



Focus Areas

at

Columbus State
University

Started with five interest areas in 2014:

- Business
- Computer Science, Math, or Science
- Education
- Exploratory
- Social Sciences

Added three recently:

- Fine and Performing Arts
- Health Professions
- Humanities

Developing Metamajors or Interest/Focus Areas



- Start with 2 to 3 seasoned advisors who know a lot about advising a variety of majors (don't try to draft with a committee!)
- Decide on which Interest/Focus Areas to develop
- Assign maps to develop to each advisor
- Edit each other's maps and agree on draft versions
- Send draft versions to various stakeholders (advising centers, department chairs, key faculty, associate deans, etc.)
- Incorporate feedback into final versions of maps

Interest Area – Business (original from 2014)

First Semester	Second Semester
ENGL 1101*English Composition 1 * must earn C or better	ENGL 1102* English Composition 2 * must earn C or better
MATH 1111/1113/1125/1131** **See your advisor to determine which MATH is appropriate for you. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MATH 1111 College Algebra (3) • MATH 1113 Pre-Calculus (4) • MATH 1125 Applied Calculus (3) • MATH 1131 Calculus with Analytical Geometry (4) 	POLS 1101 American Government
Non-lab science (or lab science)	Lab science
BUSA 2115 Introduction to Business	HIST 2111 US History to 1865 OR HIST 2112 US History since 1865
Area E World Cultures or Behavioral Science	MISM Introduction to Information Systems in Business

Interest Area – Exploratory (original from 2014)

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ENGL 1101*English Composition 1

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MATH 1001/1101/1111/1113/1125/1131**

**Math 1001 or 1101 is appropriate for non-math, non-science, and non-business majors. See your advisor to determine which MATH is appropriate for you.

- MATH 1001 Quantitative Skills and Reasoning (3)
- MATH 1001 Mathematical Modeling (3)
- MATH 1111 College Algebra (3)
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Lab science

Area F class of major of possible interest

HIST 2111 US History to 1865

OR

HIST 2112 US History since 1865

Second Semester

ENGL 1102* English Composition 2

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COMM 1110 Communication

Non-lab science (or another lab science)

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POLS 1101 American Government

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Fine and Performing Arts *(last row of map only)*

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Art/Art History

Teacher Education

Music

Theatre

Academic Focus Area: Fine and Performing Arts

- *Art, Music, Theatre (with Teacher Certification available)*

First Semester (15 hrs.)

Explore your interest with 3-4 credit hours of the following:

ARTH 2125 History of Art I

ARTH 2126 History of Art II

ARTS 1010 Drawing 1

ARTS 1020 Digital Design

EDUC 2110 Investigating Critical and Contemporary Issues in Education (for students interested in teaching)

MUSC 1213 Music Foundations

*THEA 1105 First Year Seminar

Second Semester (15 hrs.)

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ARTH 2125 History of Art I

ARTH 2126 History of Art II

ARTS 1010 Drawing 1

EDUC 2120 Exploring Socio-Cultural Contexts on Diversity in Educational Settings (for students interested in teaching)

*MUSA 1305 Class Voice

*MUSA 1306 Class Piano

*MUSA 1307 Class Guitar

*THEA 1105 First Year Seminar

THEA 1175 Script Analysis

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EDUC 2110 Investigating Critical and Contemporary Issues in Education	EDUC 2130 Exploring Learning and Teaching
EDUC 2120 Exploring Socio-Cultural Contexts on Diversity in Educational Settings	<i>Students interested in math or science concentrations: MATH 1113 Pre-Calculus</i> <i>Students not pursuing math or science concentrations, choose one Area E U.S. History</i>

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FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION

- Admission process
 - Including focus areas on the application and on the pre-registration advising survey
- Institutional Research
 - Alerting students about activities related to majors they're interested in
 - Identifying trends and patterns in migration between focus areas and majors
 - Tracking success rates
- Advising
 - Making advisors available by prior to orientation
 - Training dedicated advisors to assist students with choosing purposeful pathways
 - Offering scaffolded career advising, in partnership with the Center for Career Development and the Counseling Center

Current maps found here:

https://academics.columbusstate.edu/docs/programmaps_area.pdf

*Additional three to be posted before
May 1, 2018*