Exploratory Major

The Exploratory Major, offered through the Exploration Center in Career Discovery and Success (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/Services/Academic/theauburnuniversitycareercenter/), allows new first-time college students to investigate their options before declaring a degree-granting major. Exploratory Majors take EXPL1010: Exploratory Investigations, taught by a cross-trained team of academic advisors and career counselors who provide intensive and personalized support designed to help students choose the major that most closely meets their academic aptitudes and interests as well as their long-term goals.

While exploring, students work on college-readiness skills and receive academic advising on what courses will best keep them on track with potential majors. The goal is to help students choose a major with confidence while making progress toward their degree.

This option is ideal for students who are uncertain which broad academic area they wish to pursue, especially if their interests range across more than one of Auburn’s colleges. All students who enter Auburn University as an Exploratory Major must select a degree-granting major by the end of their second semester.

Students who enter Auburn as transfer students are not eligible to enroll as Exploratory. The Exploration Center does support current Auburn students and incoming transfer students through appointments and exploration resources. For more information on these services, please see the page on Career Discovery and Success (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/Services/Academic/theauburnuniversitycareercenter/) in the Academic Services section of this bulletin.

Additional information may be obtained by calling (334) 844-7277 or emailing explore@auburn.edu.

Courses

EXPL 1010 EXPLORATORY MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS I (2) LEC. 2. For students in the Exploratory Major. This course introduces students to the majors offered at Auburn, and through a program of readings, research, professional outreach, analysis, and reflection helps them decide on a degree-granting major.

EXPL 1020 EXPLORATORY MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS II (1) LEC. 1. For students in their second and final semester as an Exploratory Major. This course continues and deepens the exploration through readings, research, professional outreach, analysis, and reflection to help students select a degree-granting major.