

# ADVISING GUIDE

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? If so, what?
- What core 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 (SPAUD)?

## 2 FINDING BALANCE

- How big do you want your credit load to be?
- Do you want to take a fuller load or would it be smarter for you to start with a lighter load?
- Will you want to study abroad? If so, where might you want to go and when?
- Are you going to be on an athletic team, in a band, or take part in co-curricular activities that your classes will need to fit around?

## 3 LOGISTICS

- Have you met the language requirement for your major?
- When will your AP credits automatically transfer?
- Have you already requested transfer credits for any dual enrollment classes you've taken?
- Have you submitted your IB exam report to the Center for Student Success?
- Do you need to complete any placement tests?



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