

MAJOR



Decision





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What is a **MAJOR?**

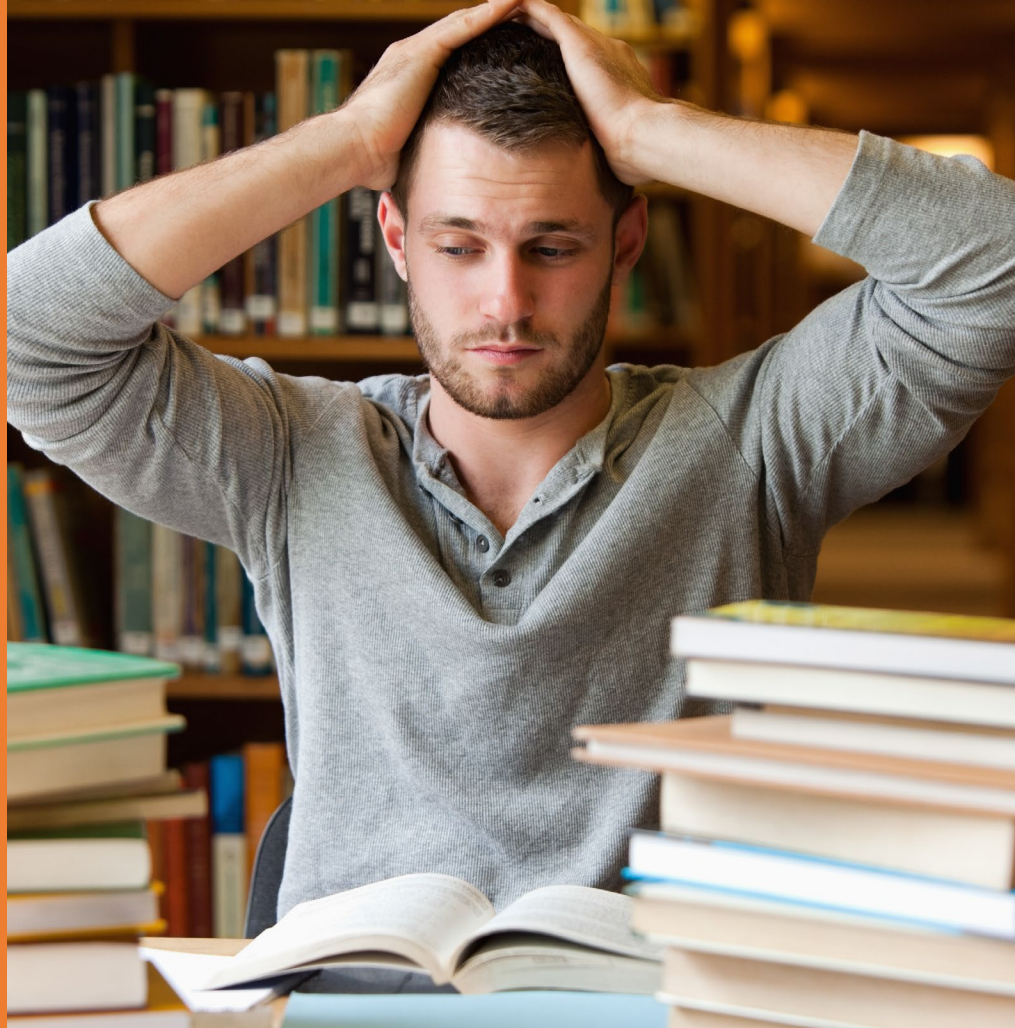
- Your academic concentration
- Field of expertise



Why is a Major **IMPORTANT?**

- Guiding your educational path
- Career preparation





The Repercussions of **CHANGING YOUR MAJOR**

- Cost and extended timeline
- Potentially wasted credits



10 Most POPULAR MAJORS

- 1. Business**
- 2. Health Professions**
- 3. Social Sciences/
History**
- 4. Engineering**
- 5. Biological and
Biomedical Sciences**
- 6. Psychology**
- 7. Communication/
Journalism**
- 8. Visual and
Performing Arts**
- 9. Computer and
Information Science**
- 10. Education**

Source: National Center of Education Statistics, 2020





12 Unique and "WEIRD" MAJORS

1. Cannabis Biology & Chemistry

2. Puppet Arts

3. Fermentation Science

4. Foresight
(the study of predicting what will happen or be needed in the future)

5. Bakery Science

6. Comic Art

7. Bicycle design and Fabrication

8. Ecogastronomy
(the study of food, agriculture and environment)

9. Costume Technology

10. Popular Music

11. Amusement Park Engineering

12. Viticulture and Enology
(the study of grape-growing and wines)



More "FUN" MAJORS

1. Surf Science and Technology
2. Auctioneering
3. Poultry Science
4. Race Track Industry
5. Turf and Golf Course Management
6. Toy Design
7. Animal Psychology
8. Mortuary Science
9. Nautical Archaeology
10. Memeology

How to DECIDE ON A MAJOR

“Know your career, then reverse engineer”

Career

- Pick a career that involves your interests/passions and priorities

Major

- Pick a major that will prepare you for that career

University

- Find colleges/universities that have that major

Narrow it down

- Pick schools (with your major) that have your same values, are in your price range, and meet your academic needs





The importance of **COLLEGE TOURS**

- First-hand experience
- Clarifying expectations

Preparing for **COLLEGE TOURS**

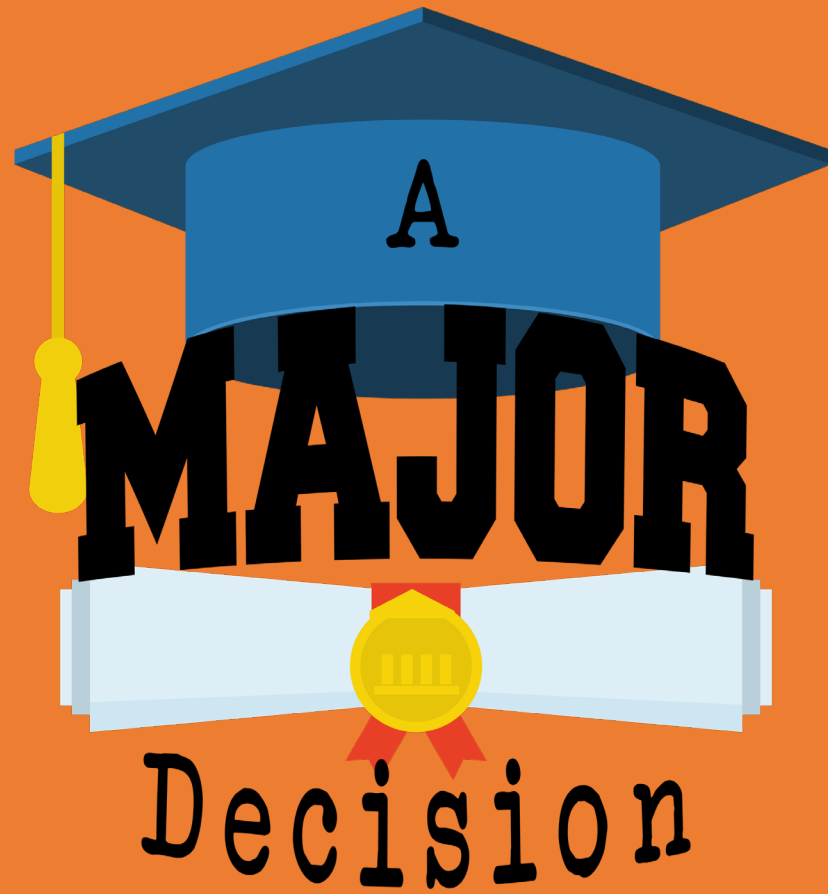
- Contact the Admissions Office in advance
- Prepare a list of questions and a college tour checklist





FINALLY...

- Keep track of dates and deadlines
- When in doubt... contact the college
- Next...



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