

# What Courses Should I Take? Why?

## Deciding which courses are best

All academic curricula require that you take specific courses for your major as specified in the *Undergraduate Catalog* ([www.widener.edu/catalogs](http://www.widener.edu/catalogs)) as well as 9 credits in each of the following areas: humanities, social sciences, and math/science. These fulfill your **general education distribution requirements**. This is an important part of your education. Taking a range of courses in the liberal arts will give you the intellectual tools you need to think critically, creatively, and independently. When you and your advisor choose courses to fulfill the distribution requirements, think about how these divergent fields fit together, complement one another, and call each other into question. Your ability to synthesize different points of view and different areas of knowledge through these requirements will help you to make sense of your education and the complex world beyond the university. Also note that you are required to complete four **Writing Enriched courses** to graduate. These courses are denoted with (W) after the course title in Student Planning or listed in a course description. Are there courses that would satisfy your distribution requirements as well as fit into your career aspirations? Absolutely!

- Examples of **Humanities** include: ARTS, AH, AS, CRWR, ENGL (130+), HIST, MUS, PHIL, THTR, and modern languages. *\*See the Undergraduate Catalog for course titles, descriptions, prerequisites, and corequisites.*
- Examples of **Math and Science** include: MATH, ASTR, BIOL, CHEM, CSCI, ENVR, ESSC, and PHYS. *\*See the Undergraduate Catalog for course titles, descriptions, prerequisites, and corequisites.*
- Examples of **Social Sciences** include: ANTH, CJ, COMS, POLS, PSY, and SOC. *\*See the Undergraduate Catalog for course titles, descriptions, prerequisites, and corequisites.*

## What Are My Career and Life Goals?

What if you don't know what you would like to major in or what your career aspirations are? You are certainly not alone. Being undecided is very common at most colleges. The most important thing you need to do is to explore! This may be accomplished by meeting with your academic advisor and taking courses from areas that you think may interest you, researching careers and talking to your professors. You can meet with an advisor in the office of **Exploratory Studies** to explore your options of numerous majors on campus. Another valuable place on campus for career exploration is [Career Design and Development](#).

Career Design and Development has career counselors who will assist you in analyzing your strengths and interests and the types of careers you would be best suited for. You can also take **Focus2**, a career interest inventory online in the myWidener office page of Career Design and Development and then meet with a Career Services counselor. If you are unsure about your major or career plans, make an appointment with Career Design and Development by calling 610-499-4176, visiting their website via myWidener, or visiting their office at 526 E. 14th Street.