

EXPLORATORY PATHWAYS (FOCI)

First Semester Plan for Transfer Students Undecided about Major



If you are unclear about your major but you know that you want to complete a baccalaureate degree, you need to have a plan to make informed decisions about your education and your career. You need to be taking the correct courses to move you towards a timely graduation. This is why choosing an Exploratory Pathway, known as FOCI, is necessary. FOCI choices include:

- Arts
- Business
- Education
- Health Professions
- Humanities
- Social Science
- STEM

During your first semester you should complete the following:

- Research careers by visiting the Career Services Office or Website (www.ColumbiaState.edu/Career-Services)
- Determine your top three career choices and declare the appropriate FOCI to guide your academic course selection.
- Investigate possible university transfer programs if applicable.
- Schedule to meet with your advisor by mid-semester to declare your official major and develop an academic plan.
- Register during Priority Registration week for your second semester classes.

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- Arts
- Education
- Humanities
- Social Science

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- Business
- Health Professions
- STEM

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For First Semester Undecided Students. This is not a major. Student must declare a major prior to graduation.

FOCI Choices:

Students may be required to take additional Learning Support courses.

<p>Arts Sciences if you are interested in: Art Theatre Arts Commercial Entertainment Graphic Design</p>	<p>First Semester Courses for Arts Studies: ENGL 1010* MATH 1010* General Education History ARTH 2010 unless Theatre Arts - THEA 1020 or Commercial Entertainment - MUS 1810 Social/Behavioral Science COLS 101</p>
<p>Business Studies if you are interested in: Accounting Business Administration Economics Finance Marketing Management Information Systems</p>	<p>First Semester Courses for Business Studies: ENGL 1010* MATH 1530* ECON 2010 ACCT 1010 Natural Science Elective COLS 101</p>
<p>Education Studies if you are interested in: Early Childhood Education Teaching: K-5 (AST Degree) Special Education</p>	<p>First Semester Courses for Education Studies: ENGL 1010* MATH 1530 or 1010 (Early Childhood) or 1410 HIST 2010 EDU 201 ART 1030 or MUS 1030 COLS 101</p>
<p>Pre-Health Professions if you are interested in: Exercise Science Imaging Science Nutrition and Food Science Pre-Clinical Lab Science Pre-Dental Hygiene Pre-Dentistry Pre-Medicine Pre-Optometry Pre-Pharmacy Pre-Veterinary Medicine Pre-Occupational/Physical Therapy</p>	<p>First Semester Courses for Pre-Health Professions: ENGL 1010* MATH 1910* - lower level Math accepted in some of these programs BIOL 1110 or 2010 - depending on program HIST 2010 CHEM 1110 unless Exercise Science - PHED 2120 COLS 101</p>
<p>Humanities Studies if you are interested in: English Foreign Language Speech or Mass Communication Humanities Philosophy Public Relations</p>	<p>First Semester Courses for Humanities Studies: ENGL 1010* MATH 1010* unless Public Relations - MATH 1530* General Education History General Education Humanities/Fine Arts Foreign Language unless Speech/Mass Communication or Public Relations - COMM 1010 COLS 101</p>
<p>Social Science Studies if you are interested in: Anthropology Criminal Justice Geography History International Affairs Physical Education Political Science Psychology Social Work Sociology Sports and Leisure Management</p>	<p>First Semester Courses for Social Science Studies: ENGL 1010* MATH 1530* General Education History BIOL 1110 or GEOG 1010 - depending on program PSYC 1030 unless Criminal Justice - CRMJ 1010 or Geography - GEOG 1030 COLS 101</p>
<p>STEM Studies if you are interested in: Biology Chemistry Engineering Mathematics Physics</p>	<p>First Semester Courses for STEM Studies: ENGL 1010* MATH 1910* BIOL 1110 or Engineering/Chemistry - PHYS 2110 CHEM 1110 or Math/Physics - CISP 1010 General Education History COLS 101</p>

Notes: *Based on placement test scores, additional co-requisites may be required.

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