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It’s a big world out there.

With so many possibilities, can you really know what you want to study and prepare to do for the rest of your life before ever setting foot on campus?

At Penn State, the Division of Undergraduate Studies can help you explore how you want to take on the world. You’ll examine your interests—what you do well and what you’d like to learn more about. Plus, your academic adviser will introduce you to majors—some mainstream, others a little off-the-beaten path—that align with your interests.

With more than 160 majors housed within its twelve academic colleges, Penn State offers options and opportunities that connect with business, the arts, technology, and social sciences. The possibilities are almost endless. In a world of big ideas, big dreams, and big goals, Penn State can help you discover what you want to do and give you the tools to do it.

Be a part of something big. Be Penn State.
Ronnie Mixon had a lot of things on his mind when he came to Penn State. Like economics—and finance. And psychology. And management. All were majors that he could see himself pursuing. “I was very undecided. But I knew I wanted to have a job where I would interact with people but have the business aspect, too,” Ronnie says.

He credits his adviser in the Division of Undergraduate Studies with identifying courses that matched his interests. In LER 201 Employment Relationship: Law and Society, Ronnie knew he had found his major. He applied what he learned as a peer career assistant, helping other students with mock job interviews, and got involved with the Penn State chapter of United Students Against Sweatshops.

“I’m a prime example of how DUS can work,” Ronnie says. “I’m 100 percent sure that I found myself in college. I’m graduating in four years. I have a job lined up where I’ll be on a track for executive management. It’s been a great experience.”
“THIS GIVES YOU THE FREEDOM TO FIND OUT WHAT’S RIGHT FOR YOU.”

CAMI HANEMAN, Human Development and Family Studies

Cami Haneman wouldn’t be surprised if Laura Brown, an academic adviser in the Division of Undergraduate Studies, has a crystal ball. After all, during their first meeting, what Cami heard was nothing short of prophetic.

“On my first day at Penn State, Laura made all of my fears go away,” Cami says. “She said everyone comes in feeling confused and unsure, and she said she would help me find a place I would fit in, in a major that I would love, and that I would graduate on time in four years—which is exactly what’s happened.”

Cami started out taking classes in some areas she expressed interest in. Helping a friend study for a sociology test piqued Cami’s interest, but she wanted something that had more personal interactions. That’s when she came across the Human Development and Family Studies major. Today, she says she wouldn’t change how she started at Penn State. DUS was the right place at the right time for her.

“I didn’t just want to sit and wait for something to fall into my lap,” says Cami, who plans to work in adoption after graduation. “I wanted to find my way. I’ve always liked helping people and finding a job that will allow me to do that is going to be great. I feel like this major was made for me.”
STATE OF MIND
Explore the more than 160 majors Penn State offers at admissions.psu.edu/academics/majors. You can search an alphabetical listing or look at majors offered by area of interest, academic college, and undergraduate campus.

MAJOR ENDEAVOR
Want to find a major that’s right for you? Check out the Division of Undergraduate Studies’ MajorQuest tool at dus.psu.edu/students/majorquest. Select your interests and see which majors might be the best fit for you.

DECIDING FACTOR
“Undecided” does not mean “unfocused.” The Division of Undergraduate Studies (dus.psu.edu) gives you access to academic programs that can bring together your talents and abilities and an academic adviser to help guide you through the possibilities.

BEST IN CLASS
Academic excellence, global opportunities, and leadership engagement are the hallmarks of the Schreyer Honors College. The college selects an incoming class of 300 highly motivated first-year students each year. For more information, visit shc.psu.edu.

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS
Every year, more than 2,500 students study abroad in more than fifty countries across Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East, as well as Australia and New Zealand. Plus, students take advantage of opportunities to gain global experiences through internships, research, and service. Lengths of study can range from a week or two to an entire semester or academic year.

DO THE MATH
At Penn State, the colleges of Earth and Mineral Sciences, Engineering, Information Sciences and Technology, the Eberly College of Science, and the Smeal College of Business require that prospective students applying for admission into their majors have, at a minimum, completed two units of algebra and one unit of geometry plus have one-half-unit of trigonometry, pre-calculus, or calculus. A unit is equal to one year of work at most high schools.

Not meeting the math requirement doesn’t mean that you can’t end up with a major in one of these colleges. You can start in the Division of Undergraduate Studies and during your first two years take the classes, including math, required for all students to declare a major in science, engineering, or business in the spring of their sophomore year.

GET REAL
If you like to roll up your sleeves and apply what you’re learning, then take advantage of the opportunity to conduct research while at Penn State. You’ll be working with some of the leading researchers in the world on projects that can change lives—including yours! Opportunities can be found with laboratories, libraries, research centers, studios, and field studies. Learn more at undergradresearch.psu.edu.

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2+2=4 GREAT YEARS

There’s more to Penn State than University Park. You can spend your first two years at one campus, then transition to another of Penn State’s twenty undergraduate campuses, including University Park, for the remaining two years. We call this approach the 2+2 plan, and it’s the most common path to a Penn State degree. Starting at a location other than University Park can be a more affordable option, and at every campus you’ll take the same classes and find the attentive, experienced faculty that make Penn State a great place to learn. Add in options for involvement in everything from Penn State’s Dance Marathon to clubs and sports, and it can be a great beginning to your Penn State story. Find and choose a campus that is right for you at admissions.psu.edu/pennstate/campuses.

You may also earn your degree at a number of these campuses, which range in size from about 800 to nearly 5,000 students. At each location, you will experience what sets Penn State apart and has given it the distinction of being recognized among the world’s top universities. You will benefit from the expertise of top-notch faculty, the strength of partnerships with business and industry, and the how-to knowledge gained through conducting research that is relevant in the laboratory and the workplace. Explore what each campus has to offer at admissions.psu.edu/pennstate/campus-majors.

GETTING STARTED

A MyPennState profile connects you to all the information you need to apply to Penn State and to stay connected throughout the admissions process. To create a profile, go to admissions.psu.edu. The application for summer/fall 2016 is now available.

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