



PATH TO THE PLAINS

EXPLORATORY

About the Exploratory Pathway:

The Exploratory pathway allows students to learn about all the majors and career options that Auburn University offers. This program helps confirm their academic plan and save time and money by avoiding changing their major later. Its goal is to ensure that students choose a major with confidence while making progress toward their degree in any area.

About 80% of students in college change their major at least once and on average, students change their major at least three times during their college career, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. In this program, students are exposed to all of Auburn's colleges and majors, conduct self and career research, and connect with individuals across campus.

Benefits of the Exploratory Pathway:

- Personalized advising during the semester to help students navigate Auburn and the major selection process
- Assessments that provide a solid foundation for major confirmation, detailing students' personal preferences on work environment, style, occupational themes, and areas of interest
- Significant support from the community college and Auburn's Pathway and Transfer Center
- A consistent point of contact during their time in the program
- Support in transitioning from Exploratory program to a student's eventual degree-specific pathway

Student Testimonial:

My experience in the Path to the Plains Exploratory program laid a good foundation for the options that I have to major in here at Auburn. This specialized program allowed me to investigate a wide range of majors and scope out what I could see myself doing in the future. I am very thankful for this program and the leadership staff supporting it. Taking the Path to the Plains Exploratory route lead me to the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment where I declared my major in Wildlife Enterprise Management with a minor in Business. If I had to do the Path to the Plains Exploratory program all over again I most definitely would and I highly recommend looking into it if you are unsure about what you want to do with your career.

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