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CHOOSING A MAJOR

Choosing a major can be a really overwhelming process. Here are a few things to keep in mind to help you through the process:

Take your time!



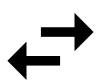
Take your time to save time. You don't need to figure it all out right away. In fact, studies show that you're better off waiting until your second or third semester to decide on a major.

Be intentionally exploratory!



Make sure that before you decide on a major, you get to know the options on your campus. What majors exist? Do you like the professors in the programs you're interested in? What are the possible careers in each major?

Choosing a major isn't choosing a career!



When looking at majors, choose something that you love, and something you're passionate about learning about. It doesn't necessarily mean you will be in that field forever. Whatever your major, it will be transferable to other fields because the foundation and general learning will be the same.

Use available resources!



Use any resource on campus available- Career Services, Professional Development Centers, Academic Advising... and then look outside your campus! The Princeton Review and College Board have some great materials for choosing a major.

Why should you wait?

Some numbers to think on...



80%

The number of students who change their major at least once.



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The number of times the average student changes their major.



50%

The number of students who pursue a career outside of their major.

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