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## EXPLORING LIBERAL ARTS PROGRAM CATALOG NARRATIVE UPDATES

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### Exploring the Liberal Arts

Exploring the Liberal Arts or “Exploring” is a term used by UNC for students who have not yet decided on or declared a specific major. Typically, students choose to be Exploring for one or more of the following reasons. They:

- x are uncertain about what they want to study.
- x have many interests and want to explore several options first.
- x declared a major but no longer want to pursue it.
- x were not initially admitted to their preferred major.

Students should take their interests, skills, values, goals, and abilities into consideration when choosing a major. So advisors will work with Exploring students to help them navigate and connect with additional resources on campus to identify goals.

UNC new or transfer students, who are unsure about what program of study is best suited to their goals, can choose to be designated as Exploring the Liberal Arts when they enter the University. A clear path for degree completion is of the utmost importance. For this reason, students designated as Exploring the Liberal Arts are required to declare a major by the time they have completed thirty (30) credit hours toward graduation, including transfer credit. (See 30 Credit Policy for Exploring the Liberal Arts)

Students with a declared major who wish to change their major status are required to declare a new major by the time they have completed thirty (30) credit hours toward graduation, including transfer credit. (See 30 Credit Policy for Exploring the Liberal Arts)

<http://unco.smartcatalogiq.com/current/UndergraduateCatalog/UndergraduateStudies/StudentAcademicSuccess/Soar>

Soar

Location: Michener Hall L149

Telephone: 970.351.1391

Soar provides the following services to undergraduate students:

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constitutes a change of major. Students changing majors must meet with an academic advisor in the newly declared major to obtain a Personal Identification Number (PIN).

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#### Academic Advising

University policy entitles each student to academic advising. Advising expedites course selection and helps the student create an academic program suited to their needs and the University's graduation requirements.

Each undergraduate student is strongly encouraged to work closely with their assigned advisor in selecting Liberal Arts Curriculum courses, major and minor offerings and elective courses from other disciplines. If a student has more than one major or minor they are encouraged to see advisors in each area of study prior to course registration.

Declared students are assigned a faculty advisor in their major degree program. Advisor names can be found in Ursa, under Registration and Grades/Registered for Classes, by clicking on "View Student Information." If an advisor name is not present, the student may contact the Registrar's Office at (703) 221-0021 or (703) 221-0601.

