

## **Motion to adopt an exploratory major policy**

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Effective Fall 2014, the following section is to be added to the Undergraduate Catalog:

### **Exploratory Major Policy**

Students who declare a major or a pre-major, but fail to meet program requirements of the major (including GPA, minimum course grades or admittance through an application process) and who have no opportunity to progress in that academic program, will have their major administratively changed to exploratory. Students must declare another major after 1 semester as an exploratory major.

### **Rationale**

Over the last couple of years working with academic departments, the Admissions and Standards Committee has revised upper division admissions requirements in application and GPA restricted programs. These changes were designed to support student progression and success. If students are unable to meet these requirements and are found to be unable to progress in these majors or pre-majors, it is illogical to allow them to continue to think that are part of that academic program. Changing students to the exploratory major will allow them to get the academic support that they need to choose another major consistent with their interests and aptitudes.