

## CLAS Academic Advising Center

### Exploratory Study Newsletter

September 2019

*Bringing you one step closer to your future*

### Still Searching for a Major?

As an Exploratory Study Student, you are not alone. Nationally, "undecided" or "exploratory" is the most popular college path and on average, 70 percent of all students change majors at least once during their academic career. Grand Valley has many people, programs, and courses to help you make the decision that is right for you.

Grand Valley's [general education curriculum](#) is designed to provide students exposure to a sampling of academic areas while earning credit towards graduation. Students have time to explore [majors](#) through the general education curriculum as well as taking classes that may be of interest to them. Many students do not declare a major until their second year.

### So, you are an Exploratory Student, now what?

The Exploratory Advising through the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) provides academic advising to exploring students and for students who are transitioning from one major to another.

Each Exploratory student is assigned a professional academic advisor who will:

- Help guide you to resources and tools to make an informed major and career decision.
- Help you develop a course plan that will include general education requirements and exploration courses.
- Interpret university policies, procedures, and degree requirements.
- Make you aware of high impact learning experiences and opportunities that will strengthen your career path.
- Identify campus-wide academic support resources such as tutoring and study skills development

### Exploratory Study Drop-In Advising Hours

CLAS Academic Advising Center (Mackinac C-1-140)

Every Wednesday from 9AM-12PM and 1PM-4PM

### Notable Upcoming Events

#### Time Management 101:

Thursday, September 5th, 12pm.

Kirkhof Center 1104

Join the Student Academic Success Center and learn how to manage your time effectively at their Time Management 101 workshop.

If you have any questions, please contact Arianna Fikse at [fiksear@gvsu.edu](mailto:fiksear@gvsu.edu)



#### CLAS Academic Advising Open House:

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September 10, 3-5pm

**C-1-130 Mackinac Hall**

Come meet CLAS Academic Advisors and Faculty!  
**Free food! First 700 to bring their Transitions ticket get a t-shirt!**



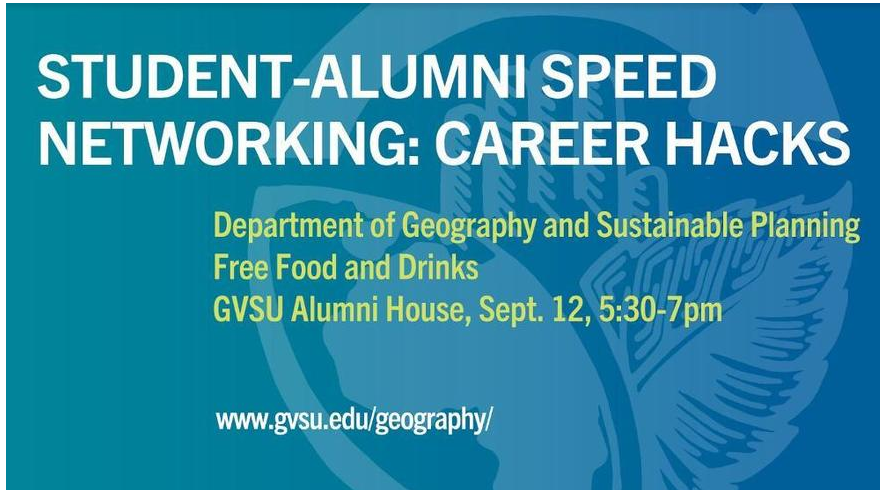
#### Nonprofit and Internship Fair:

Thursday, September 12th. 1PM-3PM Kirkhof Lawn

This is an opportunity for you to connect with various agencies in the greater Grand Rapids area. Over 50 agencies offering volunteer and/or internship opportunities will be present!

#### Student-Alumni Speed Networking: Career Hacks:

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#### CCPS Fall Kickback:

Wednesday, September 25th.

Richard M. DeVos Courtyard

Join faculty, staff and students from the College of Community and Public Service (CCPS) for food, games and prizes as they welcome you to the 2019-2020 academic year. This is a great opportunity to learn about the five different majors housed in CCPS:

- Criminal Justice
- Hospitality & Tourism Management
- Legal Studies
- Public & Nonprofit Administration
- Social Work

Contact the CCPS Undergraduate Advising Center at (616)-331-6890 with any question or if you are interested in scheduling a meeting with one of our academic advisors.

#### College of Education Fall Open House:

Friday, October 4th. Kirkhof Center 2215/2216

The College of Education invites you to their Fall Open House on Friday, October 4th from 1pm-3pm in Kirkhof Center 2215/2216! Come learn about their Education Programs (Elementary, Secondary, and Special Education) as well as hear from various resources that we have in place to support you.

A few of the resources that you will have the opportunity to meet are the Career Center, CLAS Advising, TRIO, Study Abroad opportunities, teacher education-specific student organizations, the Curriculum Materials Library, and so much more! Plus, there will be free food! See you there!

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