



# How to Choose a College Major

Handout: What to ask a university



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**Instructions:** Use this list of questions as a valuable guide during your college or university selection process. Prior to enrolling, ask school representatives or conduct research to obtain essential information that will aid in making an informed decision about your higher education journey.

## What courses are required for this major?

- Understanding the curriculum will help you decide if you are genuinely interested in the subject.

## Are there any prerequisite courses or GPA requirements for this major?

- Some majors may have specific entry requirements, and it's crucial to know if you meet them.

## What resources and opportunities does the university offer for internships, co-op programs, or hands-on experience in this major?

- Practical experience is valuable for building skills and securing future job opportunities.

## Are there research opportunities for undergraduates in this major?

- This can be beneficial, especially if you are considering graduate school or research-oriented careers.

## What is the student-to-teacher ratio in major-specific classes?

- Smaller class sizes can lead to more personalized attention and interaction with professors.

## How accessible are professors outside of class for academic support and mentoring?

- Having supportive faculty can significantly impact your educational experience.

## What career services are available to help students find internships and job placements?

- Strong career services can enhance your employability after graduation.

## What is the graduation rate from this major?

- Understanding the graduation rate gives an idea of how well students in this major progress and succeed.

## Are there any professional organizations or clubs on campus related to this major?

- Joining relevant organizations can provide networking opportunities and access to industry events.

## What types of jobs do graduates from this major typically pursue?

- Understanding potential career paths can help you evaluate if your interests align with the job market.

## Are there opportunities for study abroad or exchange programs related to this major?

- Studying abroad can broaden your perspective and provide unique educational experiences.

## Can I speak with current students/alumni to learn more about their experiences and career outcomes?

- Hearing from others who have gone through the program can provide valuable insights.

## Does the university offer scholarships or financial aid specifically for students in this major?

- Financial considerations are essential when choosing a major.