Problem

“Many students are undecided about their majors when they enter college, and many who think they have decided will change their minds more than once before they graduate.” – UW Undergraduate Advising Office

Students who change majors often take longer than expected to graduate, and must absorb additional tuition and living costs. An extra year of college could cost students up to $50,000 in tuition, housing and fees, based on data from the 2012-2013 academic year.

Solution

CourseConnect is a tool built to help students easily learn about majors they might be interested in, based on their course history or plan.

By using data about courses previous students have taken and the degree they obtained, CourseConnect aims to reduce the risk and costs associated with changing majors by helping students make informed choices before they commit.

Next Steps

- Inspire further development by the wider UW community
- Encourage higher standards of student data collection
- Broaden CourseConnect for use by other universities

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