

OUTLINE OF THE UNDECLARED MAJOR ADJUSTMENT PLAN.

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September 2008 to August 2009 (currently have 4500-5000 Undeclared students)

1. Encourage colleges to expand Major offerings and options to allow more flexibility and alternatives to popular majors with high failure rates.
2. Develop strong Web based interfaces to assist in Major selection.
3. Train Advisors on new rules and how to effectively assist in Major selection.
4. Rework web and printed material to strongly encourage major selection within the first year.
5. Revise web and admission material to reflect new rules and major options effective Fall 2009 and Fall 2010.
6. Add a "Choose your major link" on web page just before linking to Apply Texas web site.
7. Add the CAS (course applicability system) to web to allow transfers, displaced majors and undecided to have a more educated selection process.
8. Begin implementing Freshman orientation changes that emphasize the importance of early major selection.
9. By early Spring 2009 semester, begin advertizing Policy Changes to take place in September 2009.
10. Undertake a comprehensive study of undeclared majors, including extensive student focus groups, surveys, discussions with advisors, etc.

September 2009 (Goal: reduce the number of undeclared students 20-30% (to 3500-4000 students).

1. Reduce the time current and past FTIC students can be undeclared from 60 hours to 45 hours.
2. Reduce the time transfer students with less than 60 hours can be undeclared to 30 UH hours.
3. Reduce the time transfers with more than 60 hours can be undeclared to 15 UH hours.

September 2009 to August 2010

1. Reorganize UScholars and begin realigning some existing Advisors for Major/Career selection assistance and to colleges to assist with new programs. Coordinate efforts with Career services.
2. Revise web and admission material to reflect new rules and new major options that will be effective Fall 2010.
3. By early Spring 2010 semester, begin advertizing Policy Changes to take place in September 2010. Distribute information to generally but also specifically target current undeclared majors.
4. Develop benchmarks for success of program.

September 2010 (Goal: reduce the number of undeclared students 60-70% (to only 1500-2000 students).

1. Reduce the time new FTIC students can be undeclared to 30 credit hours.
 - Require block scheduling of all new FTIC undeclared students.
 - Require all FTIC undeclared students to enroll in career/major selection seminar class.
 - Require all FTIC undeclared students to be in CSP.
2. Require all transfer students with less than 30 hours to choose major within their second semester.
3. Require all transfer students with 30- 60 hours to choose major within their first semester.
4. Require all transfer students with 60 or more hours to choose major prior to attending UH.
5. Require advising prior to course registration for all undeclared students.

September 2011 to 2012

1. Evaluate success of program, considering both positive and negative outcomes.

9/25/08 Draft of Recommendations to be presented to the Provost.