Exploratory/ Undecided Students

Southeast Missouri State University

Approximately 25% of first-year students entering Southeast each year are Exploratory/Undecided in their major. It is perfectly fine not to have it all figured out right away. Being proactive in the search of the right major is vital, and at Southeast, Academic Advisors and Career Counselors support you in that process.

At Southeast Missouri State University, incoming and prospective students have access to over 145+ Degree Maps online. Degree Maps are a great tool for counselors, college advisors, students and their families to use when deciding what major to pursue at Southeast. Degree Maps are now available on our Areas of Study webpage, semo.edu/study.

The Degree Maps include a brief description of the program, instances where Southeast's program is unique, career planning options for students, graduate school options, employment and internship opportunities of recent graduates, special requirements for entrance into the program, required classes and a sample four-year plan.

Becoming Career Ready...

Students have 24/7 access to online career decision-making tools developed and provided by the Office of Career Services. This model guides students step-by-step as they use resources to learn more about themselves and explore majors and career options.

Academic Advisors and Career Counselors work together in the same suite of offices to facilitate the career exploration process, putting the student in the driver’s seat to make the best decisions.

Students can choose from over 145+ undergraduate majors, 100+ undergraduate certificates and minors, and 75+ graduate programs emphasizing national accreditation.

Majors at Southeast offer real-world experience. 100% of our programs offer students an internship, study-abroad program, clinical opportunity, student teaching, or research internship.

Students may choose life-changing study-abroad in semester exchange programs or in short-term, two-week programs.

The path to a successful career starts with you! You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests and skills to jobs and opportunities in the field. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities and more.

Colleges and Schools

Southeast has five academic colleges:
- College of Education, Health, & Human Studies
- College of Humanities & Social Sciences
- College of Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics
- Harrison College of Business & Computing
- Holland College of Arts & Media

Some of the Internship and Employment Opportunities of Recent Graduates

- Missouri Department of Revenue
- Boeing
- ESPN Wide World of Sports
- ProRehab
- St. Louis Zoo
- Great White Shark
- Coastal Marine Education Research Academy
- United Way
- Bank of America
- Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield
- Biokyowa
- Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Laboratory
- Proctor and Gamble
- Microsoft
- Jacob’s Pillow
- Royal Caribbean Cruises
- NASA

Resources

Academic Support Centers offers the university’s tutorial services, community service opportunities, counseling, disability services, Learning Assistant Programs and Student Support Services. For more information you can visit semo.edu/asc.

Academic Advising offers professional and faculty advisors to help students accomplish their goal of a college degree. For more information you can visit semo.edu/advising.

DegreeWorks is a web-based tool to help students monitor progress towards completing a degree at Southeast. DegreeWorks allows students to plan for future coursework, completion of major and minors, and projected graduation. For more information you can visit semo.edu/registrar/degroworks.

Transfer and Dual Credit Students

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit.

Special Options with Exploratory/Undecided

Southeast is a 5 campus system: offering courses and resources at Cape Girardeau – Main Campus, Cape Girardeau – River Campus, Kennett – Regional Campus, Sikeston – Regional Campus, and the Poplar Bluff Delivery Site.

To learn more:
Office of Admissions
(573) 651-2590
admissions@semo.edu
semo.edu

To explore
Southeast’s majors, visit
semo.edu/study/

Questions?
Center for Academic Advising
semo.edu/advising
Exploratory/ Undecided Students

Semo.edu/study

This is a guide based on the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

To obtain a bachelor's degree, you must complete:

- 120 semester hours of credit (minimum)
- General Education requirements
- A Major, which is your specialized area of interest
- A Minor to complement major, if required
- Minimum grade point averages
  - Overall – 2.0 for most programs
  - In major area – 2.0 for most programs
  - Courses taken at Southeast – 2.0 for most programs
- WP003 – 75 hour writing proficiency test – taken during the junior year
- Elective Credits – depending on program of study

A full-time student will take 12 hours per semester. To graduate in 4 years, students must take a minimum of 15 hours per semester.

General Education Requirements – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
- Civics examination

SAMPLE 1st SEMESTER PLAN

Consult with advisor to select courses meeting requirements for the 2018-2019 Undergraduate Bulletin

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FALL</th>
<th>Course #</th>
<th>Hrs</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>First Year Seminar</td>
<td>UI100</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>English Composition</td>
<td>EN100</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Constitution requirement</td>
<td>PS103</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oral Communication</td>
<td>SC105</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mathematics</td>
<td>i.e. MA123</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>15</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*You will meet with your Academic Advisor throughout the semester to help guide you through Southeast’s degree options.

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

A minimum 2.0 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a degree.