

EXPLORATORY

I KNOW WHAT CAREER I WANT BUT NOT WHAT MAJOR TO DECLARE

With so many choices, it can be hard to identify a major that you feel will prepare you best for the career you have in mind. This worksheet will help you get started on your journey to choosing a major that feels like a fit for you!



So, you have a career in mind? Go ahead and write and/or draw about it in the box below!

Thoughts to help you get started:

- ⇒ What will you actually be doing day to day?
- ⇒ What will you need to know how to do to excel in these things?
- ⇒ With whom will you be working?

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CAREER RESEARCH

Next step: Now that you've brainstormed how you picture yourself in your career, here are more ways to gather information about it and others:

Career Roadmaps: <https://www.crc.ufl.edu/students/prepare-for-your-search/industry-resources/>

Occupational Outlook Handbook: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

REFLECTION

Directions: Once you've used the links above to do some more research on your potential career, ask yourself the following questions:

1. What else do you want to know about your career and how can you go about gathering this information?

Campus resources:

Off-campus resources (e.g. informational interviews):

2. What are some majors and/or areas of study that individuals in that field have pursued?

3. What types of knowledge and day-to-day skills will you need in your career of interest?

4. What types of classes can help you develop this knowledge? What majors require these classes?

5. What can you get involved with outside of the classroom to also help you develop these skills?

6. What do you still need to know to feel comfortable declaring your major?

EXPLORING UF MAJORS

Next Step: Continue researching the majors on campus to identify which ones will help you develop the skills applicable to “your” career. Ask yourself: “What am I actually learning if I pursue this major?”. This is the best way to start making the connection between majors at UF and your career goals.

MORE RESOURCES

- ⇒ Student learning outcomes by major: https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/programs/#filter=.filter_22
- ⇒ Majors At UF By Interest Area list: <https://warrington.ufl.edu/undergraduate-current-students/wp-content/uploads/sites/45/2018/03/majors-at-uf.pdf>.
- ⇒ What Can You Do with Different Majors: <https://www.myplan.com/majors/what-to-do-with-a-major.php>.

Myths to Debunk

You can be any major and be a competitive pre-health applicant. The most important thing is to pursue something you are interested in and can achieve success in academically.

advising.ufl.edu/pre-health/apply/prepare/

You can be any major and be a competitive pre-law applicant. Check-out the Academic Preparation page on the pre-law website for course suggestions that help develop desirable law school-related skills.

These may help determine majors of interest or elective coursework to pair with other major coursework.

advising.ufl.edu/pre-law/advising-services/academic-preparation/

Major does not equal career. Choosing a major solely for its title and practicality can be limiting. Instead, choose a major based on interest and purposeful skill development and pair it with experiential learning and other experiences.

The major you select will NOT define what you will do the rest of your life. Once you get out into the working world, you'll develop new skills and maybe interests. You'll also develop a new network of contacts that might expose you to new possibilities you hadn't considered or didn't even know existed.