

Academic Exploration

Degree Type

Bachelor's

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First year undergraduate Russell Sage College students who are unsure (undecided) or do not wish to declare a major at the time of enrollment (undeclared) may enter the Academic Exploration program (AEX).

Students in the AEX program take a combination of courses in general education and in subject areas of potential academic interest. Students may stay in the AEX program up to the completion of 45 credit hours or first year of study, at which point, they will be expected to declare a major program.

Students in the AEX program work closely with the [Advising Office](#). Students create an individualized plan consisting of courses that fit within their interests and will allow them to integrate seamlessly in to a major program and graduate on time. The Advising Office also connects students with campus resources, such as, Career Planning staff and Focus career assessment, to encourage students to actively explore all of their interests and strengths. Note: Diplomas are not granted for academic exploration. In order to earn a bachelor's degree, students must successfully complete a major program. For more information about the academic exploration major contact: academicadvising@sage.edu.

Helpful Links: [Major Programs](#) | [Resources for Undecided Students](#) | [General Education](#)

Suggested Plan of Study - Year 1

Fall (15-16 credits)

- RSC 101 Thriving at Sage (first year seminar; general education)
- WRT 101 Writing in the Community (general education)
- Course in potential Major program
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- Course in potential Major program *or* General Education course

Spring (15-16 credits)

- WRT 201 Researching in the Community (general education)
- Course in potential Major program
- Course in potential Major program
- Course in potential Major program
- General Education course

Degree Completion Notes

- Total credits required for bachelor's degree (minimum): 120 credits
- Successful completion of a Sage Major Program
- Completion of [General Education](#) coursework required
- 1/2 of major requirements must be completed at Sage
- Completion of [liberal arts and sciences](#) credits
- Cumulative GPA required for graduation (minimum): **See major program*
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