What Should I Major In?

Are you worried because you haven’t chosen a major? That’s OK! Almost 80% of college freshman haven’t chosen a major, and many more change their minds once or twice before they graduate! Now is the perfect time for you to decide what you want out of your future.

Consider Yourself....

What Are Your Interests?
How do you like to spend your free time? What ideas do you like to discuss and think about, and what activities would you like to take part in? For you to be successful in college and career, you'll need to enjoy the subject area.

What Are Your Values?
What is important to you? Do you value independence, service, wealth, travel, or a combination of these or other things? A major based upon your personal value system will help lead you to a career that is rewarding and encouraging.

What Are Your Abilities?
What are your strengths? What are your best subjects, academically? Starting with your strengths is a good way to narrow down potential majors. Don’t discount yourself if you lack some skills and ability just yet, though. That’s what college is for - to learn new things and improve your skill set.

Consider the Future...

Is It Employable?
Will you be able to find work in a related field? Consider a broader field of study that will give you both hard and soft skills that will transfer into multiple career fields.

Will It Last?
Will you still enjoy this field in the future? Is this something you’ll still want to work in 20 or 30 years from now? If you’re not sure, consider choosing a major that is more general in scope.

Additionally, consider whether this field will still be in-demand and employable in the future. How might technology, changing economies, and other factors impact the field.

Will It Pay?
Maybe money isn’t the most important factor in making your decision. That is absolutely OK, but make sure to do your research and ensure that whatever you choose will enable you to have the type of lifestyle that you desire.

Remember...
It's OK to change your mind! Take a variety of different classes your first couple of semesters to get a better idea of what you're interested in and what areas are the best fit for you. Completing your general education requirements, which come from a variety of different areas, is a great way for you to experience a lot of different ideas and potential majors!
If You Like To...Then Consider...

How do you like to spend your time? What things are important for you to have in a career? Each list below can help you determine what majors can lead you to a fulfilling career that matches your interests, abilities, and values.

**Fix or Build Things; Work with Your Hands**
- Agriculture
- Allied Health and Nursing
- Animal Science
- Animal Science-Equitation
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Business Management
- Chemical Dependency Counseling
- Corrosion Technology
- Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Fish and Wildlife Management
- Livestock Technology
- Occupational Safety and Health
- Physics
- Technical Skills
- Welding Technology

**Solve Complex Problems**
- Accounting
- Agriculture
- Allied Health and Nursing
- Animal Science
- Animal Science-Equitation
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Business Management
- Chemical Dependency Counseling
- Chemistry
- Communications
- Corrosion Technology
- Criminal Justice
- Early Childhood Education
- Education
- Engineering
- Geology/Earth Science
- History
- Human Services/Social Work
- Livestock Technology
- Mathematics
- Occupational Safety and Health
- Pharmacy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Technical Skills
- Welding Technology

**Lead and Inspire Others**
- Business Management
- Business Administration
- Chemical Dependency Counseling
- Criminal Justice
- Criminal Justice Law Enforcement
- Corrections Officer
- Early Childhood Education
- Education
- Human Resources
- Rural Organization Employee Management
- Allied Health and Nursing
- Human Services/Social Work
- Occasional Safety and Health
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

**Help Others; Contribute to Society**
- Allied Health and Nursing
- Chemical Dependency Counseling
- Criminal Justice
- Criminal Justice Law Enforcement
- Communications
- Corrections Officer
- Early Childhood Education
- Education
- Environmental Science
- Human Resources
- Human Services/Social Work
- Occupational Safety and Health
- Pharmacy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Rural Organization Employee Management
- Sociology

**Work outdoors**
- Agriculture
- Animal Science
- Animal Science-Equitation
- Biology
- Corrosion Technology
- Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Fish and Wildlife Management
- Geology/Earth Science
- Livestock Technology
- Technical Skills
- Welding Technology

**Express Your Creativity**
- Art
- Business Management
- Communications
- Early Childhood Education
- Education
- English
- History
- Music
- Sociology
- Welding Technology