

The Exploratory News

For Exploratory/Undeclared Students

In the News

Make the most of your commuting experience—via [The Washington Post](#)

Looking for an internship?—via [US News](#)

6 tips to study smarter—via [USA Today](#)

3 skills all employers want, and how to get them—via [USA Today](#)

22 last minute Halloween costumes—via [Buzzfeed](#)

Don't Forget

Monday Night Mentors continues. Join us for this month's speakers, Sharon Hunter and Liz Heller. Read on to learn more about the dates, times, and topics of these presentations.

Make an **appointment with your academic advisor** in order to register for spring 2014 classes.

You may also choose to attend **on-site advising**, where you can be advised for spring classes throughout campus.

Advisors will be available at the following locations:

- McCormack and Rodes Halls (Monday, November 4, 2PM-5PM)
- Pearce-Ford Tower (Tuesday, November 5, 2PM-5PM)
- Keen and Poland Halls (Wednesday, November 6, 2PM-5PM)

Finally, don't forget that **final exams** are just over a month away! Begin reviewing material now to avoid all-nighters later.

November 2013

I Declared!

The following Exploratory students declared their major last month.

Congratulations!

- Whitney Rohner
- Callie Mobley
- Michael Huddleston
- Brooke Cooper
- Courtney Woodall
- Meredith Chinn
- Janna Onkst
- Mary Odenthal
- Catherine Hall
- Marquill Hastings
- Jack Roller
- Alex Lovell
- Clay Settles
- Megan Gruenberg
- Curstain Lopez
- Kim Spears
- Jordan Swift
- Courtney Ritchie
- Hannah Emberton
- Kanisha Boleware
- Hayley Renneker
- Courtney Owens
- Hannah Snyder
- Patrick Sheehan
- Emily Ernwine

Get Advised, Get Registered!

If you have not been advised for spring classes, then you won't be able to register! Please make an appointment with your academic advisor prior to your registration date. Login to TopNet, then click on the Student Services tab. Next, select Fall 2013 for the term. Then click on Registration, and at the bottom of the page is Schedule an Advising Appointment. Select the date and time that works for you. Don't forget that holds on your account can prevent you from registration as well, so make sure to check on TopNet under Student Services, Student Records, then View Holds.

Spring 2014 Registration Dates

Class Standing	Date	Last Name
Seniors and Post-Baccalaureate (90+ Hours Earned)	November 4	A-F
	November 5	G-N
	November 6	O-Z
Juniors (60-89 Hours Earned)	November 11	A-F
	November 12	G-N
	November 13	O-Z
Sophomores (30-59 Hours Earned)	November 14	A-F
	November 15	G-N
	November 18	O-Z
Freshmen (0-29 Hours Earned)	November 19	A-F
	November 20	G-N
	November 21	O-Z

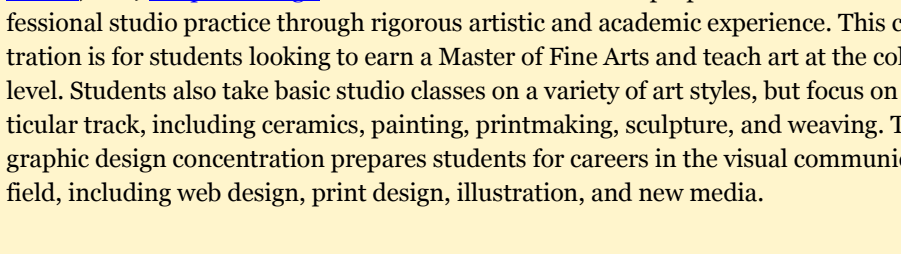
Major Spotlight

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

Elementary Education | College of Education and Behavioral Sciences – The Elementary Education undergraduate program at WKU leads to the Bachelor of Science degree and the Kentucky Elementary Certificate (P-5). This major requires 82 hours of coursework. All teacher certification programs are accredited by Kentucky's Education Professional Standards Board and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education and require completion of at least 200 hours of field experiences in appropriate off-campus settings. Teacher candidates are provided opportunities to serve as reflective decision makers in instructional settings of diverse learners in both upper and lower grade levels in elementary classrooms in the local school systems.

Health Care Administration | College of Health and Human Services – The Department of Public Health offers a bachelors of science program in Health Care Administration (major with no minor requirements) for 73 hours. This program prepares the student for management and administrative positions in various types of health care facilities, organizations, and agencies such as hospitals, nursing homes, group medical practices, health maintenance organizations, public health agencies and clinics. This program will also prepare individuals to work in medical sales companies, health planning agencies, insurance sector and other related health organizations.

International Business | Gordon Ford College of Business – The International Business major requires 70 hours of coursework and provides a broad international business perspective for students who wish to be employed by businesses that have international presence. This includes both big businesses such as GM, Ford, and IBM as well as small to medium (SME) size multinational corporations. Typically, more than 60 percent of revenues of these corporations are derived from their overseas operations. This program of study prepares students for global careers by providing sound business skills as well as geo-political understanding, language skills and cultural and value awareness of specific geographic regions (area studies). Students in the IB major now have an opportunity to earn a dual-degree from WKU and St. Etienne, France. Similar agreements with universities in Germany and Mexico are underway. The two degrees are earned in 120 hours. That is, this dual-degree option does not add additional time or money.



Visual Arts | Potter College of Arts & Letters – A major in Visual Arts leads to a Bachelor of Fine Arts and requires 82 hours. Students may choose from two concentrations: 1) **Studio**, or 2) **Graphic Design**. The studio art concentration prepares students for a professional studio practice through rigorous artistic and academic experience. This concentration is for students looking to earn a Master of Fine Arts and teach art at the college level. Students also take basic studio classes on a variety of art styles, but focus on a particular track, including ceramics, painting, printmaking, sculpture, and weaving. The graphic design concentration prepares students for careers in the visual communication field, including web design, print design, illustration, and new media.

Medical Technology | Ogden College of Science & Engineering – A medical technology major requires 88 hours and requires no minor or second major. Three years of coursework can be completed at WKU while the last year of coursework needs to be completed through a WKU affiliated school of medical technology, which includes Bellarmine University, Owensboro Medical Health System, Vanderbilt Medical Center, and St. Elizabeth Medical Center. This major prepares students to become medical technologists or clinical laboratory scientists, who typically analyze body fluids, examine tissues, and identify specific microorganisms to find evidence for and the cause of specific diseases such as AIDS, Diabetes, and Cancer. The demand for graduates in this major is very high.

Organizational Leadership | University College – The Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership is an interdisciplinary degree that requires 48 hours. It is designed to provide you with an understanding of leadership roles and responsibilities at various levels within different types of organizations. Whether running your own business or working with large groups in a multinational company, you can use these principles to help you understand how your organization can function most effectively. This broad-based degree provides a framework for understanding how organizations work. You will take courses introducing leadership, organizational development, and management while broadening your global and social-cultural perspectives. This variety of coursework matches the diverse experiences and responsibilities you will face in leadership situations.

Calendar

NOVEMBER 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRID	SAT
					1	2 WKU Basketball vs. Campbellsville 3:00 PM
3	4 Monday Night Mentors Sharon Hunter Faculty House 4:30 PM	5 Soledad O'Brien Van Meter Hall 7:30 PM	6	7 AAS: Effective Study Strategies GRH 1074 4:00 PM	8	9
10	11 International Edu. Week Film Fest Cherry Hall 210 7:00 PM	12 International Edu. Week Tastes of Cultures BCM 6:00 PM	13 AAS: A Healthy You GRH 1074 4:00 PM	14	15	16 WKU Basketball vs. East Tennessee State 7:00 PM
17	18 Monday Night Mentors Liz Heller Faculty House 4:30 PM	19	20	21 WKU Basketball vs. UNC Wilmington 7:00 PM	22	23 WKU Basketball vs. Samford 7:00 PM
24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Break (NO CLASSES)	28 Thanksgiving Day (NO CLASSES)	29 Thanksgiving Break (NO CLASSES)	30 WKU Football vs. Arkansas State 3:00 PM

To Do List:

- Attend Monday Night Mentors
- Attend Academic Advantage Series Workshops (AAS)
- Meet with your academic advisor to discuss your spring 2014 classes
- Register for spring 2014 classes
- Prepare for final exams
- Utilize TLC locations across campus for extra study time
- Visit a tutor in TLC for extra assistance during studying
- Fill out your course evaluations online
- Enjoy your Thanksgiving break

Monday Night Mentors (MNM) welcomes Sharon Hunter, Coordinator of College Readiness, as she presents on "I Don't Know What to Do With My Life: How to Find a Major and What Majors We Offer." Join us at the Faculty House at 4:30 PM on Monday, November 4, to attend this event.

On Monday, November 18, we welcome Liz Heller from the Center for Career and Professional Development as she speaks on "What the Heck Can I Do With This Major?" If you have ever thought about a major and wondered what jobs you could get with that major, then this MNM is for you.

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.