

Change in Policy in Order to Stem the Attrition of Undecided Students

Declaring a Major

Students matriculating at FAU with a clear choice of major should declare a major or pre-major early and devise a plan of study to ensure a timely graduation. Declaring a major early provides students with a sense of direction, strengthens their motivation, and helps to inform their course choices. Students matriculating without a clear choice of major should begin exploring major choices (and career options associated with the majors) very early in their first year.

Freshmen and transfer students matriculating without an AA degree who have not declared a major or pre-major by the end of their first semester at FAU (excluding summer terms) will be required to enroll in SLS 1301: Career and Life Planning in their second semester.

Transfer students who matriculate with an AA degree must declare a major or pre-major at the time of admission to FAU.

Students with a pre-major must declare a major by the semester in which they reach 60 credits.

Forms to declare a major (Undergraduate Major/Minor Change form) are available online at <http://www.fau.edu/registrar/forms.php>. Once approved by the college in which the chosen major is housed, students should submit the form to the Registrar's Office for final action.

Career and Life Planning (SLS 1301) 1 credit

Provides an overview of career development theories and decision-making skills for career/life planning. Focuses on self-assessment, choosing a major, exploring career paths and developing an action plan to help achieve career goals. The course also provides strong emphasis on the development of presentation, oral and written communication skills as essential skills for any future major/career.

All freshmen, as well as transfer students matriculating without an AA degree, who have not declared a major or pre-major by the end of their first semester at FAU (excluding summer terms) will be required to enroll in this course in their second semester.

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