



# THE Exploratory Owl Newsletter

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## A Major Decision: Making the Most of Your Explorations

Here at FAU, we prefer to call students who have not yet declared a major “Deciding Students”. Why? Because you’re actively uncovering new passions and discovering your interests! In doing so, you are exploring new academic and career possibilities.

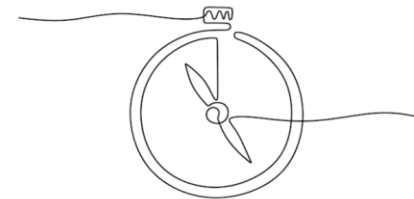
Deciding students are required to take a course called SLS 1301 (Career and Life Planning) during their first or second semester at FAU. This is an 8-week, 1-credit course designed to help you choose a major and it's taught by staff in the Career Center. One of the final assignments for the course is narrowing down your major selection to 1-2 options. Many students have found this course incredibly helpful.

## Reflect On Your Major Exploration Journey

As the Fall 2023 semester comes to an end, take some time to reflect on your experiences.

- **Which classes did you enjoy?**
- **Did you join any clubs/organizations that helped inform potential majors of interest?**
- **You can also use your loved ones, friends, family and chosen family as a resource. What do they have to say about your strengths, talents, and interests?**

The resource below is designed to help support your major exploration journey. Set aside some time during winter break to continue think about your ideal major and career. Have you ever viewed [FAU's full list of majors](#)? Sometimes identifying what doesn't interest you can lead you to what does. You might be surprised at what you discover.



Be sure to schedule a meeting with an [Academic Advisor](#) – we'll be sure to help you choose courses that can help you succeed in a variety of majors!

## Departmental Spotlight: The Career Center

The Career Center is an excellent place to get additional support when exploring majors.

- Visit the website for the Career Center to discover applicable job titles, job and internship links, industry information links, as well as related FAU student organizations. Here are a few great resources to help guide your major exploration journey:
  - View the [“What Can I Do With This Major?”](#) tool.
  - Watch [career videos](#) for various occupations.
  - Connect with a [FAU Career Coach](#) to discuss your career goals.
- The Career Center also shares AMAZING content on social media. Visit their [homepage](#) to learn more information.
- Don't miss any of the amazing events hosted by Career Center. Use this [link](#) to RSVP.
- It's never too early to begin thinking about careers that interest you. Set a goal to attend a [Career Fair](#) during the next semester.

# Academic Calendar and Important Dates

## FALL 2023/SPRING 2024

Dec. 07-13	<b>Final Exams</b>
Dec. 14	<b>Commencement</b>
Dec. 18	<b>Final Grades Due</b> (At 9:00 am)
Dec. 25	<b>Holiday</b> (FAU Closed/No Classes)
Dec. 26-Jan. 02, 2024	<b>Winter Break</b> (FAU Closed/No Classes)
Jan. 01-02	<b>New Year's Day Observed</b> (FAU Closed/No Classes)
Jan. 06	<b>Classes For Spring 2024 Begin</b> (Check your schedule to verify the start date and location of your courses.)
Jan. 12	<b>Last Day To Drop/Add Courses</b> (In person by 5pm [Boca Raton, Davie and Jupiter campuses], online by 11:59pm; courses are fee liable after this date; \$100 late registration fee after this date.)
Jan. 15	<b>Holiday</b> (FAU Closed/No Classes)
Jan. 16	<b>Last Day to Pay without Late Fees</b> (Payment must be made: Drop box by 5pm [Boca Raton campus], online by 5pm, USPS postmarked by this date [this method will not prevent course cancellation]; \$100 late payment fee assessed if paid after 5pm on this date.)
	<b>Want to view additional dates and deadlines for Spring 2024? Visit FAU's Academic Calendar or scan the QR code below.</b>

