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NOTRE DAME OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF ARTS, SCIENCES & BUSINESS

Academics 101

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The path to a bachelor's degree

- **120 Credits**
- **15 to finish each semester**
- **3 Categories of courses**
 - **General Education**
 - **Major**
 - **Electives**

Empower and Engage: General Education

- **Launched in 2022 after extensive study**
- **Liberal arts courses to teach critical thinking and problem-solving skills**
- **Global citizen and life-long learner**
- **Service and Experiential Learning**

Learning outcomes of Notre Dame's general education curriculum

- *Thinking critically and analytically*
- *Communicating creatively and effectively*
- *Investigating through scientific and quantitative reasoning*
- *Pursing meaning, purpose and well-being*
- *Understanding and valuing diverse identities and perspectives*
- *Becoming an engaged citizen*

The Major

- Students do not officially declare a major until the end of the first month of the semester at the earliest.
- They do not have to declare a major their first year if they are still considering options and exploring the curriculum.
- They then work with an academic advisor who is a faculty member within the major.
- Change is okay.

Electives

- Explore areas of interest outside of the major
- Build additional skills/areas
- 2nd major or minor(s)
- Advisor will help determine best options

Tips

- College is very different from high school
- Collaborating with your advisor is key
- Know the support systems/people
- Set expectations
- Being busy is good
- Faculty are here to help