

PRE-MAJOR ADVISING

As a student in the pre-major program, you will explore options for an academic major while taking required general education courses in your first semester. You will work with a faculty adviser who has expertise in all University majors and will guide you into the appropriate general education and prerequisite courses.

You will be able to choose courses that satisfy requirements while you do the following:

- Meet regularly with an adviser who can guide, direct, and refer you to other academic and student life services as you develop an education plan and explore options for a major; and
- Have the opportunity to participate in programs designed to enhance your academic and career decision-making experience.

Why Enter the Pre-Major Program?

It is not uncommon to be undecided about which major you would like to pursue at college. Recognizing that you may not have a specific major in mind, we offer you the opportunity to begin your university experience in the pre-major program. In fact, approximately one-third of our first-year students enroll initially as pre-majors. This gives you the opportunity to explore multiple academic disciplines and career options. You will work with an academic adviser who will emphasize the relationship between career and academic major interests.

Do not worry about beginning as an undeclared student since all students need to take

general education courses in their first year as preparation for all majors.

How Do I Declare a Major?

The point at which you declare a major will depend on your particular area of interest and academic background. Your adviser will work with you to make sure you meet all requirements for your program of choice. This may include specific course prerequisites and achieving a prescribed minimum cumulative grade point average.

When Do I Declare a Major?

You are strongly encouraged to declare a major as soon as you decide what program you want to pursue and fulfill the prerequisite courses and grade point average needed for that area of study. It is recommended that this occur generally by the third semester, but no later than your fourth semester.

Academic Advising

The Pre-Major Academic Advising Center serves you, as an undeclared student, by providing advice regarding course selection, assistance in establishing educational objectives, and information on University and department rules, regulations, and requirements. In addition, the Pre-Major Academic Advising Center refers you to other appropriate support services such as the Counseling Center and the Twardowski Career Development Center.

For More Information

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About West Chester University

A comprehensive, public institution, West Chester University offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs in more than 100 subject areas, as well as certification and certificate programs. As one of the largest members of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, West Chester offers a full and rewarding educational experience as well as reasonable tuition.

With a rich heritage dating back to the 19th century, West Chester University was founded in 1871 as West Chester Normal School for the purpose of training teachers for the Commonwealth's newly established public schools. In 1960, West Chester State Teachers College expanded its programs to include liberal arts and graduate degrees and, as a result, dropped "Teachers" from its name. In 1983,

West Chester State College became one of the 14 institutions in the State System of Higher Education. Along with its university status, the school acquired a new system of governance and the opportunity to expand its degree programs.

Today, more than 15,400 graduate and undergraduate students, along with 1,500 faculty and staff, study and work on the 406-acre campus. Situated in the Borough of West Chester, the campus is a picturesque mix of Gothic, Victorian, and modern architecture with pleasant, tree-shaded walks.

Strategically located at the center of the mid-Atlantic corridor between New York City and Washington, D.C., West Chester is just 25 miles west of Philadelphia and 17 miles north of Wilmington.

Information on Admission

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