

UTILIZING ELECTIVE SPACE WISELY

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Take Courses from a Different Program

- Different subjects entail different learning strategies, and can open your view of the world around you.
- You may just discover a hidden interest! It's never too late to discover a new passion.

Don't be afraid to take a course that is seemingly unrelated to your field of study. If you're in Space Studies, try taking a Philosophy course.

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Take Advantage of Your Interests and Strengths

- Taking a course that appeals to your interests or strength can contribute to a better learning experience.
- Consider taking a General Elective course that will build or strengthen a specific skill you already have.

Pursing a business degree? Try taking a communications course (COMM300). Communication courses can help you develop and fine-tune your verbal and nonverbal communication skills.

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Select Courses that Can Enhance Your Area of Study

- Does your degree have other concentration options? You will declare one concentration as part of your program requirements; but, the other concentration options could inspire your General Elective course choices.

Earning a Communications degree? Try taking some additional writing (courses with an ENGL prefix) or design courses to strengthen your communication skills across different mediums.

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Add a Certificate or Minor

- Do you have at least 18 semester hours of General Elective space to complete? Consider adding a certificate or minor to your program.
- Certificates and Minors provide additional content and knowledge related to your program; or can be in a different field of study entirely.

We recommend discussing adding a certificate and/or minor with an academic advisor by emailing Advising@apus.edu before submitting the degree change request form.

Questions? Contact Academic Advising at Advising@apus.edu or 877-755-2787 ext. 3200.