

**EXPLORATORY STUDIES/UNDECLARED MAJOR (GSC)
(HEGIS 5620)**
(Applied Academic Certificate)

One of the purposes of a college education is for students to explore different academic options. At Dutchess Community College, you can spend your first 32 credits (approximately one year of full-time studies) finding out about yourself and about different career paths and options. Exploratory Studies/Undeclared Major (GSC) is designed for those students who know they want to attend college, but are undecided about what they want to study.

Exploratory Studies/Undeclared Major consists of three required courses (9 credits). The core course is CLP 101, "Career Exploration and Planning" which provides the student an opportunity for intensive self-exploration, career guidance, academic advisement and course selection for future semesters. The remaining 23 credits (approximately eight courses) are "electives," or courses about which the student would like to learn more. Students typically remain in the program for one or two semesters, after which they transfer to another program. If a student does not change his or her program after 32 credits, s/he will automatically be considered to be pursuing an AA degree in Liberal Arts. After a student changes his/her program, s/he will be required to complete all requirements in the new program.

Students who enroll in Exploratory Studies/Undeclared Major are assigned a special advisor trained to help students who are undecided about their college plans. The program is offered both day and evening and can be completed on a full-time or part-time basis.

A Certificate is awarded upon completion of the requirements for this program.

Courses should be selected in consultation with an advisor.

<u>Course No.</u>	<u>Descriptive Title</u>	<u>Cr.Hrs.</u>
FIRST SEMESTER		
ENG 101	Composition I	3
CLP 101	Career Exploration and Planning	3
Electives (a)		<u>10</u>
	TOTAL	16
SECOND SEMESTER		
BHS 103, ECO 105, GOV 121, HIS 104, HIS 108		3
Electives (a)		<u>13</u>
	TOTAL	16
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	32

a. Elective courses: Any course listed in the catalogue, subject to fulfillment of prerequisites and available space. Recommended are SPE 101, PSY 111, math or science and any basic courses in ENG, MAT or REA the student needs based on the ASSET test.

