

Undecided Students: Myth Vs Reality

1 **Myth** Their goal for achieving a baccalaureate is weak

Reality Their degree path is unclear, but they have the academic drive to succeed. They are often focused on career and not major.

Myth Undecided students are low achieving

Reality They are strong academic performers. In Fall 2015, 30% of the undecided majors were on University College Dean's List

3 **Myth** They are indecisive

Reality Students are actively exploring major options. These students use a plethora of resources (online and on campus) to gain academic information

Myth They are unmotivated

Reality Motivation is rarely the issue. They are seeking the best option for reaching their final goal.

5 **Myth** They are not ready for college

Reality They are ready and academically prepared, and they are exploring multiple interests.

Myth The students lack vision

Reality Many do have a vision, but it is not defined or confined by a major.

7 **Myth** Undecided students lack purpose

Reality This might occur occasionally but most do not think in terms of majors but rather about a desire to learn and gain valuable skills needed in the workforce

Myth They are wasting time and money

Reality With appropriate advising, students can take courses that are productive and can graduate at the same rate as other students.

9 **Myth** They will not graduate in a timely manner

Reality They are ready, academically prepared, and they are exploring multiple interests.

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