

College 101: Selecting a Major,
Understanding a Degree Plan, and
AP/Dual Credits

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What is a
Major?

BIOLOGY

LITERATURE

Psychology

ENGLISH

POLITICAL SCIENCE

GEOMETRY

MATHEMATICS

RELIGION

ECONOMY

PHYSICS

THE ARTS

TECHNOLOGY

EDUCATION

MUSIC

A specific subject area that students specialize in

A group of courses required by a college in order to receive a degree

May be called an "academic major", "major", or "major concentration"

Between one-third and one-half of the courses you'll take in college will be in your major or related to it

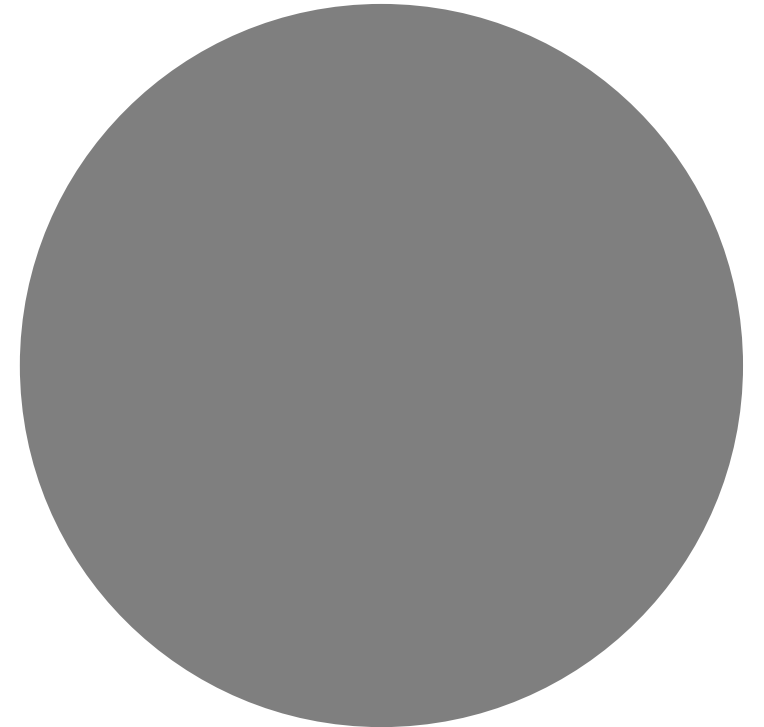
What is a Major?

- <https://youtu.be/V4dNoVsmU2o>
- <http://www.marquette.edu/explore/choose-your-major/quiz.php>
- <http://www.luc.edu/undergrad/academiclife/whatsmymajorquiz/>

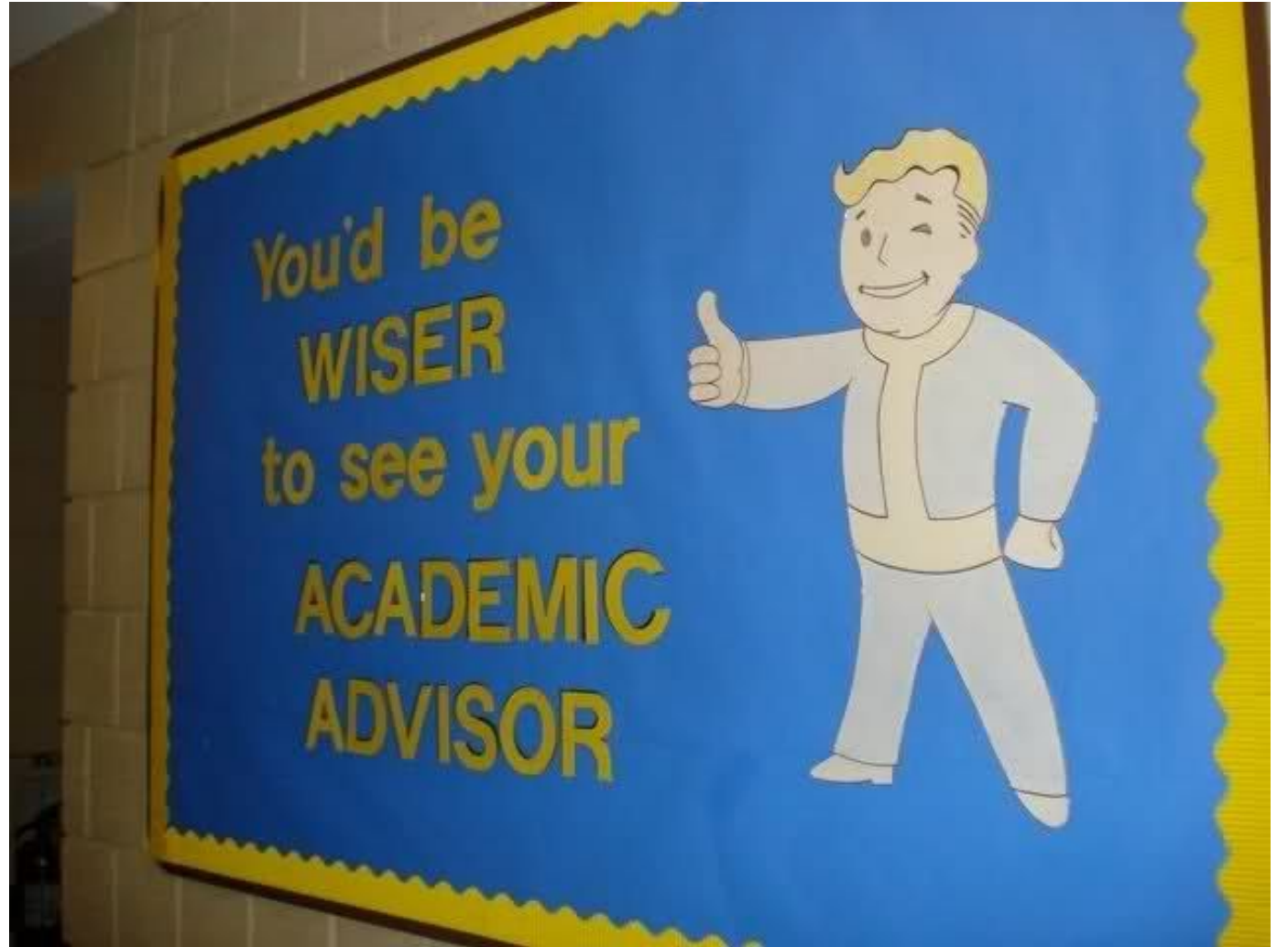
SUPPLEMENTS, not SUBSTITUTES!



How Do I Know What I Want to Major In?



Can I Change
My Major?





- Most students switch their major during college
- Even students who think they are sure about what they want to major in often change their mind
- Be mindful of how far along you are in the process
- Always speak with an Academic Advisor

Degree Plan

2015-2016

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN TEACHING

EC - 6 Generalist

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FIRST YEAR - FALL SEMESTER			
EDUC	1301	Introduction to the Teaching Profession	3
HIST	1301	United States History I	3
ENGL	1301	Composition	3
		*Life & Physical Sciences Elect.- Core Curriculum (Recommended: PHYS 1415)	4
FIRST YEAR - SPRING SEMESTER			
EDUC	2301	Introduction to Special Populations	3
ENGL	1302	Composition II - Rhetoric	3
		*Mathematics Elective - Core Curriculum (Recommended: MATH 1414)	3 or 4
		*Life & Physical Sciences Elect.- Core Curriculum (Recommended: PHYS 1417)	4
FIRST YEAR - SUMMER SEMESTER			
		*Component Area Option - Core Curriculum (BIOL 1322, BCIS 1305, COSC 1301, COSC 1436, MATH 2418, MATH 2420 or any Speech Elective)	3 or 4
		*Creative Arts Elective - Core Curriculum (Recommended: ARTS 1301)	3
HIST	1302	United States History II	3
SECOND YEAR - FALL SEMESTER			
		*Language, Phil. & Culture Elect. - Core Curriculum (Recommended: ENGL 2341)	3
		*Life & Physical Sciences Elect.- Field of Study (Recommended: BIOL 1408)	3 or 4
GOVT	2305	Federal Government	3
MATH	1350	Fundamentals of Mathematics I	3
SECOND YEAR - SPRING SEMESTER			
GOVT	2306	Texas Government	3
MATH	1351	Fundamentals of Mathematics II	3
		*Social & Behavioral Science Elect.-Core Curriculum	3
		*Life & Physical Sciences Elect.- Field of Study (Recommended: BIOL 1409)	3 or 4
		*Component Area Option - Core Curriculum (if required)	1

Core Curriculum

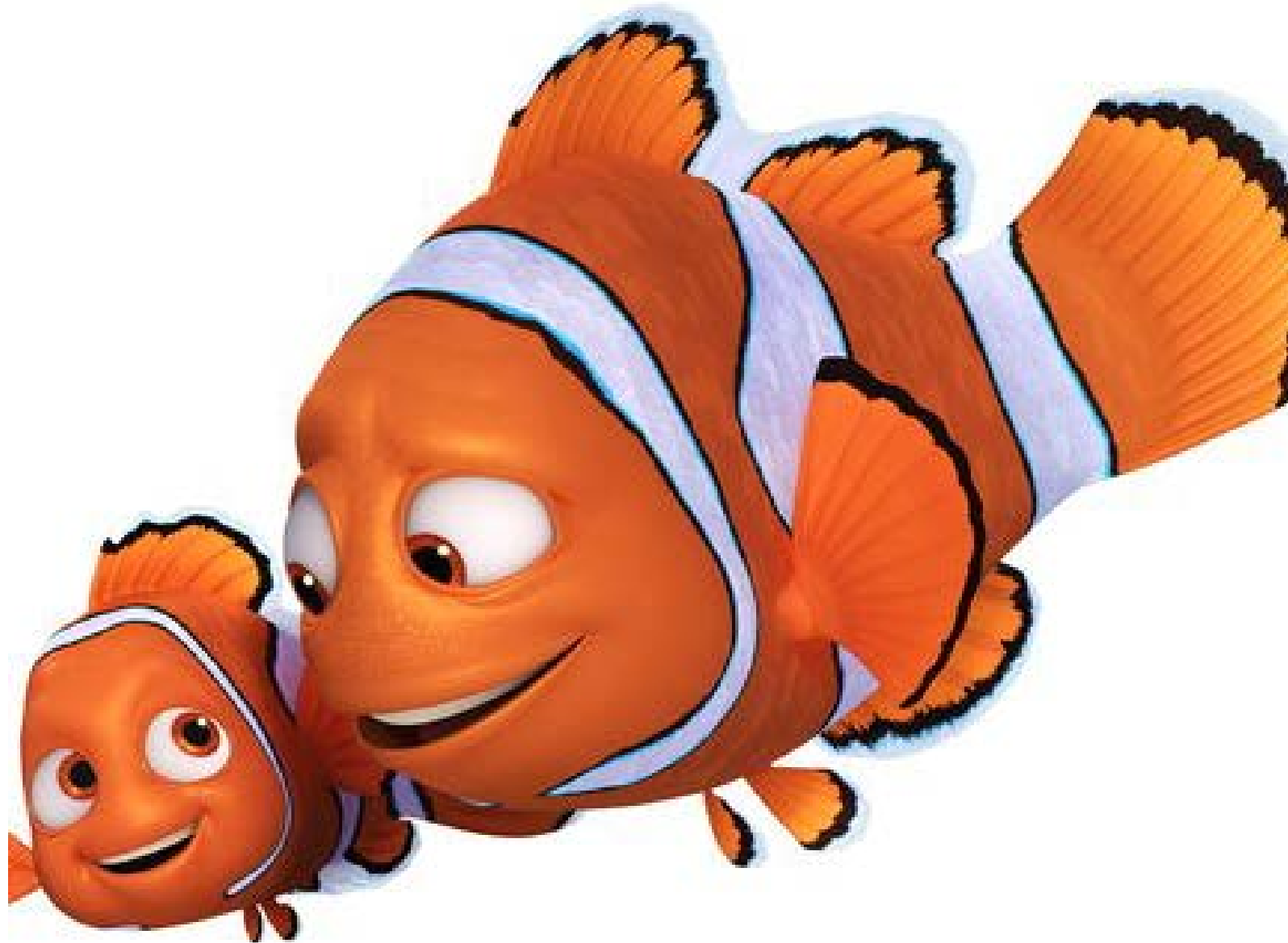
- A set of general education courses students are required to take regardless of their major
- Can be considered “basic courses”
- Community Colleges
 - Transfer classes
 - Equivalency Forms
- Texas Common Course Numbering System
 - <https://tccns.org/>
 - www.ollusa.edu



How to Find a Degree Plan

- Visit the university website
- Academic
 - Schools/Colleges
 - Program
- Major
 - Minor
- Courses/Degree plan

- LET'S TRY IT!





AP and Dual Credit

What's the Difference?

AP Courses

- Allows student to take college leveled courses and exams, while still in high school
- AP scores ranging from 3-5 are considered passing
- Taught by high school teachers trained by College Board
- Accepted nationwide*

Dual Credit

- Allows high school students to simultaneously earn college and high school credit
- Dual Credit grades of a C or higher are considered passing
- Taught by college instructors and/or high school counselors who serve as adjunct professors
- Accepted at Texas institutions*

*Check with college/university

Things to Add...

- Take college tours
- Consider career options and majors that correlate
- Admission Requirements
- GPA
- SAT/ACT
- Scholarships



Questions?

