

What is a Major?

Majors allow students to focus on a specific area of interest, to study across the topic and to dive deeply into it. Students will complete “*foundation*” courses that provide a broad introduction to a topic, “*breadth*” courses that provide a more in-depth study and a culminating “*capstone*” experience that completes the major course of study.



Majors are designed for students with a passion in a specific area of study. Majors prepare students for future study within specialized university programs, technical schools, conservatories, or to provide students with a deeper knowledge of and experience with a subject.

Why Declare a Major?

There are many valid reasons for declaring a major at Inspire.



- Majors give students priority enrollment in required courses.
- Major Advisors work with major candidates to design class schedules and help with course selection, maximizing time and exposure to the subject of choice.
- Major candidates build relationships with teachers and other professionals with expertise in a chosen area of interest.
- Majors provide opportunities for internships, job opportunities, or higher education programs.
- Majors provide opportunities to participate in and lead student organizations and clubs, to act as skilled volunteers, to participate in professional development, and to network with others who have similar interests.
- Majors provide networking opportunities with other students from the major, alumni, and community members working in the field of study.

How to Declare a Major:

Students can declare a Major as early as their freshman year at Inspire. Students are encouraged to do so no later than in the spring of their sophomore year.

Specific steps to declare a major:

- Pick up a copy of the major course requirements of interest (available from the Major Coordinator in the office).
- Attend a meeting with the Major Advisor in your area of interest.
- Fill out a Major Declaration Form, have it signed by your Major Advisor, your parent or guardian and yourself.
- Return it to the Major Coordinator in the office.
- Meet with your Major Advisor at least once every year, preferably before course selection in the spring.

Majors are not a requirement to graduate from Inspire, they are offered as an enrichment to students wishing to pursue them.



Requirements to Graduate with a Major:



- File a major declaration form, preferably by the spring semester of your sophomore year but no later than December of your senior year.
- Meet with your Major Advisor at least once a year for academic advising, preferably in the spring prior to course selection.
- Earn a 3.0 overall GPA by fall semester of your senior year.
- Earn a B- or better in all major courses.
- Major graduates will be awarded a cord to wear with their graduation gown.

Majors Offered at Inspire

- Art
- Dance
- Digital Media Arts
- Engineering
- Humanities
- Instrumental Music
- Musical Theatre
- Recording Arts
- Science
- Technical Theatre
- Theatre Performance
- Vocal Music

