

Get the inside scoop on majors!

Join CAPE's Major Network!

What is the Center for Academic Planning & Exploration?

The Center for Academic Planning & Exploration (CAPE) provides individualized advising and career coaching to guide students through the process of finding a major. To learn more about CAPE or to set up an appointment, please visit our website at www.cape.umn.edu.

What is the Major Network?

The Major Network allows students to receive firsthand information about coursework, opportunities, and career options relating to a specific major from the upperclassmen in those majors.

Here are some ways you might have your questions answered:

- Meeting over lunch or corresponding via email to answer your questions
- Attending one of the upperclassman's upper-division courses together (with an instructor's permission)
- Attending a meeting or event hosted by a student organization related to the major

Upperclassmen in the Major Network are NOT academic advisors. While they are able to provide insight on what their major involves, you should refer to the departmental advisor, not your Major Mentor, for information about program requirements.

I want to get involved with the Major Network! How do I sign up?

1: Sign Up.

Fill out a brief participation form (available at z.umn.edu/MajorNetwork) that includes your contact information and your areas of interest. You may select up to three majors.

2: Wait.

Wait for an email from the Major Network Coordinator with the contact information of an upperclassman.*

*This may take some time as we may have to find a mentor within your major. Please be patient with us.

3: Prepare.

As you wait for your network contact, brainstorm questions you'd like to ask. *How did you declare your major? Which classes have you enjoyed the most? What is the biggest struggle you've had within your major? What kind of internships/experiences have you had relating to your major? What kind of career do you hope to have?*

4: Contact!

Once we find a student who is in your major, we will give them your contact information and give you their contact information. Most times, the upperclassman student will contact you first, but feel free to contact them first as well.

Once you have completed Steps 1–4 you are officially a part of the Major Network! Feel free to utilize CAPE's other resources as well, such as one-to-one coaching and online courses.

Questions? Contact majornet@umn.edu or call us at 612-624-3076.