Before meeting with your advisor, think about the following things:

1 MAJOR, MINOR, AND OTHER INTERESTS
- What is your major and how confident are you in that choice?
- Should you take more core classes at the beginning of your time at Calvin to provide flexibility later on?
- Do you want a minor or second major? If so, in what?
- What classes within each core category are you interested in?
- Are you going into a special concentration such as pre-medicine, nursing, or speech pathology and audiology?

2 FINDING BALANCE
- How many credits do you feel comfortable taking your first semester?
- If possible, would you like to start with a high credit load (15–17 hours) or a lower credit load (12–14 hours) in the fall semester?
- Do you want to study abroad? If so, where/when might you want to go?
- Will you be on an athletic team, in a music ensemble, working, or taking part in co-curricular activities that may affect your class schedule?

3 LOGISTICS
- Did you study a language in high school? How many years/which language(s)?
- Did you take AP courses? Has the College Board submitted your scores to Calvin?
- Did you take college or university level/dual enrollment courses? Have those institutions submitted your official transcripts to Calvin?
- Did you take any International Baccalaureate tests/A levels? Have you submitted the scores to Calvin?
- Have you completed all placement tests on your admissions checklist?

For more information and to double check that you are ready for advising, please go to: calvin.edu/go/first-year-guide