Exploratory/Major Change Advising

University Advising Center
University of South Carolina
2015-2018 Aggregate Student Survey Data
3,648 Survey Responses
Definition of Exploratory Advising

• **Exploratory Advising**: Exploratory Advisors meet individually with undergraduate students to explore new major options, evaluate course credit for major change, build a course schedule, and prepare for departmental advisement.
Utilization of the Exploratory/Major Change Program

Exploratory/Major Change Students

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- Exploratory/Major Change Students
Intended College/School
(Aggregate Data 2015-2018)

Intended College/School

- Arnold School of Public Health: 564
- College of Arts and Sciences: 755
- College of Education: 119
- College of Engineering and Computing: 153
- College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport: 261
- College of Information and Communications: 253
- College of Pharmacy: 36
- College of Social Work: 18
- College of Nursing: 123
- Darla Moore School of Business: 588
- School of Music: 15
- Undecided/Exploratory: 229
I discussed the following with my Exploratory Advisor (multiple responses allowed)
(Aggregate Data 2015-2018)
Personal Resources Discussed (Multiple Responses Allowed) (Aggregate Data 2015-2018)
Top 5 Academic Resources Discussed (Multiple Responses Allowed) (Aggregate Data 2015-2018)

1. College/School advising requirements/protocol: 1588
2. Degree Requirements/Progression Requirements: 1548
3. Carolina Core Website: 1250
4. Advising Website: 1155
5. Academic Bulletin: 1096
Student Quotes: Caring

• “Fantastic advisor, answered all my questions. My Exploratory Advisor genuinely cares about helping you out and directing towards what you want might want to explore.”

• “My Exploratory Advisor was very helpful and resourceful! Completely understanding of personal issues, struggles, and changes within my major and university experience.”
Student Quotes: Helpful

• “Very helpful, I got the opportunity to completely explore options with both business and psychology. All information was reviewed in a very short amount of time, but very detailed.”

• “My Exploratory Advisor was extremely helpful in answering all of my questions and I am feeling prepared to change my major.”
Student Quotes: Informative

• “I feel as if I was given great information on how to change my major in order to be successful. My Exploratory Advisor was extremely helpful and I would enjoy working with them again if needed.”

• “Great meeting, really helpful and all of my questions were answered.”