

# Exploratory Study Newsletter

December 2020

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences  
Academic Advising Center



[Online Resources for Discovering Your Major](#)

## Important Reminders

If you registered for Winter classes before December 18, your tuition payment is due on **December 18 by 5pm.**

Final grades will be posted by **December 24.**

**Exploratory Academic Advising will be available over the Winter Break!**

If you need to register or make changes for the winter, you can schedule an appointment through any of the following options:

- Online through [Navigate's scheduling system](#)
- Visiting our [Virtual Reception Desk](#) via Zoom
- Calling our office at (616) 331-8585
- Emailing us at [advstu@gvsu.edu](mailto:advstu@gvsu.edu)

## Majorly Important Information

### HAVE YOU DECIDED ON A MAJOR?

Then it is time to STOP receiving this Newsletter and DECLARE! Once declared, you will be assigned

Professional and Faculty Advisors who specialize in:

- In-depth explanation of your program
- Implementation of Gen Ed requirements
- Overview of professional/graduate school requirements as they relate to your major
- Information about secondary admission requirements for certain majors
- Connection with GV resources (e.g. tutoring, counseling, career center, etc)

### STEPS TO DECLARE YOUR MAJOR

1. Log into MyBanner
2. Click on Student
3. Click on Student Records
4. Click on Change Major towards the bottom of the list
5. Click on the item you would like to update (Major 1, Major 2, Minor 1, etc)
6. Select the appropriate program from the drop down list
7. Click on Submit
8. Click on Change to New Program (Do not enter a new advisor. By declaring, you will be assigned to an advisor within that major)



## Major of the Month: Legal Studies

The legal studies major involves the study of law and contemporary issues related to law as part of a liberal education. The American Bar Association approved B.A./B.S. focuses on both theory and practice and prepares students for work as paralegals and for other careers in the field of law.



### CAREER OPTIONS

Legal studies graduates are employed in many areas, including: Insurance companies - Government agencies - Law firms - Courts - Corporations - Nonprofit organizations

Graduates who work in these fields can play an important role in the delivery of legal services but they are not permitted to practice law. To practice law, graduates must obtain a law school degree and satisfy other state requirements for admission to the bar.

[Make an appointment with a Legal Studies advisor for more information.](#)

## Tips for Future Teachers

If you are considering becoming a teacher, [Explore Education program options and discover the teacher preparation opportunities at GVSU.](#) Meet with the College of Education to understand the program requirements for teacher certification.

Contact the Student Information and Services Center at (616) 331-6650 or email [coeserve@gvsu.edu](mailto:coeserve@gvsu.edu). Follow these steps to declare [a major in Education](#):



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### WIC Alumni Night

Women in Computing is reuniting with their alumni so you can hear how their jobs are, how the transition is going from college to the workforce, and why they chose their company. Join them on December 2nd from 6-8p through Zoom. You can sign up through [Laker Link!](#)



### Study Smart!

[Study Strategies Workshop](#)  
Wednesdays, Dec 2 & 9: 12p - 1p

[Study Strategies Drop In Coaching](#)  
Fridays, Dec 4 and Dec 11: 10a - 11a

## Interested in a Career in the NFL?

Learn about the various careers possible in the NFL, and use this to discover the major for you! The Pro Football Hall of Fame is proud to offer a brand-new series for learners in high school, college and beyond! "Before the Snap" gives an insight to professional careers in and around the NFL, while giving a live audience the opportunity to interact with an industry expert.



[Friday, Dec 4 at 12pm - Register on Handshake](#)