

Elective Guide

What is an elective? Courses you choose from a certain list or any course for Free Electives

What should I take? What do you want to take? What do you need to take? What will X course do for you? What interests you? You'll be more motivated in a course of interest or relevant to your career.

For directions
& ideas watch
[this video.](#)

Types of Electives:

Gen Ed Electives: Foundational Skills & Ways of Knowing [See more here & course lists.](#)

Gen Ed Capstone: All capstone projects will involve the acquisition or application of knowledge. [Electives Any course in the Gen Ed C8](#)

Major Electives: 300-400 level rotating courses in your major. See Student Success Center for list.

Free Electives: [ANY COURSE](#) of your choice. To find how many free electives you have, check the bottom of your Blueprint in FREE Electives. See sample list on pg. 2

More than 9 elective credits? Consider a minor (~15 credits), a second major (~30 credits), or a certificate (~24 credits) Of note: GenEd electives and Capstone courses can double count towards a minor or certificate. *Research what skills might partner well with your degree.* Local Employers suggest minors in: Statistics, Information Technology, Communication, Organizational Leadership, a language, Psychology, Writing or Theater. What are you passionate about? Get a minor in that!

Want to really take advantage of electives? Participate in [Study Abroad](#), Intern Abroad, or [National Student Exchange](#). Take courses about your host city or courses we don't offer. Study the wine industry in California or International Trade in Australia. There are so many interesting possibilities out there!

Factors to consider:

1. What will supplement your major/career field?

Think about your future career and what other knowledge or skills besides your major would help set you apart. Maybe you're interested in Forensic Accounting? Try taking some IT, PSYCH, or STAT courses. Marketing? What part of marketing? Marketing research and data analytics may want to take some STAT courses, or Psychology courses to understand how people think. Marketing content creators may want to take ENGL or COM courses for communication skills or AD courses like typography or photography.

2. What skills do you personally need to develop?

Do your research. Read job descriptions for jobs that interest you both at the entry level and above that, what type of skills and job duties do they require? Then find the elective courses that might help develop those skills. Need photoshop or design skills? Try [AD 10502 - Digital Imaging](#). See job descriptions with team work skills? Take [COM 32000 - Small Group Communication](#) or [HSRV 10300 - Helping Relationship Techniques](#). See page 2 for courses grouped by NACE Career Competency

3. What other interests do you have? What hobby or avocation can add to your life to become more well-rounded or just even out your class schedule to have some variety. What was your favorite class in high school? How do you want to spend your free time? Want to travel? Take a language course. Want to de-stress? Take a wellness course like [HSRV 16900](#). Want first aid skills? There's a course for that – [HPER 16000 - First Aid](#)

Electives for Each NACE Competency

Critical Thinking/Problem Solving *Search by Subject: COM, ENGL,*

PHIL, HIST, POL, SOC, STAT

ECON 30600- Business Data Analytics

ENGL 20201 - Literary Interpretation

FVS 10100 - Introduction to Film

PHIL 12000-Critical Thinking

MA 14000 - Practical Quantitative Reasoning

SOC 20900 - Community & Built

Environment

STAT 12500 - Communicating with Statistics

Oral/Written Communications *Search by Subject: COM, ENGL, THTR, OLS A few examples:*

COM 10100- Intro To Communication

COM 21200- Interpersonal Communication

HSRV 10500 - Basic Interviewing Skills

ENGL 23101-Professional Writing

ENGL 32301 - Digital Writing

THTR 13400 - Fundamentals of Performance

Any Foreign Language course: NELC, FREN,

SPAN, GER, EALC

Teamwork/Collaboration *Groupwork in classes or projects*

BUS 49005- Project Management

HPER 18500 – Volleyball

COM 37500 - Conflict And Negotiation

PACS 20000 –Peace and Conflict Studies

Digital Technology *Search by Subject: AD, CS, ITC. A few examples:*

AD 10502 - Digital Imaging

AD 10401 - Introduction To Typography

COM 14000 - Intro To Media Production

CS 11200 - Computer Science For Everyone

Leadership *Search by Subject: OLS, HPER, PPOL, BUS. A few examples:*

OLS 27400 - Applied Leadership

MSL 10200-Basic Leadership for ROTC

OLS 48500 - Leadership for Team Devlpmnt

PPOL 36200 - Nonprofit Mngnt & Leadership

Professionalism/Work Ethic *Search by Subject: BUS, OL, PHIL A few examples:*

PHIL 32900-Found Of Professional Ethics

HSRV 10300 - Helping Rel. Techniques

BUS 41300 - Personal Selling

OLS 37000 - Managing Job Stress and Health

Career Management *Explore other Intro courses or complete an internship*

BUS 38100-Internship in Business

BUS 45400- Current Topics in Banking

OLS 25200 - Human Relations in Organizations

COM 32102 - Principles Of Public Relations

HTM 10000 - Hospitality and Tourism Industry

PPOL 17000 - Introduction to Public Affairs

Global/Intercultural Fluency *Search by Subject: NELC, FREN, SPAN, GER, EALC A few examples:*

BUS 49001- International Business

ANTH 10501-Culture And Society

ANTH 20002-Language And Culture

INTL 20800 - International Cinema

LGBT 20000 - Introduction to Scholarship on

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Trans Issues

Learn a new skill or take something unique to Purdue Fort Wayne *Search by Subject: AD, ANTH,*

SOC, WOST, THTR, ILCS, MUS, AD, LING, PACS, LGBTQ (These are unique programs in NE Indiana)

Hands-on Courses Search by Subject: HPER, THTR, AD, VCD, DANC

BUS 49001 49002, 49003, 49004, 49005, 49006,

49007- Topics in Business

AD 20201 - Intro To Photography

AD 10801 - Intro To Drawing for Non-Majors

AD 13300 - Metalsmithing for Non-Art Majors

HPER 11100 - Basketball

HPER 16000 - First Aid

HSRV 16900 –Wellness & Stress Management.

MUSC 11000 - Begin Piano Nonmusic Majors

MUSC 15300 - Introduction to Music Therapy

NELC 10000 - Elementary Arabic I

PSY 34500 - Psychology of Women

SOC 29500 - Selected Topics in Sociology

WOST 30100 - Intl Perspectives on Women

Notes: *Not all courses below are available each semester – to see classes open for the following semester review the [posted Schedule of Courses](#) Be sure to check the pre-requisites (P:) and that the course is not for majors only by clicking on the CRN Course Reference Number.*

*** These are only examples. There are many courses and ways to develop these competencies.*

**** look for TOPICS courses, those are usually related professor's research area and change often*