

# Undecided Major

## Why begin your Studies at CMU?

Are you interested in university but unsure of what you want to study? Are you curious about different programs and subjects? You don't need to know what you want to study or pursue as a career before you start university!

Your first year of university is an opportunity to explore courses in different fields of study, which will help you discover what you want to pursue, while gaining skills for ongoing success in university programs. The courses that you take in your first year will contribute to fulfilling degree requirements for a variety of programs.

## Program Strengths

**Skill-Building:** CMU's first year courses have a strong emphasis on developing strong writing and critical thinking, where students will develop the skills necessary for ongoing success in their university studies.

**Mentorship:** Professors work closely with students – through conversation and support outside of the classroom – to help them discern their unique interests and skills. This mentorship helps students to determine what further studies could look like.

**Exploration:** Taking courses in a range of subject areas provides space to explore new ideas, and to discover what you're interested in studying, while taking classes which will contribute to completing a degree.

## Paths after First Year

- After exploring different courses, often students choose to major in an area where they have enjoyed the classes, and want to explore more deeply
- Some students will complete a pre-professional degree or track at CMU for further study at other universities in specializations that CMU is not currently offering, such as education, law, medicine, and more (see a full list of CMU's pre-Professional Studies Tracks [here](#)). CMU provides strong academic preparation for success in programs at other universities
- In conversation with academic advisors, students do not have to declare their program, but can continue to explore the different courses CMU offers

## Skills Developed

- Reading and interpretation
- Communication of complex ideas
- Oral and written expression
- Creative and critical thinking
- Strong editing ability
- Effective research
- Persuasive abilities - presentations
- Organization
- Independent work
- Time management
- Ability to meet deadlines
- Cross cultural awareness

## Sample First Year

Semester One	Semester Two
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cells and Energy</li><li>• Introduction to Business</li><li>• Biblical Literature and Themes</li><li>• Indigenous Peoples of Canada</li><li>• Introduction to Sociology</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Genetic Revolution</li><li>• Introduction to Christianity</li><li>• Introduction to Environmental Studies</li><li>• Basic Statistical Analysis</li><li>• English Literature – Poetry and Drama</li></ul>

# Sample First Year Courses

*Please note that this is not a complete list of CMU's first year courses*

- Cells and Energy
- Biblical Literature and Themes
- Introduction to Business & Organization Administration
- Introduction to Communications and Media
- History of the West in Global Context
- Indigenous Peoples of Canada
- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies
- The Genetic Revolution
- Introduction to Christianity
- Physical Chemistry
- English Literature – Poetry and Drama
- Introduction to Environmental Studies
- Introduction to Calculus
- Basic Statistical Analysis
- Introduction to Human Geography
- Women's/Men's Chorus

Course descriptions can be found on the CMU website. Contact the admissions office with further questions.

A work-integrated learning course is required in every degree at CMU. This practicum can be done as an intensive 12-week placement or a once-a-week placement over 20 weeks during the school year. The work placement can help students explore the field they are majoring in for career possibilities or it can provide a way to expand their experiences in a field they haven't thought about before.