

Undeclared Major

Congratulations! Your admission to the University of Lethbridge is the first step on the road to meeting your academic goals. With the range of choices that are available to you at the University of Lethbridge, we understand that it might be difficult to know which area of study to pursue. This Program Planning Guide lists options available to help you explore the choices that lay beyond the front door of the University.

Does it make a difference if I declare a major?

Yes! Registration at the University of Lethbridge is driven by major. This means that students with a declared major will have better access to the courses required in that major. However, if you haven't declared a major, you can still register in courses that count toward your degree requirements. Consult with an Advisor for assistance with course selection and with choosing a major.

How do I know which courses to register if I don't have a declared major?

There are several routes you can take:

- Think about what areas interest you. You could take the introductory course (usually at the 1000 level) in each of these areas to try them out.
- Think about your favourite high school subjects and consider exploring them at university. For example, if you liked:
 - Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or Science, you could take courses in Biology, Chemistry, Geography, or Physics.
 - Social Studies, you could take courses in Anthropology, Economics, History, or Political Science.
 - Mathematics or Calculus, you could take courses in Computer Science, Mathematics, or Statistics.
- Every student at the University of Lethbridge must complete the General Liberal Education Requirement (GLER). Looking at the GLER (found on p. 85 in the 2011/2012 University of Lethbridge Calendar), you could enrol in courses that count toward the 12 required from the Lists: Fine Arts and Humanities, Social Science, or Science.
- The Faculty of Arts and Science offers Liberal Education 1000 and Liberal Education 2000, specifically designed to introduce first-year students to the wide scope of human knowledge and teach essential university success skills, critical thinking, and integrative thinking (see the 2011/2012 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 14 - Courses, p. 378). LBED 1000 and 2000 may be used toward satisfying the GLER (for details, see the 2011/2012 Calendar, p. 85).

How can I decide which major is right for me?

The first step in effective career planning is research. Begin by researching your interests and aptitudes; then, investigate which occupations would best suit you. This will help guide your choice of major. You can start career research at your school counselling centre, at your local library, or on the Internet, including websites like Alberta Advanced Education and Technology (www.advancededucation.gov.ab.ca).

There are also many programs and people at the University of Lethbridge to assist you with a choice of major.

Before you register, try these services:

Prospective Student Advising

Admissions Officers, Recruitment Officers, and Academic Advisors are available to help you with everything from explaining how your transfer credit fits into your program, to defining a major and the other terms you will encounter, to navigating the services available at the University, to accessing the courses you want and need, and to helping you understand how the courses you've chosen fulfill your degree requirements.

Prospective Student Advising is available from a number of sources. Please call 403-382-7134 for more information on admission and transfer credit to the University; call 403-329-2762 or 403-329-5106 for more information about course selection, registration, and degree programs at the University. Or, you may email your questions to inquiries@uleth.ca.

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Connections

CONNECTIONS is a program designed to acquaint you with life at the University of Lethbridge. You are paired with a student host and together you will attend classes, seminars, and perhaps even labs; meet professors and students; and check out our facilities so that you get a first-hand look at what the University has to offer.

CONNECTIONS is available from mid-October to the end of the Spring semester (approximately the first week of April). To book your CONNECTION, call 403-329-2762.

When you arrive on campus, the following resources are available to assist you with choosing a major:

Academic Advising

Academic Advisors in each Faculty are available to assist students with program planning, course selection, and interpretation of academic regulations. You may also need to consult with an Advisor to change your major and program of study. Contact the relevant Faculty advising office for advising assistance.

Faculty of Arts and Science
SU060
403-329-5106
artsci.advising@uleth.ca

Faculty of Fine Arts
W660
403-329-2691
finearts@uleth.ca

Faculty of Management
Lethbridge M2060
403-329-2153
undergrad.management@uleth.ca

Faculty of Education
TH421
403-329-2254
edu.sps@uleth.ca

Faculty of Health Sciences
Nursing M3083
Addictions Counselling & Public
Health M3102
403-329-2649
health.sciences@uleth.ca

Calgary
calgary.campus@uleth.ca
403-571-3360
Edmonton
edmonton.campus@uleth.ca
780-424-0425

Counselling Services

Counselling Services offers individual assistance on an appointment basis for educational, career, and personal concerns. To make an appointment, call 403-317-2845 or drop by the Counselling Services Office (TH218).

Counselling Services also offers a series of workshops each semester on various academic skills required for university success. If appropriate, Counsellors will use a variety of interest inventories to assist students with choosing a major or establishing a career direction.

Career and Employment Services

Career and Employment Services has a career information centre and library available. You can explore the information in the library and consult the staff about choices you can make at the University of Lethbridge that will complement your career aspirations. Call 403-329-2187 or drop in to the Career Resources Centre (AH154).

Peer Referral Service

The Peer Referral Service is run by trained student volunteers whose goal is to help new students adapt to university life. These volunteers are there to listen to your concerns and help you arrive at solutions that work for you. They know about the many services that are available to students, both on and off campus, and can provide a referral for any economic, scholastic, or personal problem that you may encounter.

You may email your questions to prc@uleth.ca or you may ask questions of the Peer Referral staff personally at one of their mobile booths on campus.

What do I do when I decide?

You must complete a *Student Program Change Form*. This form tells the Registrar's Office and Student Services (ROSS) of your choice of program and major and will give you better access to courses required in that major. You must submit the form to the Registrar's Office and Student Services (ROSS) by October 15 (for the Spring semester) and February 15 (for the Fall semester).

