

MAJOR EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES CHECKLIST

It is okay to be undeclared and explore different majors but all UCM students must have a declared major before the completion of 90 units. Throughout your semesters, you will begin to define which major and career paths you would like to focus on through exploring different courses, experiences, and further understanding your interests, values, and strengths. The following checklist can get you started with activities to make an informed decision!

ACTIVITY	WHY?	HOW?
<input type="checkbox"/> Connect with your BAC Academic Advisor every semester until you declare	Get assistance with educational planning, resources, learn about academic majors, and program requirements.	Make an appointment or utilize assigned advisor's walk-in hours: https://bobcat-advising-center.ucmerced.edu/see-my-bac-academic-advisor
<input type="checkbox"/> Understand MyDegreePath (MDP) plans, program matcher, and running "What if" audits	Your advisor can show you how to run a "what if" audit and start an MDP plan based on your intended major. All UCM students must develop a graduation plan in MDP to declare a major.	MyDegreePath can be found in your portal. For more information visit: https://registrar.ucmerced.edu/mydegreepath
<input type="checkbox"/> Become familiar with the major declaration criteria for your preferred major	It is important that be familiar with the declaration criteria for intending major(s) to plan and check your degree time, for more information connect with your BAC advisor and visit the school's website.	* http://engr-advising.ucmerced.edu/policies/declaration-major * https://ns-advising.ucmerced.edu/ns-advising-policies/declaration-major * https://ssha-advising.ucmerced.edu/policies-and-guidelines/declaration-majorminor
<input type="checkbox"/> Explore the Catalog, browse majors & minors offered at UC Merced	Find out what areas of study are offered at UCM, read course descriptions, and requirements of programs.	* https://catalog.ucmerced.edu/ * https://admissions.ucmerced.edu/academics/majors-minors
<input type="checkbox"/> Browse academic and major planning flow charts online to plan and explore options	Compare academic programs and pathways, learn about academic major recommended plans and requirements.	* http://engr-advising.ucmerced.edu/majors * https://ns-advising.ucmerced.edu/academics * https://ssha-advising.ucmerced.edu/students/ssha-majors
<input type="checkbox"/> Connect with the Student Career Center and meet 1:1 with a career specialist	Explore careers, research employers, get assistance in exploring majors, learn about job/internship opportunities, and develop/review your resume.	Student Career Center Information: https://hire.ucmerced.edu/ Create Handshake Account to make a career specialist appointment: https://ucmerced.joinhandshake.com/login
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete career-related assessments at no cost	Learn about how your interest, strengths, skills, and values align with different careers and occupations.	https://hire.ucmerced.edu/career-assessments Myers Briggs Personality Questionnaire Skills Scan Questionnaire Short Interests Questionnaire: https://www.mynextmove.org/
<input type="checkbox"/> Conduct informational interviews with professionals in your area of interest and attend career related fairs or workshops	Connect with professionals, learn details about fields of interest, find volunteer opportunities, and ask questions about academic and career pathways.	Student Career Center Workshops: https://hire.ucmerced.edu/events Prehealth Advising Workshops: https://prehealth.ucmerced.edu/events
<input type="checkbox"/> Get involved! Join a student club, attend activities on campus, or volunteer in the community	Try new experiences, network with others. Explore how your academic pathway can intersect with your professional areas of interest.	Clubs & Organizations Information/Events: https://catlife.ucmerced.edu/ Community Engagement Center: https://cec.ucmerced.edu/
<input type="checkbox"/> Utilize career related online resources to explore further	Browse areas of study, career preparation, and occupational options based on your personal preferences.	* https://hire.ucmerced.edu/students/career-counseling * https://www.onetonline.org/ * https://www.bls.gov/
<input type="checkbox"/> Participate in research opportunities with professors	Gain hands on experience in professional areas of interest.	Undergraduate Research Opportunity Center (UROC): * https://uroc.ucmerced.edu/ * Independent Study with a professor