



GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

CATEGORY		CLASS	NOTES
Writing Foundation		WRT 1060	Pre-requisite course may be required based on writing placement
Formal Reasoning			
Arts			
Foreign Language and Culture			
Global Perspective			
Literature			
Natural Science and Technology			
Social Science			
Western Civilization			
Knowledge Application			This course must be outside of the major
Double Count	Writing Intensive in General Education		This category may be met with a general education class from global perspective or social science
	U.S. Diversity		This category may be met with a general education class from another category

Note: Capstone and Writing Intensive in Major will be determined by your major.

The First Year Advising Center (FYAC) is here to help you decide on a major before the end of your freshman year. The following timeline will help you accomplish this goal.

SUMMER SEMESTER	FALL SEMESTER	WINTER SEMESTER
Objective: Identify interest areas before September 1	Objective: Narrow major choices to three or less before December 1	Objective: Choose a major by April 1
Tasks to complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attend the undecided showcase during Orientation Part One <input type="checkbox"/> Utilize online resources (see reverse) <input type="checkbox"/> View all majors OU has to offer at oakland.edu/advising <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with FYAC adviser to discuss major exploration and general education options 	Tasks to complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attend the undecided session at Orientation Part Two <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with FYAC adviser about majors, involvement and career advising by the end of October <input type="checkbox"/> Join student organizations related to interest areas <input type="checkbox"/> Use resources to investigate careers (see reverse) <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct informational interviews (see reverse) 	Tasks to complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with FYAC adviser to discuss progress on major and career exploration <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with faculty in area of interest <input type="checkbox"/> Continue involvement in student organizations related to interest areas <input type="checkbox"/> Job shadow professionals in careers of interest (see reverse) <input type="checkbox"/> Declare a major and discuss with your FYAC adviser

ONLINE RESOURCES

Here are some helpful resources to get you started on your major and career exploration. For more detailed information, please visit oakland.edu/fyac/careers.

- Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook | bls.gov/ooh
- Career Tool | oakland.edu/careers
- CareerOneStop | careeronestop.org
- BigFuture by The College Board | bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- O*NET | onetonline.org

CAREER EXPLORATION

Courses

Consider selecting general education courses that allow you to explore your major and career interests.

Professors

Faculty members offer great insight into career options and major knowledge.

Informational interviews

This is a great way to research a career by interviewing a person already employed in that field.

Job Shadows

Observe a professional's day-to-day work activities for a substantial period of time.

Volunteer Opportunities

Give back to the community while exploring your interests with minimal investment.