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 speach 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 you 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