FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
SPECIFICALLY WRITTEN FOR STERN SOPHOMORES

When should I declare my major?
Students may officially declare their major as early as their freshman year. However, we often recommend students declare a major during sophomore or junior year (or for accelerated students with AP credit, between 64-96 points earned). You should nonetheless allow yourself time to complete most of the introductory business studies requirements. With exposure to each of the academic disciplines available, you could render a more informed decision on your prospective major(s). As an exception, though, students who pursue the CPA preparatory track in accounting should allow a minimum of 3 academic terms for completion of the major requirements. The declaration forms are available from the reception desk in the Office of Undergraduate Advising & Student Services (Tisch 800).

If I double major, would I exceed the standard 128 points for the degree?
This depends on the particular majors pursued (and other non-major elective credits earned). As most majors entail only 12 points, students usually can complete two majors and a minor within 128 points. However, a few majors entail more than 12 points. For example, any second major pursued in tandem with CPA Accounting would exceed 128 points. Students should consult the Undergraduate Bulletin and an academic adviser for more information on each prospective major.

What are the implications of exceeding 128 points for financial aid?
If you receive financial aid, funds are only guaranteed for eight academic semesters or 128 accumulated points, whichever is attained first. Therefore, you could confront a loss of federal, state, and institutional aid by exceeding 128 points. If the excess points derive from an academic program, such as an academic major and/or minor, you could request a financial aid extension through your academic advisor. However, the extensions are approved in the summer preceding senior year only and are not guaranteed.

Must I declare a minor as well as a major?
No, a minor is optional. Since students are required to complete a certain amount of points within the College of Arts and Science (CAS), many students choose to use these points to pursue a minor. At this time, you are permitted to pursue a minor in all CAS departments that offer minors except for economics. You can find Declaration of Minor forms in the Office of Undergraduate Advising & Student Services (Tisch 800). In order to have a minor approved, you must have the department in which you wish to minor approve your minor and sign the declaration form before submitting it to your academic advisor. Please note: students are not able to minor in Stern or any of the other NYU schools except for CAS.
Do undergraduate students in Stern have opportunities to study abroad?
We allow students to participate in a semester abroad through both NYU and the International Business Exchange (IBEX). NYU Study Abroad has destinations in Florence, Ghana, London, Madrid, Paris, and Prague. For additional information on programs available through NYU, please visit http://www.nyu.edu/studyabroad/undergraduate/. IBEX has destinations available in approximately 14 countries throughout Asia, Europe, and Latin America. For more information on programs available through IBEX, please visit http://w4.stern.nyu.edu/Ug/nyuinternational-ibex.cfm?doc_id=56. We recommend you also schedule an appointment with your academic adviser to discuss your selection of courses.

Could I receive academic credit for an internship?
Academic credit is not available for internships. In addition, the administration cannot authorize liability waivers or hold harmless agreements pertaining to internships. Instead, students are recommended to pursue paid internships with wage compensation, a meal stipend, and/or commuting stipend. For additional information, please contact the Undergraduate Program Coordinator for the relevant department.

What is a residency requirement?
Most universities have a minimum number of credits which must earned in residence to receive a diploma from the institution. In the Stern School of Business, students must complete at least 64 consecutive points in residence immediately preceding graduation in order to receive a diploma. In addition, students must complete a minimum 48 points of undergraduate business courses for the degree (ie, courses numbered with the prefix “C”).