

Academic Plan of Study: Getting Started

An academic plan of study provides you and your academic advisor with a roadmap to help you arrive at your destination – graduation – in a timely manner and with few detours. Before drafting a plan of study, you need to answer the following:

1. What is your intended major(s)? Have you explored the majors offered at your university and chosen one that is a good fit with your interests, values and goals? See your academic or major advisor or someone in an Academic Support Center for assistance.

2. Do you plan to pursue a minor(s)? If so, what? Some majors require minors but most do not. In either case a minor can assist you with developing a subset of skills and knowledge different from your major. A minor might also be a useful way to pursue leisure activities, personal interests or hobbies.

3. Do you plan to study abroad? Does your major require study abroad? For a semester or a winter term? What programs are you considering? When do you plan to study abroad? What coursework might be available to you while you're abroad? Please remember to notify APCH at least 3 months ahead of time if you plan on studying abroad.

4. Are you a member of a fellowship program, ROTC, or another program? If so, what coursework/project work/research/travel is required? When are you expected to complete each of the requirements?

Academic Plan of Study: Putting it on paper

Before drafting your plan, familiarize yourself with degree requirements in your major(s) / minor(s) by reviewing check lists, your degree audit & your academic catalog. To draft your academic plan of study, you need:

- a pencil (it's easier to erase and make adjustments if you use a pencil)
- an Academic Plan of Study form (pg.2)
- your course catalog; available on your school website or at your counseling office

Once you have these resources, complete as much of the Academic Plan of Study form as you can. An academic advisor can meet with you to review your plan and answer your questions.

Name:	School:	AP/Transfer credits:
Major:	Minor:	Total Credits:
Study Abroad:	Class Status/year:	

1st YEAR COURSES FALL _____

Term Credits ____ Total credits ____

WINTER _____

Term Credits ____ Total credits ____

SPRING _____

Term Credits ____ Total credits ____

SUMMER _____

Term Credits ____ Total credits ____

2nd YEAR COURSES FALL _____

Term Credits ____ Total credits ____

WINTER _____

Term Credits ____ Total credits ____

SPRING _____

Term Credits ____ Total credits ____

SUMMER _____

Term Credits ____ Total credits ____

3rd YEAR COURSES FALL _____

Term Credits ____ Total credits ____

WINTER _____

Term Credits ____ Total credits ____

SPRING _____

Term Credits ____ Total credits ____

SUMMER _____

Term Credits ____ Total credits ____

4th YEAR COURSES FALL _____

Term Credits ____ Total credits ____

WINTER _____

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SPRING _____

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