

SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR THE UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR ADVISOR

Major Requirements

What types of students are attracted to this major?
What areas of specialization do your faculty members teach in or research?
Is this major a “capped major”? If so, what must a student do to be admitted into this major?
What course(s) (pre-requisites) do students take if they want to declare this major?
How does the coursework that I have already completed fit into the major requirements?
Are any of the courses for the major more difficult than other courses?
What methods of evaluating a student’s work are typically used in this department?
 Paper versus exams?
 Individual versus group projects?
 Exams: essay, multiple choice, short answer, other?
In terms of the skills necessary for succeeding in this major, how much are each of these skills used?
 Memorization
 Reading
 Writing
 Analysis
 Creativity
How many units are needed to complete this major?

Department Services

If I major in this area, will my adviser be a faculty member, staff member or both?
Does this department have a handbook for majors?
Is there a departmental student organization?
Does this department encourage students to study abroad?
Does this department encourage students to do internships? Who helps students secure internships?
Does this department have a newsletter?
Does this department maintain a bulletin board of information for students?
Are there any special funding opportunities (i.e. scholarships) available for students in this major?
What other special services does the department offer for students?

Your Own Questions