

Undecided

Undecided about what you want to major in? It's OK! You cannot declare a major until you have 28 or more credits, anyway. The point of a liberal arts education is to take courses in a lot of different subjects so that you have a **breadth of knowledge** and to give you the opportunity to find out what you are really interested in.

You should start by working on your **General Education Requirements** and **Electives**. Remember that these will make up **more than half** of your degree requirements anyway. Until you find your passion, working on the General Education and Elective requirements will get you going in the right direction towards graduation. Plus, as you work through some of those Gen Ed requirements, you may just stumble upon your true calling and find your way to the **perfect major!**



Below please find some examples of first semester schedules for an undecided freshman. There are many variations of a first semester schedule; the examples are just meant to help you see that there are many ways to reach the same goals.

Example 1:

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. Any First-Year Seminar (FSEM) course that interests you (3)	FSEM
2. MATH 110 - Finite Math with Applications (3)	QR
3. GEOL 111 - Intro Geology with Lab (4)	NS
4. LATN 101** - Elementary Latin (3)	Language
5. ANTH 101 - Intro Cultural & Social Anthropology (3)	HES

Example 2:

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. Any FSEM course that interests you (3)	FSEM
2. PHIL 151B - Introductory Logic (3)	QR
3. GEOG 102 - Intro to Human Geography (3)	GI or HES
4. CHEM 105A - Chemistry & Society I with Lab (4)	NS
5. MUHL 151A - Great Masterworks (3)	ALPA

Example 3:

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. ENGL 206A - Global Issues in Literature (3)	GI
2. ARAB 101** - Beginning Arabic (3)	Language
3. MATH 110 - Finite Math with Applications (3)	QR
4. HISP 101 - The American Heritage (3)	HES
5. Any FSEM course that interests you (3)	FSEM

Example 4: Athletes for varsity sports must register for the 400-level course of the sport. Practice times for varsity sports can vary, but generally speaking, athletes should allow for enough time to get to and from practice on weekdays from 3 - 6 p.m. Please check with the individual coach for your sport to verify specific practice times each semester.

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. Any First-Year Seminar (FSEM) Course that Interests You (3)	FSEM
2. GEOG 110 - Weather and Climate with Lab (4)	NS
3. MATH 115A - Intro to Math Modeling (3)	QR, SI*
4. CPSC 110** - Intro to Computer Science (3)	QR
5. PHYD 408 - Intercollegiate Field Hockey - Women (1)	Elective

**Please note that not all sections of a course may have the Speaking Intensive (SI) or Writing Intensive (WI) attributes. These designations for a course are dependent on instructor and semester, and are listed in the Banner description for the semester in which you are registering.*

***This particular course is in a discipline that allows students with demonstrated competence upon admission to UMW (such as AP/IB credit, dual enrollment, etc.) to begin courses at a higher level. Talk to your Student Success Coordinator if you believe you should start at a higher level.*

One final note...

As you begin your freshmen year, talk to your **Student Success Coordinator** about your interests, classes you enjoy, and what you hope to do some day. Your SSC will be able to help you use this information to find your perfect major. The Office of Academic and Career Services offers special appointments and assessments for students to help choose a major. Ask about this during your advising session at orientation, or by stopping by the office on the 2nd floor of Lee Hall.

