

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, please visit our website at www.cape.umn.edu.

What is the Major Network?

The Major Network connects upperclassmen that are passionate about their major with students who are exploring different major options. The Major Network allows students to receive firsthand information about coursework, opportunities, and career options relating to a specific major.

Upperclassmen should be prepared to answer questions like:

- In general, what is it like to study in your major?
- What are the courses like in your major?
- What skills are necessary to be successful in your major?

Upperclassmen are **NOT** expected to conduct academic advising. Instead, upperclassmen will help students who are exploring different majors gather information through hands-on activities like:

- Informational meetings over email or in person
- 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

PREFERRED REQUIREMENTS: Completion of 12+ 3xxx/4xxx upper-division credits in program area (major or minor), completion of 60+ credits total, 3.0+ Cumulative GPA

How do I become get involved with the Major Network?

1: Submit a completed application (available at z.umn.edu/majornetwork)

There are no deadlines—if you're interested, let us know!

2: Once accepted, check for an email with a link to the Major Network training video and website.

3: Once you have watched the video, complete the Major Network Agreement Form.

If you think you have friends who would be great mentors, nominate them to the Major Network [here](#).

What is the time commitment?

The time commitment is flexible and varies based on the exploring students and how popular a major is. Some students may meet with only one student in a semester, while some may meet with multiple students, multiple times in a semester. CAPE will provide upperclassmen with the contact information of the student who request to network with them. Then, it is up to Upperclassmen to work with the student in determining when to meet. Often one meeting is enough to fully assist the student in any questions they may have about a specific major.

Once you have completed Steps 1 -3 you are officially a part of the Major Network! Then, just wait for CAPE to contact you with your first mentees. Questions? Contact majornet@umn.edu or call us at 612-624-3076.