HOW DO I CHOOSE A MAJOR?

- Use the UC Davis General Catalog to explore possible majors
  - The catalog has a complete list of the majors offered at UC Davis. http://catalog.ucdavis.edu/majors.html
  - Cross off those areas you don’t want to study; highlight majors that sound interesting.
  - Read descriptions of majors; circle the upper-division classes that sound appealing.
  - Try to match your skills (or those you hope to develop) with your interests.
- Consider the difference between traditional majors and interdisciplinary majors, and the difference between an A.B. and a B.S. degree
- Take a class in a subject that sounds appealing. If you like the class, then it might be a good major for you.
- Use the Major Exploration Tool online at rhat.ucdavis.edu or with a peer advisor in your Academic Advising Center.
- Talk to an advisor in the major you are considering or seek assistance from your college Dean’s Office. You can find the location of your major department in the UC Davis General Catalog.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN __________________? MOST ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING!
A major does not necessarily lead to a specific career. For example, pre-med students can major in anything as long as they supplement their major with the appropriate prerequisite courses for medical school. A career in business is not directly linked to a major in Economics or Managerial Economics. Make sure to pursue something that you enjoy and in which you can do well academically.

- Visit your Academic Advising Center and speak with a peer advisor.
- Utilize the Internship and Career Center (ICC) resources in-person on the 2nd and 3rd floors of South Hall or online at icc.ucdavis.edu.
  - Consider an internship! The ICC has an online career and internship board called Aggie Job Link (AJL) exclusively for UC Davis students. An internship can help you explore careers, gain practical skills and make contacts.
  - The ICC offers various workshops in person and online. Viewing the online “web shops” available at icc.ucdavis.edu/services/workshops.htm is a great place to start. A schedule of in-person workshops (including “Career Exploration”) is posted on the ICC calendar of events.
  - Sign up for a listserv based on your major or career interests to receive announcements of events, programs, and career and internship opportunities.
- For pre-professional guidance (pre-MBA, pre-teaching credential, pre-law, etc.), visit the Student Academic Success Center (SASC) on the 1st floor of South Hall or view their handouts or resources online at sasc.ucdavis.edu.
- Pre-med/health advising-Health Professions Advising (hpa.ucdavis.edu). Review the website to schedule an appointment with an advisor and to familiarize yourself with upcoming pre-health workshops and seminars.
- Use the group and individual career counseling provided by Counseling Services. Please go to http://shcs.ucdavis.edu/services/career.html for more information. Counseling Services offers several career assessments, such as the Strong Interest Inventory, Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) and SkillScan, which can help you identify a possible major or career path.
HOW DO I CHANGE (OR DECLARE) MY MAJOR?
1. You must declare your major by the time you reach 90 units. You cannot petition to change into an undeclared major.
2. Go to students.ucdavis.edu and then click Forms & Petitions -> Submit a New Form -> Change of Major
3. Complete Change of Major form and submit it.
4. You may take classes towards the major you plan to declare even while you are not officially in that major. However, priority registration may be given to students already declared. Be sure to check prerequisites and course details using the online Class Search Tool (classes.ucdavis.edu).
5. Some majors or colleges require specific criteria that must be completed before changing into a new major. You can locate these requirements in the UC Davis General Catalog, on the major department’s website or from the major advisor.

HOW DO I DECLARE A DOUBLE MAJOR?
Choosing to double major requires careful planning! A double major is not necessarily better than a single major and is not typically a factor for potential employers or graduate school programs. A higher GPA in a single major is preferred over a lower GPA with a double major. If you are interested, here are the steps to declare a double major:
1. Talk to department advisors for both majors and review multiple major policies for your intended college.
2. Go to students.ucdavis.edu and then click Forms & Petitions -> Submit a New Form -> Change of Major
3. Complete Change of Major form and submit it.

WHAT IS A MINOR?
A minor is an optional area of study separate from your major that can supplement your degree. You may choose to complete a minor for personal, professional, or practical reasons.

- A major is required for graduation and is the primary focus of your study as a student. A minor is optional and considered a secondary area of study. Minors are generally 5-6 upper-division courses; consult with major or college advisor regarding major and minor course overlap.
- Some minors are not offered as majors, such as Construction Engineering Management, Energy Policy, Expository Writing, Global and International Studies, Jewish Studies, Social and Ethnic Relations, Sexuality Studies, Soil Science, Coaching Principles and Methods or Technology Management.
- Review the complete list of minors in the UC Davis General Catalog http://catalog.ucdavis.edu/minors.html. The catalog will provide a brief description of the minor, any prerequisites or entrance requirements for the minor, and the courses necessary to complete the minor.
- Declare your minor the quarter prior to your graduation.

Please return to RHAT Peer at the end of the program.

**You can find all this information in your “My First Year as an Aggie Handbook” pg83-84**