

# Undergraduate Studies, Major Policies

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## Declaring a Major

A student's first major, or undeclared major status, is determined by ~~their~~ **his or her** application for admission. ~~Undeclared freshmen and transfer students should declare a major before their second semester at UMSL.~~ **Students who have not declared a major at 60 credit hours (junior status) will receive an advising hold and must declare a major with an academic unit before this hold is removed. Transfer students arriving at UMSL with 60 or more credit hours will receive an advising hold preventing them from registering for their second semester until they have declared a major.** They can ~~do this by~~ **declare a major by** following the procedures for a change of major outlined below.

## Change of Major

While applying, students are typically not certain about the requirements for a major at UMSL. Students are encouraged to explore majors through professors, advisors, the Career Center, and co-curricular activities during their first semester at UMSL. If they want to change their major, they are encouraged to do so before their second semester at UMSL.

To change academic majors, ~~a student~~ **students** should consult the advising office of the new major to determine their eligibility and which courses they have already completed apply toward the new major. ~~The student~~ **Students** must then submit the appropriate forms at the office of the college or school of their new major.

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Rationale

This is a best practice that is known to improve student retention, student success, and timely graduation.