

UNDECLARED

At Illinois Wesleyan, we understand that you may arrive on campus being uncertain of your major. We also know that you likely have interests that span several subject areas and that you may excel in more than one field. We celebrate the talents and interests you have, and are excited to be a part of the journey as you explore the variety of majors, minors, concentrations, and paths that you can take to pursue your passions and future.

If you have not decided on a major for college you are certainly not alone. Statistics vary, but plenty of students begin college as undeclared majors. Of those students who have selected a major, many will change their major, some more than once. At Illinois Wesleyan, not only is it okay to begin undeclared, we actually think it is an exciting way to begin your collegiate experience.

Our general education curriculum allows you the ability to explore a variety of disciplines. Plus, it is quite similar for all of the degrees we offer, which makes declaring or changing a major after the first year a seamless process.

Why Illinois Wesleyan as an Undeclared major?

- All Undeclared students are assigned to a faculty advisor specifically trained to advise students who are uncertain about their major.
- The staff at our Academic Advising Center can assist you with schedule planning, developing a semester by semester plan for your time at Illinois Wesleyan, and help you explore potential areas of study. They'll refer you to the right office on campus if you do have questions and want to research a major further.
- Our Hart Career Center offers career counseling. You'll meet with a career counselor, take some strengths and personality inventories, and dig deeper into where your strengths line up with your interests.
- Each class and lab is taught by a faculty member. The small student to faculty ratio at Illinois Wesleyan allows for individual attention. You'll learn about the academic subject at hand and about the research interests of faculty.
- The curriculum at Illinois Wesleyan is designed to allow for easy academic exploration. The majority of entry level courses for each major will satisfy a general education requirement. That means you can try out a course in a major that interests you and still be earning credit towards your general education requirements.



About Illinois Wesleyan

Founded in 1850, Illinois Wesleyan University is a nationally recognized, exclusively undergraduate university that enrolls approximately 1,700 students from across the nation and around the globe. The Illinois Wesleyan experience is characterized by close student-faculty interactions and a holistic approach to education, which allows our students to pursue their curiosity and discover the interconnectedness of knowledge beyond our 80-plus majors, minors, pre-professional and professional programs. Illinois Wesleyan prides itself on producing well-rounded graduates with a spirit of inquiry, who can successfully adapt to the demands of a rapidly changing, complex world. With an emphasis on learning by doing, Illinois Wesleyan offers distinctive experiences that directly prepare students for success.



“ Like many students I bounced around academically before finding my niche. I started as Pre-Med and Political Science which turned into

- There are close to 200 clubs and student organizations on campus. Many are associated with a particular field of study. You have the opportunity to attend meetings of student organizations that appeal to you, and where you can learn about potential majors, educational, and career paths.

Campus Resources

- Utilize the resources in the Academic Advising Center (Holmes Hall-Room 110, through the Office of the Registrar).
- Visit our Action Research Center. Sometimes a practical, hands-on partnership with a community agency or organization can help bring insight as you explore your options. Search for an internship or a volunteer opportunity that lines up with your interests.
- The Hart Career Center offers career counseling, which will help you decide on a path for your career after college and the major that will help you get there. They also offer an online system that lists available internships, excellent for gaining job experience and determining if a field of study is right for you. Start early (a semester before you want to intern) and see what internships are available and if on-campus interviews are available.

Business and Political Science which became Accounting and Political Science. Through attentive advising by a number of professors, I was able to identify skills and interests I didn't even know I had that guided those changes. Throughout it all, I was able to seamlessly move majors and never stressed about making a change. All my professors were incredibly supportive through the whole process and now I'm happy with where I ended and have a future I'm excited for.”

Alex Stogin, 2018

Double Major in Accounting and Political Science
Graduated in four years



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