



WHAT'S YOUR MAJOR?



NAME: Peyton

MAJOR: English Language Arts (7-12 Teaching Certification) with a minor in Music

CLASSIFICATION: Senior

TELL THE STORY OF HOW YOU FOUND THIS MAJOR:

The route to where I am now is a little unusual. My whole life I've been interested in many subjects, never being satisfied doing just one thing. I started my first year at UNT studying kinesiology, but figured out it wasn't for me. The next semester followed and I started in mechanical engineering, and again I lost interest. I decided to take a semester studying what interested me most, which was English and music. Reflecting on how much I enjoyed reading, writing, studying, and teaching, I decided to become an English teacher and also do a music minor. I have loved my classes and professors in the English department—it is full of creativity and support.

WHAT TIPS DO YOU HAVE FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS:

- Go to class. **GO TO CLASS.** That is truly a good portion of the battle.
- There are many useful resources on campus. Use them. Go to the library, check out a book that may interest you. Use online resources provided by the library (Lynda, Kanopy, EBSCOhost, etc.). Use the Writing Center if you need help on a writing assignment.
- Look for organizations on campus that you may be interested in.
- Learn as much as you can. You never know what you'll need to know.