major.

Needing Further Direction???

- Visit the following website: <http://www.bls.gov/k12/>



References

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“Graduate. Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.”

– Henry David Thoreau
