EXPLORING AT CENTRAL

YOUR MAJOR IS JUST THE BEGINNING.
Central's strong academic programs ensure you have a solid foundation in your area of interest. But there’s much more. We know you want meaningful experiences — not just lectures — that will prepare you to go out into the world and make an impact after graduation. You’ll go beyond your major with hands-on experiences, classes in multiple disciplines and mentors to help you figure it all out.

You’ll learn from faculty who are experts in their fields, but you may also partner with them on research projects. No matter your major, you’ll have room in your schedule for study abroad, internships and exploration — you’ll never be forced onto a narrow academic path. Central is where you’ll discover the future you want to pursue.

EXPLORING IS ENCOURAGED AT CENTRAL.
We have lots of resources available to help you evaluate your options.

4 YEARS
EXPLORING STUDENTS GRADUATE ON TIME.

THE CENTRAL DIFFERENCE
- Exploring students have support from Central professors
- You are not required to declare a major until the end of your sophomore year
- We’ll help you evaluate your options and make an informed decision
- Exploring students graduate on time at the same rate as other students

Internships are a great way to explore different careers. Central students complete internships in the Pella and Des Moines area, on our Chicago and Washington, D.C. programs or while studying abroad.

EXPLORING FAQs

75% of American college students start college undecided or change their major.

What skills will I learn?
Nearly two-thirds of Central’s first-year students are unclear about their major when they arrive on campus. That’s okay!

Who can help?
People are the best resources. Lots of people at Central are ready to answer your questions.

+ Your academic adviser
+ Professors
+ Class dean
+ Director of Career and Professional Development

How can I get involved?
No matter your interests, Central has student groups and organizations for you. Check out the more than 100 student groups on campus!

What kinds of jobs do graduates get?
These former exploring students found great jobs after graduation:

- Research associate, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Marion, Iowa
- U.S. Marine Corps Officer, Quantico, Va.
- Client service specialist, Applied Underwriters, Omaha, Neb.
- AmeriCorps member, Flood Relief Project, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

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