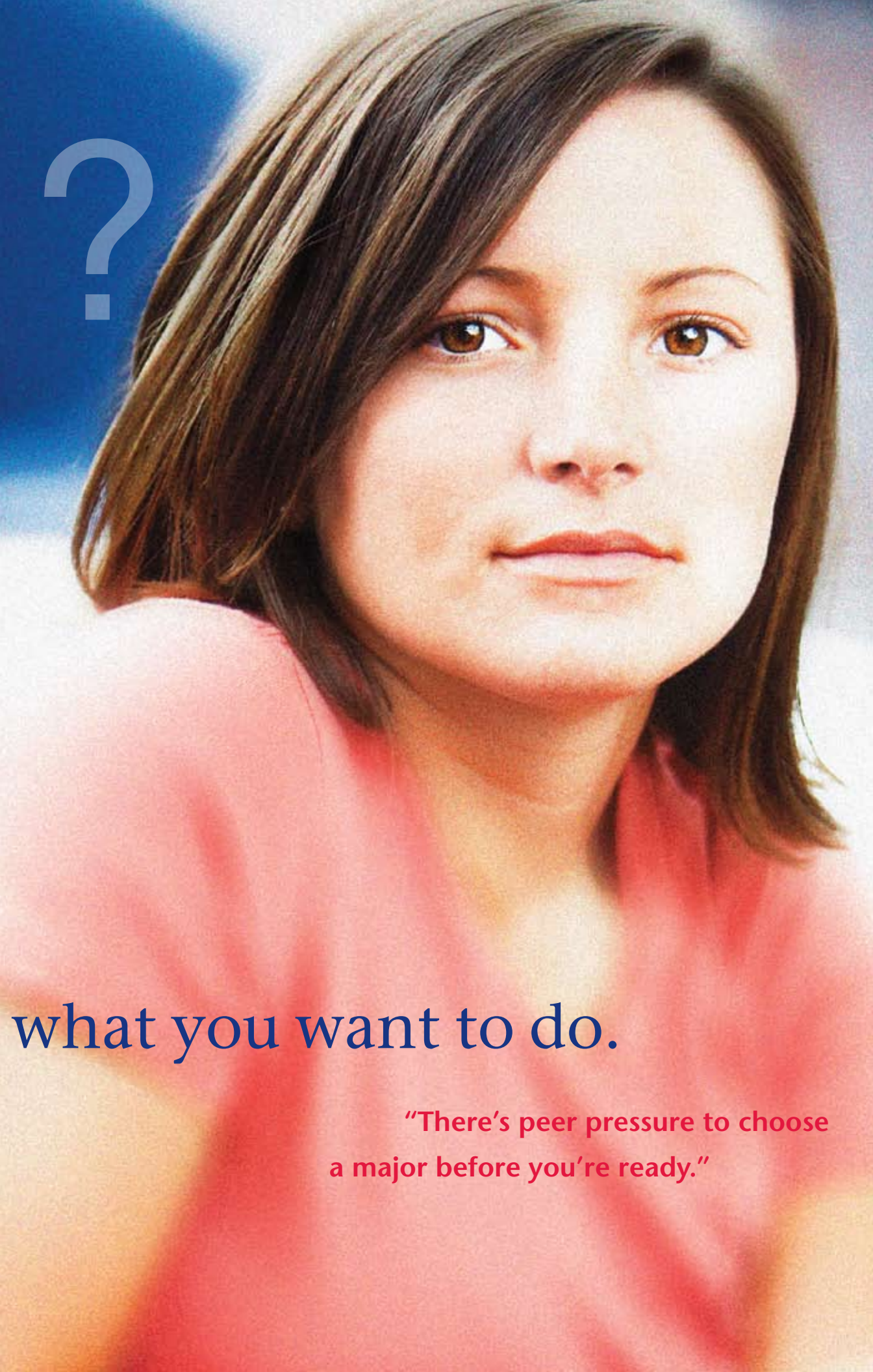


**Educated Decisions**—Division of Undergraduate Studies





**Did you know** that about 80 percent of students entering Penn State aren't entirely sure about their choice of major? Some change their majors five or six times before graduating. For others, choosing a major is a piece of cake. They know what they want to do, and they do it with determination. **For the majority, however, it's not always that simple.** You may be one of those students who has dreams, goals, and ideas, but you aren't quite sure how to put them all together. The Division of Undergraduate Studies can help.

It's **okay** not to know what you want to do.



**"There's peer pressure to choose a major before you're ready."**

**T**rying to figure out what to major in is a difficult task. **You're not alone.** Across the University, more than 7,000 students just like you are enrolled in the Division of Undergraduate Studies. In fact, **92 percent of students in the division don't change their minds once they choose a major** and move into the appropriate college. It's no surprise that we're one of the largest enrollment units for first-year students at Penn State. So instead of being undecided, define YOUR future by making an educated decision.

### Be Advised



The Division of Undergraduate Studies is Penn State's enrollment program for students who want to check out their options

before committing to a major. It is also for students who need to complete requirements before entering the major they know they want. The division has experienced academic advisers who work with you along the way, making it easier than trying to figure out your academic path on your own.

Instead of immediately enrolling in a specific academic program, not knowing if you'll like it or not, the Division of Undergraduate Studies gives you the opportunity to explore more than one area before declaring a particular major. Enroll in the Division of Undergraduate Studies and you'll have the time and resources to find what you like. It's good to have options.

Practically everybody has doubts about what their major should be, let alone what career they want to pursue. Our dedicated advisers can give you the tools you need to help you explore all the opportunities at Penn State.

### Test the Waters

To prepare all incoming first-year students for a great academic experience, Penn State presents the First-Year Testing, Consulting, and Advising Program (FTCAP). FTCAP is provided by the Division of Undergraduate Studies to point students in the right direction and give them a first taste of academic advising.

After FTCAP, students who are enrolled in a specific college receive academic advising from that unit of enrollment. Students enrolled in the Division of Undergraduate Studies (DUS) work with their assigned DUS advisers to identify strengths and interests, test the waters, and make progress toward a degree even before choosing a major.

### Keep Your Options Open

Enrolling in the Division of Undergraduate Studies is easy. You can request enrollment when you apply to Penn State, during your FTCAP advising day, or if you meet with a Division of Undergraduate Studies adviser after classes begin.

There is no minimum required time of enrollment. Division of Undergraduate Studies students can transfer to a college when they are ready to do so, as long as any entry requirements have been met. **There is a maximum time** of enrollment, however. You may stay in the Division of Undergraduate Studies for two semesters beyond your first year at Penn State.

You don't earn a degree from the Division of Undergraduate Studies, but you don't earn a degree if you're undecided, either. We just make the decision and planning process for your education easier by giving you options that let you explore different fields. When you feel you're ready to make an educated decision and have met the requirements, then you can enter a college and declare your major—it's that simple.



The advisers are helpful, and you're given more than enough time to really make a solid decision.

**BEING UNDECIDED ABOUT A MAJOR IS ONE THING; BEING UNGUIDED IS ANOTHER.**



In 1973, Penn State established the Division of Undergraduate Studies to help students make wise choices about their education. Today, we have become a national leader in academic advising, with dedicated advisers prepared **to help you.**



In the Division of Undergraduate Studies you can sample majors instead of constantly changing majors.



The Division of Undergraduate Studies is like the center of a map. It leads to all different directions and it's a great starting place.



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