A Guide to the Undeclared/Exploratory Program
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Advising is a Partnership
Your UAP Dean’s Office advisors are a very important part of your network. Forming a partnership with an advisor by having regular advising appointments can help you achieve your goals in college - whether they are academic, personal, or professional.

Advisors are here to:
As an undeclared/exploratory major, your UAP Dean’s Office advisors are your “major” advisors.
- We can help you identify a major that is in alignment with your educational goals and progress thus far. We listen attentively to learn about your areas of interest and favorite subjects.
- Navigating academic requirements may seem complicated. We can help clarify university policies.

Your role is to:
Because we have a partnership, we want you to get the most out of your advising during your time at UC Davis. Here are some great ways to make that happen!
- Share your goals with us. It’s ok if they change or you are unsure what they are.
- Consider your advisor’s recommendations, referrals, and options shared with you. Our support and recommendations are to help empower you to make decisions and take ownership of your education.
- Ask questions if you are unclear on anything your advisor is recommending - we are here to help!

Student Learning Outcomes
We will help you to...
- Create an integrated course of study in alignment with your academic, professional and personal goals.
- Cultivate relationships with faculty, staff advisors, and peers that enhance your educational experience
- Analyze your skills and abilities necessary to achieve your goals.
YOUR FIRST YEAR CHECK LIST

Fall Quarter
• Reach out to your professors for support. They should be the first person you contact if you have any difficulty with a course.
• Get to know your peers in your courses.
• In early to mid-November, make an advising appointment with the UAP Dean's Office to prepare for Pass 1 Registration for Winter Quarter.
• Use the My UC Davis Toolkit to reflect on your fall quarter. What subjects did you take that you want to explore more of?
• Plan to register for Career Discovery Groups for winter quarter, if you are enrolled in CDG in Fall Quarter.

Winter Quarter
• Continue to reach out to your professors for support.
• Continue to get to know your peers in your courses. Have you formed any study groups?
• In early to mid-February, make an advising appointment with the UAP Dean’s Office to prepare for Pass 1 Registration for Spring Quarter.
• Add a GE course that will allow you the opportunity to explore a major you're interested in. Plan to register for Career Discovery Groups in Spring Quarter.

Spring Quarter
• Continue to explore your major options. Use one or more of the Tips and Tools listed below.
• Continue to reach out to your professors for support. Connect with them in Canvas and attend office hours.
• Get to know your peers in your courses.
• Make an advising appointment with the UAP Dean’s Office before the end of the quarter. This is a great time to discuss your summer plans and a SMARTIE goal for the upcoming year! Use the My UC Davis Toolkit to help you!

Tips & Tools
• Discover what majors exist, and which majors you want to explore with the Majors Card Sort.
• Other online resources for major exploration.
Congratulations on completing your first year at UC Davis! Way to go!

ARE YOU READY TO DECLARE A MAJOR? Follow these steps!

1. If there is a major you are ready to declare, make an advising appointment with your intended major advisor.
2. Create a 3 quarter study plan with your intended major advisor during the advising appointment. Make sure the advisor approves your academic plan during the advising appointment.
3. Submit a Change of Major petition found in OASIS under “Forms and Petitions”.