WHY VISIT A UCFY COUNSELOR?

When a high school student is completing an application for admission to a college or university, they are expected to select a college major. The decision to declare a major at this stage may be one based on limited exposure to college majors and a lack of familiarity with the array of career opportunities that any college degree can offer. The first year college experience also includes a host of procedures, policies, rules, and guidelines that may be overwhelming if interpreted on one’s own.

University College's CENTER FOR FRESHMAN YEAR (UCFY) offers students the opportunity to spend their first year at LSU confirming their choice of college major, but retaining the freedom to explore new degree programs and career opportunities. UCFY counselors are committed to focus on this first year passage, as freshmen transition into college life, in and outside of the college classroom.

Our staff of professional academic counselors are ready to assist you in understanding LSU’s college requirements — CATS, degree audits, academic deadlines, “W” grade policies, senior college admission requirements, transfer credit equivalents, grade exclusion policy, credit exams, ALEKS (Calculus), pre-requisites, co-requisites, General Education requirements, TOPS and scholarships, calculating GPA, advising holds, and more.

HOW TO CONTACT A COUNSELOR

Appointments are required except during the following dates:

October 30th - November 10th

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

On our website www.uc.lsu.edu/ucfy look for the Schedule an Appointment link in the Meet with an Advisor box.

SAME DAY APPOINTMENT

Daily same day appointments will open up at 8 a.m. each morning on our on-line appointment system.

SEND AN EMAIL

Send an email inquiry to ucinfo@lsu.edu, and receive a response within two business days. Or send an email directly to one of our staff by clicking the Staff Directory icon under Academic Advising on our web page for the email address of a specific academic counselor.

COMMUNICATION TIP!

Open your LSU email daily! We would greatly appreciate it & you could greatly benefit if you kept this primary line of communication available to your counselors.

MAJOR MINERS WORKSHOP COME DIG IN: EXPLORE YOUR MAJOR/CAREER FIT!

Major Miners presented by University College Center for Freshman Year and by the Olinde Career Center. You’ve never had so much fun discovering your strengths!

Get a head start on your college major selection for the greatest impact in career choice and future success. All workshops last one hour, and are located in 129 Himes Hall. Go to lsu.edu/ucfy, Career Planning, Major Miners Workshop. Register for workshop at bottom section of web page.

Tuesday, September 26 — 1:30 p.m. or 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 27 — 2:30 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 28 — 3:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m.

A PROFESSOR’S 11 TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR

by Joelle Renstrom (https://www.noodle.com/articles/a-professors-11-tips-for-a-successful-first-year-of-college)

1. The first week does matter.
2. Talk to your classmates, even if it feels awkward.
3. Life is what happens while you're looking at your phone.
4. Take breaks to prevent breakdowns.
5. Less can be more when it comes to credits.
6. Join student groups, but don’t overcommit.
7. Secure disability letters, accommodations, and excused absences as soon as possible.
8. Treat teaching assistants (TAs) like professors.
9. Get acquainted with your advisor and campus resources.
10. A healthy body leads to a healthy mind.
11. Don’t go home until Thanksgiving.

HOW & WHEN TO ENTER YOUR SENIOR COLLEGE

Having officially declared a major AND having met senior college admission requirements, most UCFY students will be moved into the appropriate senior college automatically (except for ADSN, BADM and MCOM, where students must submit an admissions application). Once a major is declared, all admission requirements established, and all GPA and course grade requirements satisfied, students will be moved after earning 24-30 credit hours.

SENIOR COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

We highly recommend that you access the respective senior college section of the LSU General Catalog or Experience LSU to familiarize yourself with each college’s admission requirements.
### SELF ADVISING ESSENTIALS

**CATS - Comprehensive Academic Tracking System:** Go to myLSU; click Student Services; click CATS Status. CATS information may be accessed at [www.lsu.edu/academics/catalogs.php](http://www.lsu.edu/academics/catalogs.php). Then click on 2017-2018 catalog year followed by All Degree Programs. Find your major or one you are considering. Click on the major to identify the critical requirements to stay on track to remain in major and graduate on time.

**Tiger Transfer Table:** Go to [www.lsu.edu](http://www.lsu.edu); enter Tiger Transfer Table in the search field; select the first search. Select the appropriate State and Institution; locate the Department and Course(s) (if equivalent a four-digit number appears).

**Degree Audits:** Go to [myLSU](http://myLSU); click Student Services, click Degree Audit. Select either Current Major or Another Major using drop down to locate a listing of how previous and current courses satisfy the degree's graduation requirements.

### PRE-REGISTRATION HOLDS/BLOCKS

CATS, Residential Life, and Dean of Students Disciplinary Holds are types of scheduling blocks that may restrict current semester drops or resignations or access to future preregistration. My Student Body, an online review to help students identify issues with drugs, alcohol, and sexual abuse, can be completed at [www.mystudentbody.com](http://www.mystudentbody.com). Access myLSU under Registration Services: Student Holds to identify and resolve all student holds.

### CENTER FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

**B-31 Coates Hall | 225-578-2872 | cas@lsu.edu**

**INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS**

Make an appointment with an CAS Academic Coach for a personal consultation to obtain tips, tools, and strategies to achieve academic success. New for Fall 2017, students can schedule an appointment online by accessing the Schedule Appointment tab at www.lsu.edu/cas. Students can also schedule by phone, 225-578-2872 or in person.

**Supplemental Instruction**

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is a series of weekly study sessions offered for students enrolled in historically difficult courses. Information on supplemental instruction can be found under the Earn Better Grades tab at www.lsu.edu/cas.

**SHELL TUTORING CENTER - 141B MIDDLETON LIBRARY**

The Center for Academic Success provides free tutoring by trained peer tutors. No appointment is necessary. Tutors are always available for 1000 and 2000 level math and science courses. Information on tutoring can be found under the Earn Better Grades tab at www.lsu.edu/cas.

### FUTURE COURSE SCHEDULING

2018 SPRING Course Scheduling: Registration for the 2018 Spring semester, Spring Intersession, and Summer begins 10/21/2017 at 5:00 p.m. for student athletes, honors, graduating seniors, & disability services students. DECLARED MAJORS should consult with faculty advisors in their intended majors or UCFY academic counseling staff. UNDECLARED MAJORS should visit UCFY counselors early to avoid extended waiting time during heavy traffic periods.

Students are notified by email each semester by Bursar Operations of the date the fee bill is available via my LSU. All fees are due by the date indicated on the fee bill. Students who do not pay fees by the deadline must pay a $75 late registration charge.

**KEY ACADEMIC DATES**

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