

Advising Information for Exploratory Studies

Exploratory Studies is designed for students who are not ready to declare a major. As an Exploratory student, you receive all the benefits of a student in a declared major, including course advising, access to introductory major courses, and the opportunity to gain exposure to all that Millikin’s academic programs have to offer. Our goal is to help you find your academic home by the start of your sophomore year.

Exploratory Course

As a first-semester student, you will complete a one credit, pass/fail Exploratory course. Through this course, you will:

- Reflect on your individual interests and abilities and what they mean for your academic career.
- Explore your career options and learn about professional success.
- Connect with faculty from a variety of disciplines.

Sample First Semester Course Schedule for Exploratory Studies Students

Because your individual interests and abilities are unique, your fall schedule will be unlike any other Exploratory Studies student’s schedule. During Orientation & Registration, Exploratory Studies advisors will talk with you about the majors you would like to explore as well as the general education courses that all first-year students must take. Based on this conversation, you and your advisor will select courses that reflect your interests and abilities and that meet general education requirements. A sample fall schedule is below (please note that examples are meant to illustrate classes that you might consider based on your individual interests and are not necessarily required of all students):

Course	Credit Hours
IN 140/183 – University Seminar	3
IN 150 – Critical Writing, Reading & Research	3
IN 113 – Exploratory Course	1
Introduction to the Major Course (Example: Introduction to Business or Introduction to Psychology)	3-4
General Education / Elective Course (Example: Beginning Spanish, French, or Italian)	3-4
General Education / Elective Course (Example: Mathematics, Public Speaking, or Natural Science)	3 -4
Total Credit Hours for Fall Semester: 16-18	

For more information, look at the 11-12 course bulletin online at www.millikin.edu/bulletin.