

YOUR ACADEMIC PLAN

A Planning Worksheet for New Evergreen Students

Evergreen students all design their own **Academic Plan** with guidance from faculty and advisors. An Academic Plan can be focused (like a major), broad or a combination of both. Your Academic Plan is a living, breathing organism that will evolve and adapt to changes over time, just like you. That's why Evergreen encourages you to explore many subjects and stay flexible as you decide where to focus your studies. A strong Academic Plan includes study in a variety of subject areas. Your Academic Plan should build on your past experiences, your hopes for your college education and your goals for your life after Evergreen. This worksheet is a tool to help you begin your academic planning. Additional online resources include:

- www.evergreen.edu/advising - for detailed advising information and resources
- www.evergreen.edu/sudentsupport - for information about all student support services
- www.evergreen.edu/catalog - for both full-time and Evening and Weekend listings (*Be sure to search the appropriate academic year's catalog. The 2008 – 2009 catalog is linked on the right navigation bar*)
- www.my.evergreen.edu – to access the Gateway registration, my evals, and your Evergreen email

Here are some helpful definitions to assist you in your planning:

Planning Units

Note: Freshmen should use the 'Programs for Freshmen' section in the catalog.

Evergreen's 'departments.' Evergreen's curriculum is divided into six Planning Units. The Planning Unit headings in the catalog help you locate programs in your areas of interest. For example, **Scientific Inquiry** contains programs in the lab sciences, math, computer science, etc.

Modes of Study

Ways to earn credit towards your degree

Program

A full-time (16 credits), team-taught academic offering combining several subject areas under a central theme or question. Programs are 1 – 3 quarters in length and are organized into 5 levels: Core – All Freshmen, Lower Division – Freshmen & Sophomores, All Level – A mix of all classes, Intermediate – Sophomore and above, Upper Division – Juniors & Seniors.

Independent Study

Student-designed independent study options take the form of Independent Learning Contracts and Internship Learning Contracts. Contracts are for advanced study (usually Juniors & Seniors) and must be negotiated with and supervised by a faculty sponsor.

Evening & Weekend Studies

Half-time programs and single subject courses. This option is sometimes used by freshmen to supplement their full-time program. Freshmen considering this option should meet with an advisor to avoid credit overload.

Study Abroad

Study abroad can be incorporated into your Academic Plan through programs, exchanges and individual study. Study abroad requires advanced planning and Academic Advising assistance.

Academic Fair

A quarterly event that precedes registration where faculty from all programs offered for the upcoming quarter provide program details and are available to meet with students and answer questions.

This is just the beginning. Your academic planning will continue throughout your time at Evergreen. You should revisit this process every quarter. As your interests expand and your goals become more defined, you will benefit from a well thought out Academic Plan – even when you change your mind!

List 3 goals you have for college (Your goals can be specific or general).

At this time, what academic subjects do you see as the main emphasis of your studies?

What strengths and interests (academic and non-academic) do you have that can help you accomplish your goals?

In what areas do you need to improve or explore in more depth to accomplish your goals?

With your goals, academic interests, strengths and areas for improvement in mind, list the top three program choices that will help you balance these priorities. Remember to choose programs appropriate to your class standing and beginning in the appropriate quarter.

CHOICE #1	
Program Name	Because
CHOICE #2	
Program Name	Because
CHOICE #3	
Program Name	Because

Next Steps

- Bring this worksheet to your mandatory Academic Planning Workshop. You may also discuss this worksheet with an Academic Advisor or Admissions Counselor during drop in/walk in times.
- Attend the **Academic Fair** preceding registration to discuss your program choices with the faculty.
- Activate your Evergreen email at www.my.evergreen.edu, familiarize yourself with the Gateway registration (through your single sign-on) and confirm your registration time ticket.
- Register at your assigned time. The student who registers on time is more likely to get his/her first choice program.