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To ease this investigation and to keep students on track toward graduation, students who enter as undeclared begin their academic careers in the College of Arts & Sciences. The focus on a well-rounded liberal arts education in Arts & Sciences and guidance from the Center for Freshman Advising ensures that our students take classes that satisfy their academic curiosity while fulfilling requirements toward a degree.

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“ I really wanted to do meteorology, but also other things, like math and physics. I couldn't do all three anywhere else I applied. I probably couldn't have even done two of them at most places.

At UM, I've made lots and lots of friends and contacts and everything like that. I grew up a lot, and got a good education and a great springboard into the future. All the top grad schools in my field wanted me to come to their school.”

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I love my classes, I just got a part time job through my School of Education field experience, I love the school spirit, and I am involved in several leadership organizations that I have a blast volunteering for.”

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Even better, I easily obtained an on campus internship in my field at one of UM's thinktanks, the Center for Hemispheric Policy. My first day on the job I was calling Brazilian diplomats and writing news briefings on Venezuela. You can't get that kind of experience as an undergrad just anywhere.”

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“ My design professor, a Pulitzer Prize winning former Art Director for the Miami Herald, set me up with a part-time job at the Herald while I was in school. Right after I graduated I moved into a full-time design position there. And now, I’ve decided to become a doctor.

As much as UM taught me about design, it gave me a broad enough background in science that I was able to quickly wrap up a post-bachelor pre-med program at UM, and I’ll be in medical school next fall.”

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“ My South Florida

Student Shark Program (SFSSP) internship was definitely one of my favorite research experiences. It gave me an opportunity to gain hands-on experience with tagging techniques, gillnetting, seining, and identifying fish, and to learn a lot about the marine ecosystems in Southern Florida.

This internship has also been a lot of fun; every day in the field is a new adventure. SFSSP has also been a great way to meet other students who are interested in the same things I am.”

– Corina Antal
Marine Science

“ **The University of Miami**

offers a really wide selection of overseas learning opportunities. I attended the Chinese University of Hong Kong last summer. During the trip I was able to complete six credits toward the School of Business curriculum, and I also had the chance to travel to most parts of Asia, like Thailand, where I got to ride elephants. Not only did I gain valuable International Business knowledge, I experienced foreign cultures and traditions, and saw remarkable sites and landscapes, like the Summer Palace in Beijing. It was an incredible chance and indelible experience to see parts of the world that I'd have a difficult time seeing at any other point in my life.”

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“ As a sophomore,

I was able to go on a week-long research trip with my professors because I asked, “What’s available to me? What internships can I get?” Everybody supports you and what you want to do here. The more of yourself you put into your education, the more you are going to get out of it, and that’s why UM is a great investment. It’s an incredible environment and worth every penny.”

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“ Going to an art school means there is no opportunity to take non-art classes like history, religion and philosophy that have a great deal to do with art, which is why I came here. Reading Lolita in philosophy class was the perfect way to examine the idea of aesthetics and morality. Many of these questions never come up in studio or art history classes.”

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