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BGSU DECIDING STUDENT PROGRAM

Bowling Green State University offers this targeted program that provides a clear plan for deciding students to help them choose a major and select a degree program.

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW

The program officially starts with Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR) the summer before freshman year; however, students can start the process by reviewing some of the following online resources:

- **O*Net** - <http://www.onetonline.org/>
- **My Next Move** - <http://www.mynextmove.org/>
- **What Can I Do with This Major** - <http://www.bgsu.edu/career-center/students/career-exploration/what-can-i-do-with-this-major.html>
- **OhioMeansJobs.com** - Career Planning, Career Pathways, Occupational Search, Career Profile

SUMMER BEFORE FRESHMAN YEAR

- **Attend SOAR** (Student Orientation, Advising and Registration)
- **Linked courses:** UNIV 1310 (Career & Life Planning) and one Bowling Green Perspective (General Education) course.
- **SOAR DSP Session:** introduce Deciding Student Program by discussing major exploration activities and key program components including working with a DSP academic advisor.

FIRST YEAR

Required

- **Attend opening weekend "Get with the Program" session** focusing on academic expectations and an overview of how BGSU supports deciding students
- **Designated Advisor:** (specializes in working with deciding students) meet with advisor at least twice each semester and explore Major Exploration Clusters, two-semester tracks, and FOCUS career assessment results
- **Career Center Meetings:** engage with Career Center staff at least once each semester either through individual meetings or workshops and discuss FOCUS career assessment results, major/career exploration and internship/ job opportunities
- **Complete UNIV 1310: Career & Life Planning** (2 credit course)
 - Participate in "MAJOR MATCH-UP" – majors/minors fair
 - Network at the EXPO Job & Internship Fair – Learn about career opportunities
- **Engage with Peer Advisors** throughout the semester (introduced at "Get with the Program")
- **Participate in one of the Orientation Phase II sessions** (late September)

FIRST YEAR (continued)

Recommended

- Attend BGSU Campus Fest – event showcasing all the co-curricular activities available at BGSU
- Required participation in "Major Mondays" programs – offered in various residence halls and the Student Union
- Engage with faculty mentors
- Enroll in targeted Career Center workshops
- Attend targeted sessions for DSP students who have not yet declared a major
- Narrow your areas of interest to a College and select a major

SECOND YEAR (if applicable)

Required

- **Designated Advisor** (specializes in working with deciding students): Meet with advisor at least twice each semester and explore Major Exploration Clusters and two-semester tracks
- **Career Center Meetings:** engage with Career Center staff at least once each semester either through individual meetings or workshops and discuss FOCUS career assessment results, major/career exploration and internship/job opportunities
- **Narrow your areas of interest** to a College

Recommended

- Enroll in targeted Career Center workshops
- Attend targeted sessions for DSP students who have not yet declared a major
- Participate in "Major Mondays" programs – offered in various residence halls and the Student Union
- Network at the EXPO Job & Internship Fairs and Teacher Job Fair depending on areas of interest
- Engage with faculty mentors
- Select a major



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