

# UNDECIDED

At the University Advising Center, we meet with you individually to connect you with the people, information, services, and resources to help you succeed as a student and beyond. We will have conversations with you about what is going right so you can recognize and build on those strengths. Tell us where you need support, and we can connect you to that support and assist as you navigate and remove barriers. We want to help you reach your goals and achieve your dreams!

## PROGRAMS



### DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

- Bachelor of Science in Open Studies
- Interdisciplinary Studies

The University Advising Center provides academic advising for all students who haven't picked a major yet or who may be unsure of their initial choice of major. We can refer you to resources for more information if you're considering a few different majors.

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Professors, advisors, and career counselors can offer supportive and objective assistance in determining a major. As a student who is still undecided about your major, it is recommended that you take advantage of the numerous services designed specifically to help you make a decision towards a career goal. We are here for you!

## REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS



### SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Critical-Thinking
- Research Skills
- Organization Skills
- Communication Skills
- Teamwork

### CAREERS

- All Occupations
- Researcher
- Event Manager
- Entrepreneur
- Writer
- Administrator
- Information Officer

### EMPLOYERS

- Allied Health & Nursing
- Business
- Education
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Science, Engineering and Technology

## INSPIRED ACTION



### EMPLOYMENT RATE

**95.8%**  
of program graduates begin their careers within one year of graduation.

[link.mnsu.edu/graduate-follow-up](http://link.mnsu.edu/graduate-follow-up)

### MEDIAN SALARY

**\$65,470**

The median annual wage for all occupations in May 2023.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, All Occupations at [link.mnsu.edu/all-occupations-salary](http://link.mnsu.edu/all-occupations-salary)

### PROGRAM WEBSITE



[link.mnsu.edu/university-advising](http://link.mnsu.edu/university-advising)



# UNIVERSITY ADVISING

## WHAT IS AN UNDECIDED MAJOR?

If you are entering Minnesota State University, Mankato, without a specific field of study, you are “undecided” about your major, and you are in good company. National data shows that up to 50% of entering college students are undecided, and up to 75% of college students in the U.S. change their major at least once (Gordon, 2007). Being undecided opens up opportunities for you to explore options that you may have never seen before with the support of an advisor in our University Advising Center. Your major is the field in which you choose to specialize during your undergraduate education. Your major plays a significant role in how you spend your time at college – what courses you take, what organizations you belong to, and who you’ll spend most of your time with. This will help you develop intellectual skills and demonstrate your ability to grasp a subject from the fundamentals through advanced study. It’s not a decision to take lightly – you’ll devote much of your academic time and energy to the completion of your major requirements.

### Courses to take:

Trying out courses in a variety of majors can help narrow down what you like and don’t like. You can explore a wide range of courses in the general education curriculum. This will provide an opportunity for you to explore potential majors and complete general education requirements at the same time. If there is a class that sounds interesting but doesn’t meet a general education requirement, it can still help you in your studies by offering insight into a field of study and providing credits toward graduation. Everyone’s college journey is different. Remember that you are not alone in the process. Our advisors at the University Advising Center will walk you through the process of which courses to take based on your individualized plan and major of interest.

## RESOURCES FOR UNDECIDED STUDENTS

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### University Advising Center (UAC)

[link.mnsu.edu/uac](http://link.mnsu.edu/uac)

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### First-Year Seminar (FYEX 100)

[mnsu.edu/newstudent/seminar](http://mnsu.edu/newstudent/seminar)

First-Year Seminar is a course designed to assist students with their transition to the University. Class size is intentionally limited in each class section to allow students to make connections with other students, get to know their instructor on a 1–1 level, and explore tools necessary to find personal success at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

### Career Development Center

[mnsu.edu/cdc](http://mnsu.edu/cdc)

The Career Development Center (CDC) counselors provide numerous services to undecided students, including help with choosing academic majors, identifying career options, assessing the availability of jobs in a certain field, and finding an internship.

For more information about programs and requirements, visit:

[mnsu.edu/academics/academic-catalog](http://mnsu.edu/academics/academic-catalog)

## LEARN MORE

### University Advising Center

111 Memorial Library

507-389-1650

[advising@mnsu.edu](mailto:advising@mnsu.edu)

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