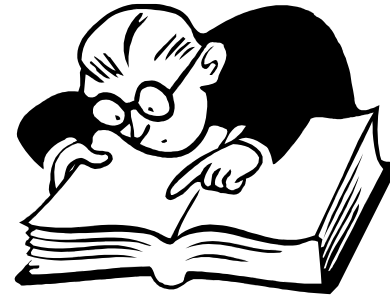


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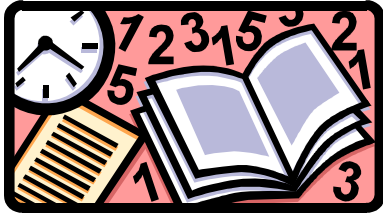
Making the "Major" Decision: Choosing a college major

"I'd listen to him if I were you. He's pre-med."

"I thought you were pre-law."

"Same thing."

-- *Animal House*, 1981



"What's Your Major?"

- A major is a concentration of specialized courses taken usually during a student's third and fourth years.
- A student can begin her college experience as an undecided student, but must declare a major at the end of her sophomore year.
- At most schools, students may have the option to double major and/or minor in different subject areas.

The Major Game

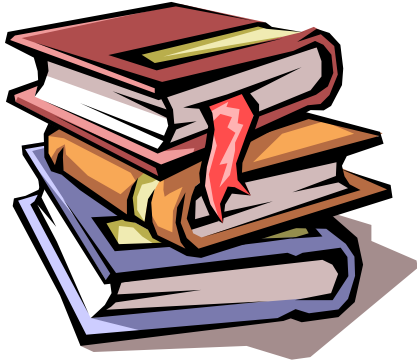


- On average, a student will change her major three times.
- The Wall Street Journal reported that more than one third of adults would change their major if given the chance.
- According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the average college graduate changes jobs once every three years and changes career fields two or three times in their lifetime.

Helpful Hints to Selecting a Major

- Take a self-assessment.
- Try out a career.
- Talk to a counselor.
- Consider outside factors.
- Explore alternatives.





Resources

- College Majors Handbook
- *The Occupational Outlook Handbook* by the Department of Labor
- *Index of Majors and Graduate Degrees*
- *Quick Guide to College Majors and Careers*
- *Guide to College Majors*

The Ten Most Popular Majors

According to the Princeton Review

- Psychology
- English
- Mathematics
- Business Administration and Management
- Biology
- Chemistry
- History
- Political Science
- Accounting
- Sociology

