

MAJOR + PARALLEL PLAN

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Your Major & Your Parallel Plan

Students are encouraged to identify a parallel plan for success in addition to planning for their chosen major. Some Ball State majors take a limited number of students and therefore have highly competitive admission processes. Other majors may require much higher than average GPAs or a high skill level in particular subject areas (like mathematical sciences) in order to continue in the program. Parallel plans are vital in the event that a student's interests and career plans change or a student is unable to gain admission to a particular major/program.

Questions to Consider When Choosing a Parallel Major

1. What were your favorite subject areas in high school? _____
2. In which courses have you earned the highest grades? _____
3. What do you do well (ie: organization, communication, physical activity, creativity, etc.)? _____

4. What subject areas or skills are normally a struggle for you? _____

5. Who is one person whom you admire? Why? What does he/she "do"? _____

Majors/Programs to Consider

1. What is your preferred work environment upon graduation (ie: corporate, health care, education, etc.)? _____

2. What classes would you prefer not to have to take (ie: writing, lab sciences, math, etc.)? _____

3. What other majors/careers have you pictured yourself doing or considered in the past? _____

4. Majors/programs to explore for a parallel plan: _____

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Major & Parallel Plan

Current Major: _____
 Current Minor: _____
 Parallel Major: _____

 Academic Advisor: _____
 Current Semester: _____

Resources

- Major/Minor Coordinator, David Owens, North Quad 339
- Key Careers, Career Center, Lucina Hall 220
- www.bsu.edu/catalog
- Counseling Center, Lucina Hall 320

Grade Requirements

Required Current Major GPA: _____ Targeted GPA: _____
 Required Parallel Major GPA: _____

Many majors have very specific minimum GPA requirements for admission. And although you will often see minimum required GPAs listed, sometimes these are far lower than the average GPAs accepted. Some majors may require specific grades for "major courses" or a required GPA for major courses in addition to or separate from a cumulative GPA. Regardless of whether you have a 2.000 or a 3.000, you should have a parallel plan.

GPA

Cumulative GPA: _____
 Cumulative Hours: _____

 Projected GPA: _____
 Projected Hours: _____
 Notes: _____

Scheduling

CURRENT SCHEDULE		NEXT SEMESTER SCHEDULE		NEXT SEMESTER PARALLEL SCHEDULE	
Class	Credit Hours	Class	Credit Hours	Class	Credit Hours
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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