

For Exploratory/Undeclared Students

# The Exploratory News

**In the News**

**20 dorm rooms you wish were yours—via [BuzzFeed](#)**

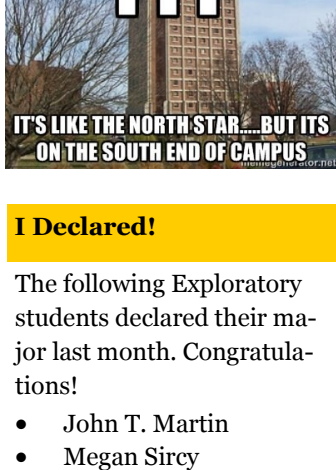
**9 up and coming majors—via [US News](#)**

**5 things you should never say to your professor—via [USA Today](#)**

**Want a job after you graduate? Here's how—via [The Huffington Post](#)**

**4 movies to get you through freshman year—via [USA Today](#)**

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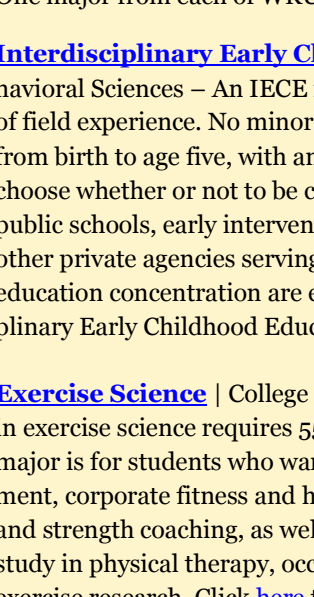


## I Declared!

The following Exploratory students declared their major last month. Congratulations!

- John T. Martin
- Megan Sircy
- Daniel Phillips
- Brette Walsh
- Allie Sebastian
- Miranda Devore
- Paula Crenshaw
- Sarah Tomlin

## Majors and Minors Fair



You're invited to the 2013 Majors and Minors Fair!

The Majors and Minors Fair showcases over 60 majors, minors, and departments across campus. Students attending the fair will have the chance to talk with faculty, staff and student representatives of each department.

Faculty, staff and student representatives will be able to answer questions about course requirements and offer suggestions regarding career options tied to the major. As an Exploratory student, this is a valuable opportunity to explore the various majors and minors that WKU has to offer.

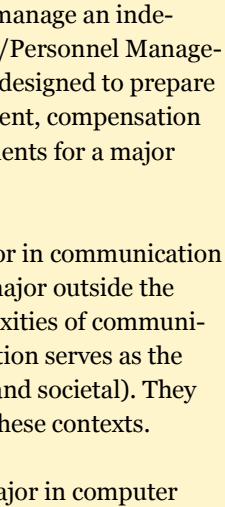
Aside from the valuable information, there will be hundreds of dollars in door prizes raffled off to students who attend the fair.

## Major Spotlight

One major from each of WKU's academic colleges is highlighted.

**[Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education \(IECE\)](#)** | College of Education and Behavioral Sciences – An IECE major requires 68-75 hours of coursework and 600 clock hours of field experience. No minor is required. This major will prepare you to work with children from birth to age five, with and without special needs, as well as their families. You can choose whether or not to be certified in teaching. All graduates are prepared for positions in public schools, early intervention programs, Head Start programs, child care centers, and other private agencies serving young children and their families. Graduates of the teacher education concentration are eligible to apply for the Professional Certification in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE, Birth to Primary).

**[Exercise Science](#)** | College of Health and Human Services – A major in exercise science requires 55 hours and no minor is necessary. This major is for students who want to pursue careers in fitness management, corporate fitness and health promotion, medically-based fitness, and strength coaching, as well as students who wish to pursue graduate study in physical therapy, occupational therapy, medicine, nutrition, or exercise research. Click [here](#) to view the pre-requisites for admission to the exercise science major.

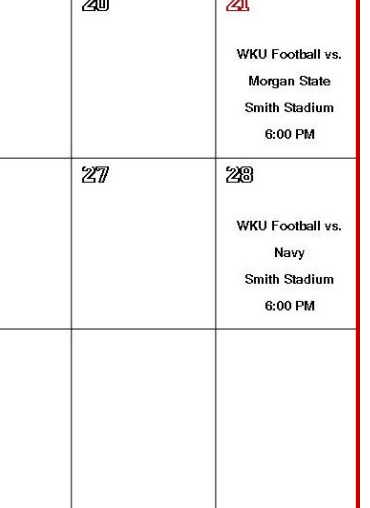


**[Management](#)** | Gordon Ford College of Business – A major in management requires 73 hours and does not require a minor. This major offers two areas of concentration for you to pick from: 1) [Business Administration](#), and 2) [Human Resources/Personnel Management](#). The Business Administration concentration is for students who want to manage an independent business or a unit of a large organization. The Human Resource/Personnel Management concentration is for students who want to manage employees. It is designed to prepare students for careers in recruitment and selection, training and development, compensation and benefits, or labor relations. Click [here](#) to see the admission requirements for a major within the Gordon Ford College of Business.

**[Communication Studies](#)** | Potter College of Arts and Letters – A major in communication studies requires a minimum of 34 hours as well as a minor or a second major outside the department. This major prepares students for understanding the complexities of communication in the modern world. Graduates will understand how communication serves as the central organizing feature of relationships (interpersonal, family, work, and societal). They will also learn the tools for diagnosing and changing communication in these contexts.

**[Computer Science](#)** | Ogden College of Science and Engineering – A major in computer science requires a minimum of 44 hours and may require of minor depending on which concentration you choose. The concentrations include: 1) [Systems/Scientific Applications](#), which requires additional math and science courses but does not require a minor; 2) [Any Minor Option](#), which allows students to study both computer science with any minor that WKU offers (the department suggests any science, mathematics, business administration, or entrepreneurship); and 3) [Specialty Option](#), which is for students interested in an area for which we do not have a minor or is interdisciplinary in nature (courses are selected with an advisor's approval).

**[Computer Information Technology \(CIT\)](#)** | University College – The CIT major requires 60 hours and does not require a minor. This degree can be earned entirely online. A major in CIT prepares students for careers in technical areas such as web design and programming, database administration, computer network administration, and information security. Make sure you have the correct computer [requirements](#) before declaring this major.



## Calendar

# SEPTEMBER 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Labor Day No Classes	3 Last day to Add/ Drop Full Semester Course	4 Freshman Assembly Diddle Arena 6:00 PM	5	6	7
8	9 Monday Night Mentors "Now You See Me" Grise Hall Lawn 7:30 PM	10	11	12 AAS: Comm. In College David Serafini GRH 1074 4:00 PM	13	14 Lost River Music Festival Circus Square Park All Day
15	16	17	18 2013 Majors and Minors Fair Preston Center 11:00 AM–1:30 PM	19	20	21 WKU Football vs. Morgan State Smith Stadium 6:00 PM
22	23 Monday Night Mentors Dr. Joelle Carter Faculty House 4:30 PM	24 AAS: Library Resources Sarah McCallin GRH 1074 4:00 PM	25	26	27	28 WKU Football vs. Navy Smith Stadium 6:00 PM
29	30 AAS: Why Advising Matters Your ADVISORS! GRH 1074 4:00 PM					

### To Do List:

- Go to the Freshman Assembly
- Go to the BG International Festival
- Attend Monday Night Mentors
- Visit TLC for free tutoring
- Attend the Majors and Minors Fair
- Work out at the Preston Center
- Visit your professor during office hours
- Enjoy a meal with your roommate
- Explore the square in downtown BG
- Call your family. They miss you!
- Attend Academic Advantage Series (AAS) workshops

WKU invites you to the **2013 Freshman Assembly** on Wednesday, September 4, at 6:00PM in Diddle Arena. All freshmen are expected to attend unless you have a night class on Wednesday. This ceremony will be moderated by WKU President Gary Ransdell, and we are delighted to have Dr. James Maas, an internationally renowned professor of psychology (formerly at Cornell University) and filmmaker, deliver our keynote address on "Sleep for Success."

### About the BG International Festival

The last Saturday in September each year, beautiful Circus Square Park in Bowling Green, Kentucky becomes an international paradise of nationalities coming together to proudly share their unique cultures. The festival is a traditional celebration that honors the heritage and diversity among our residents through music, dance, demonstrations, authentic foods, educational entertainment, cultural displays, and an international bazaar.



To make an appointment with your Exploratory academic advisor, login to [TopNet](#), go to Student Services, Registration, and Schedule an Advising Appointment. You can also call **(270) 745-5065** for more help.