



WHAT'S YOUR MAJOR?



NAME: Rachel

MAJOR: Social Science

CLASSIFICATION: Junior

TELL THE STORY OF HOW YOU FOUND THIS MAJOR:

I've known my whole life that I wanted to teach and in high school I decided I wanted to teach high school history. Upon enrolling and entering UNT, I was a history major and I was planning on sticking with that until graduation. When I went to orientation, I met someone else who wanted to teach history but chose a social science major. It sounded interesting but I did not want to change my major so I just stored that information away. When I met with my advisor that fall, I asked her about this social science major that I heard about and when I found out that it would allow me to teach multiple areas (meaning more jobs!) I opened up to it a little more. I thought about it and talked to previous teachers about my options and when I met my advisor for the spring, I wholeheartedly wanted to change my major. I saw more career opportunities with this degree and I that helped me feel more secure.

WHAT TIPS DO YOU HAVE FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS:

All throughout high school I kept a planner, but I found it hard to keep up with a planner in college because the syllabi had all my dates printed for me. I highly recommend a desk calendar. I have found this helps me to visualize all of my due dates and I keep it under my laptop on my desk so I am constantly reminded of when I have assignments due.

