HOW MANY MAJORS CAN YOU NAME?

1. Business
2. Education
3. Doctor / Nursing
4. Engineering
5. Law
- B.A. in African American Studies
- B.A. in Anthropology
- B.A. in Arabic
- B.A. in Art
- B.A. in Art History
- B.A. in Biochemistry
- B.A. in Biology
- B.A. in Chemistry
- B.A. in Chinese
- B.A. in Classics
- B.A. in Computer Science
- B.A. in Economics
- B.A. in English
- B.A. in French
- B.A. in German
- B.A. in History
- B.A. in International Studies
- B.A. in Liberal Studies
- B.A. in Linguistics
- B.A. in Mathematics
- B.A. in Music
- B.A. in Philosophy
- B.A. in Physics
- B.A. in Political Science
- B.A. in Psychology
- B.A. in Public Policy Leadership
- B.A. in Religious Studies
- B.A. in Sociology
- B.A. in Southern Studies
- B.A. in Spanish
- B.A. in Theatre Arts
- B.A.Ed. in Elementary Education
- B.A.Ed. in English Education
- B.A.Ed. in Mathematics Education
- B.A.Ed. in Science Education
- B.A.Ed. in Social Studies Education
- B.A.Ed. in Special Education
- B.A.J. in Journalism
- B.A.S.R.A. in Sport and Recreation Admin
- B.Accy. in Accountancy
- B.A.B.A. in Banking and Finance
- B.A.B.A. in Economics
- B.A.B.A. in Entrepreneurship
- B.A.B.A. in General Business
- B.A.B.A. in Management
- B.A.B.A. in Management Information Systems
- B.A.B.A. in Managerial Finance
- B.A.B.A. in Marketing
- B.A.B.A. in Marketing and Corp. Relations
- B.A.B.A. in Real Estate
- B.A.B.A. in Risk Management and Insurance
- B.E. in Engineering
- B.F.A. in Art
- B.F.A. in Theatre Arts
- B.G.S. in General Studies
- B.M. in Music
- B.P.S. in Paralegal Studies
- B.S. in Applied Gerontology
- B.S. in Biology
- B.S. in Biomedical Engineering
- B.S. in Chemistry
- B.S. in Dental Hygiene (2+2)
- B.S. in Dietetics and Nutrition
- B.S. in Economics
- B.S. in Forensic Chemistry
- B.S. in Health Info & Info Mgmt (2+2)
- B.S. in Histotechnology (2+2)
- B.S. in Hospitality Management
- B.S. in Integrated Marketing Communication
- B.S. in Mathematics
- B.S. in Medical Laboratory Science (2+2)
- B.S. in Medical Technology (3+1)
- B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences
- B.S. in Physics
- B.S.C.E. in Civil Engineering
- B.S.C.J in Criminal Justice
- B.S.C.S. in Computer Science
- B.S.Ch.E. in Chemical Engineering
- B.S.E.E. in Electrical Engineering
- B.S.E.S. in Exercise Science
- B.S.G. in Geology
- B.S.G.E. in Geological Engineering
- B.S.M.E. in Mechanical Engineering
- B.S.N. in Nursing (2+2)
- B.S.W. in Social Work
- B.U.S. in University Studies
- BS in Communication Sciences & Disorders
- BS in Radiologic Sciences (2+2)
YOU HAVE MADE A GREAT CHOICE IN COMING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI!

■ Great Students
  • We have 26 Rhodes Scholars (tied with Vanderbilt University for most in the SEC and 9th among Public Universities across the U.S.)

■ Great Faculty
  • We are a Carnegie Research 1 School (i.e., a significant number of your courses are taught by scholars who themselves create new knowledge)

■ Great Staff
  • We consistently rank as one of the Chronicle of Higher Education’s Great Colleges to Work For

➤ You are now part of a community that expects you to give your best every day
WHAT IS A DEAN’S OFFICE?

**Dean:**
- Works with faculty to maintain the quality of the academic curriculum

**Assistant to the Dean:**
- Handles things that need Dean’s Office approval

**Academic Advising:**
- Helping students take classes appropriate to their academic and career goals
  - Freshman Advising
  - Major Program – Faculty or Academic Counselors
**Freshman Studies Curriculum**

In almost all cases your first-year courses will apply to your major

**General Education (GenEd) Courses**

Grad schools and employers are looking for students with a well-rounded education

- Communication (verbal and written)
- Problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Ability to research and innovate new solutions
- Mathematical reasoning
- Ethical reasoning
- Appreciation of inclusiveness and diversity
- Leadership

➤ Your later courses will build on this set of knowledge, skills, and abilities
What would your Dean recommend you do in your first semester?

**Be prepared**
- Spend time this summer reading and/or taking a college-credit course
- Take our advice about researching careers, majors, and grad programs

**Go to class**
- This helps you understand the material, expectations of the instructor and your peers, and the college experience

**Be engaged**
- Take advantage of the many opportunities provided by dean’s offices and academic departments to get to know more about our majors
- Participate in student clubs/groups that interest you
Freshman Studies Advising

Center for Student Success and First Year Experience

- 3rd Floor Martindale, Suite P
- http://cssfye.olemiss.edu/

Molly Coleman
Academic Advisor-CSSFYE

Michael Smith
Academic Advisor-CSSFYE
Finish in Four!

- Degrees require a minimum of 120 credits.

- Take at least 15 hours each fall and spring semester

- Sign up for an advising appointment each semester before registration

- Follow the schedule you set with your academic advisor

- Most freshman take the same general education set of core courses for the first 2-3 semesters, regardless of the major.
Transfer Credits

- Request permission from your dean’s office before taking courses through other schools

- Permission to transfer credit form available online (forms drop-down at BGS.olemiss.edu)

- Make sure UM has all of your transcripts

- Check your transfer equivalency report (TER) for all transfer classes for which you have received UM credit—a course can be counted once, so you will not receive credit for a repeated course!
Changing your schedule

You can add classes/change a section during the first 5 days of class (fall/spring) through MyOleMiss.

You can drop a class through MyOleMiss until the 30th day of classes (fall/spring).

You can add a class during the second week of class by permission of instructor.

Talk with advisor/dean's office before making changes.
Attend your classes—always!

- **Keep your seat**—let your instructor know if you have an emergency and must be absent the first day of class (you could be dropped from the class)

- Verified class attendance will allow you to receive your financial aid disbursement…

- …and being in class will help you make higher grades!
Be engaged-always!

- Sit at the front of the class—skip over the cheap seats and pick a prime seat in each class!
- Ask questions about things you do not understand…and contribute to class discussions.
- Take good notes and keep them organized!
Be prepared-always!

- **Two to three** hours of prep time outside of class for every hour spent in class.
- 3 credit hour class=6 to 9 hours outside of class per week
- A 15-hour schedule requires 30-45 hours of prep/work outside of class per week.
- Actively read materials **before** the class—give your information a place to “hang its hat!”
- In high school, most of your work is IN class, while in college, most of your work is completed OUTSIDE of class.
Freshman Studies Courses

- EDHE 105: Freshman Year Experience (Fall semester)
  - Special sections for Freshman Studies students only (Sections 10-13)
  - Develop a better understanding of the learning process
  - Acquire essential survival skills
  - Begin the major/career/grad school exploration process
  - Introduces students to ethical and social concerns
  - Students who take this course do better academically and are less likely to leave college
Freshman Studies Courses

- **EDHE 106: Advancing the First Year Experience (Spring Semester)**
  - Create a plan of success
  - Develop a growth mindset and an attitude of purpose
  - Continue to build community
  - Gain in-depth knowledge about the University of Mississippi
  - Foster effective habits that will lead to academic success and personal fulfillment
  - Develop practical skills for college
  - Begin thinking critically about life after college
Freshman Studies Courses

- EDLD 201: Career Decision Making (Spring semester)
  - Limited to freshmen and sophomores in Freshman Studies.
  - Develop a higher level of self-awareness
  - Learn about career/life planning
  - Study career development theories
  - Conduct self-assessments
  - Learn to use decision-making models
  - Explore occupations and graduate programs
Get Involved

- Read your email and ask your advisor about things you can do to help explore different majors and careers

- Participate in student groups for majors that you might be interested in
  - Go to student group meetings
  - Attend events sponsored by the Schools and Colleges
  - Join a student organization (or create one!)
Stay Informed

- Your academic advisor
- Your Dean’s office
- Your Ole Miss E-mail
- Blackboard
- Daily Mississippian (student newspaper)
- UM Office of the Registrar’s website
- Your UM Today (electronic newsletter customized to your interests)
Declaring a major

- Must declare after completing 45 credit hours—this is required to continue receiving financial aid
- All degrees require a minimum GPA of 2.0 (some degrees require higher)
- Some programs have a special application process
  - Ask your academic advisor how to declare the major you have selected
The University of Mississippi

Exploring Majors & Careers
Myths About Majors

- “I have to know what I want to do the minute I step into college”

- “My major in college defines what I do for the rest of my life”
Choosing a Major/Career

1. Get to know yourself

2. Make a list of majors/careers you think you would enjoy

3. Explore those occupations/majors

4. Based on your research, narrow down your list of occupations/major

5. Speak with a Career Professional
Choosing a Major/Career

1. Get to know yourself
   - Assess your VIPS (Values, Interests, Personality Traits, and Skills)
   - Take personality or interest inventories
   - Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) or Strong Interest Inventory

2. Make a list of majors/careers you think you would enjoy
   - Take time to gather facts and weigh alternatives based on what you’ve learned about yourself.
   - Make a list by first eliminating those that do NOT interest you.
Choosing a Major/Career

3. Explore those occupations/majors
   - What kind of skills or education is needed for particular jobs?
   - What types of jobs can I do within certain majors?
   - Don’t forget to research curriculum and courses within that major
   - Talk with students in that major, individuals in that occupation, career counselors, and academic advisors.

4. Based on your research, narrow down your list of occupations/major
   - Consider pros/cons of each major as compared to your VIPS and any factors you think are “must haves” in a career
   - Add variety to your major by choosing a minor or emphasis in another area
   - Investigate your interests by engaging in an experiential learning opportunity.
Experiential Learning Opportunities

- Internships
- Service Learning
- Undergraduate Research
- Study Abroad
- Shadowing
- Getting involved on campus
- Joining a national student organization
Choosing a Major or Career

5. Speak with a Career Professional
   - If you are still having trouble deciding, don’t hesitate to come see us at the Career Center. Come see us during any or all of these steps. That’s what we’re here for!

Contact information:
Career Center
303 Martindale
662-915-7174
workstudy@career.olemiss.edu
See You in August!

We're here to help!

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