

# THE MVNU EXPERIENCE



**CHOICES**—You make them daily about every aspect of your life. Right choices make you feel good about who you are and how you live your life. The choices you make define who you are and are becoming.

As you think about the choice of a college education, we want you to know that at Mount Vernon Nazarene University you have choices of relevant and challenging majors that will open the doors to experience discovery and growth. Travel. Serve. Learn. In a real community of faith where professors give you personal attention and you know you're not a number; you're one of us. We'll show you how you can afford it too. It's all a matter of choice. Make the right one.

## UNDECIDED ON A MAJOR?

If you are undecided about what area of study you want to pursue during your college years, you are not alone. Faced with so many choices, many students are not certain about their academic interests, their vocational goals, or the extracurricular activities they might pursue. Even high-achieving high school students often enroll in a university with an undeclared major because they have multiple fields of interest and are not ready to select only one.

MVNU offers several avenues to help you gain direction for your academic program.

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Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a wonderful place to learn and grow, and our goal is to provide you with not just an education for a specific profession, but also an education for life. Whether it's in the classroom, at a seminar, on a mission trip, in a dramatic production, or in any number of student activities, you will learn important lessons about relationships, creative problem solving, teamwork, determination, and commitment on a daily basis.

As with most schools, we require that you do choose a major or area of concentration at some point, and we have a number of approaches to help you do that. Yet we also recognize that in many professions, a mastery of specific skills is more important than having a specific major. Therefore, a strong foundation in the liberal arts from general education courses, the choice of a minor and elective courses available in most programs, and critical thinking skills applicable to several fields of interest will broaden your horizons beyond the major area of study that you eventually choose.



## WE CAN HELP YOU DECIDE

### General Education Core

All MVNU students take a variety of classes in the liberal arts in areas such as the sciences, history, the arts, language and literature, and theology. These courses provide a comprehensive and integrated view of knowledge and life, develop intellect and moral character, and prepare you for responsible citizenship in the global community. They also provide insights into the various fields of study that may spark an interest to help you decide on a specific major. During your first three semesters, you can start identifying what broad areas most interest you in order to declare a major by the end of your sophomore year.

### Academic Advising

During their first semester, MVNU students are assigned to a faculty member who will serve as an academic advisor. Those undecided are also matched with a faculty advisor who will

help select and schedule your courses, assist in assessing your interests, and work with you on formulating life and career goals.

### Career Counseling

MVNU's trained career counselors are eager to help you discover who you are by assessing your personality, interests, values, and skills. Various types of inventories and assessments can be taken and interpreted in an effort to help you define your life goals, commitments, and career choices. The Career Center houses a library of resources to assist you in learning more about a variety of occupations.

Assistance in résumé and cover letter preparation, job search strategies, interviewing techniques, and graduate school information are available when the right time comes. Students who are unsure of an occupational direction may want to consider taking the course, Career Planning and Development, designed to assist with vocational decisions and choice of major.

### Academic Support Office

MVNU's Academic Support offers individualized attention in a broad range of services to enhance your academic and personal success. This a free service.

### Involvements and Investigations

Getting involved in a variety of extracurricular activities and Christian service opportunities will often guide you to a specific area of study. Conversations with friends and adult mentors can illuminate interests. Reading books not required for your coursework and keeping aware of current events will also stimulate your thinking about different careers. Select one that challenges you in your thinking and imagination. Printed materials such as the Occupational Outlook Handbook produced by the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics can also give you insight into the future prospects of various vocations.

### Degrees Offered

Mount Vernon Nazarene University offers traditional undergraduate students over 80 academic programs and 30 minors from which to choose.

### Faculty

MVNU employs over 100 teaching and administrative faculty. Most have a doctorate or the highest degree in their field.

