
Exploring Majors Worksheet

Major: _____

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF:

Is this a major field you will enjoy studying? Why?

Of the courses listed in the Catalogue under this major, which ones would you like to take? Why?

Are there required courses that you think you would not like? Why?

Which classes do you think will be most challenging for you? Why? Are there classes that you really don't think you could do well in?

Which classes do you think will be the easiest for you? Why?

NOTE: If you are uncertain about the answers to any of these questions, write your questions down and ask a faculty member.

INVESTIGATE REQUIREMENTS (Either through the Catalogue or by asking faculty)

Are there GPA or other requirements to be accepted into this major? What are they?

Are there emphases within the major? What are the differences?

Is this a comprehensive major or do you need a minor?

Look at the general education requirements and the Math and foreign language requirements. Do you think you can complete these?

QUESTIONS TO ASK FACULTY (In addition to the ones above)

What do they like about the field? Why did they go into it?

What skills does this major require and develop?

Is there a good introductory class?

Is graduate work usually required to work in the fields associated with this major?

What minors or other courses might complement this major?

What kinds of jobs do students with this major get?

Are there opportunities for internships?

Are there opportunities for collaborative research?

Are there student organizations?

How might Study Abroad or the National Student Exchange programs fit in with your major?

QUESTIONS TO ASK STUDENTS (You can also ask the questions that you ask faculty)

Why did they choose the major? What do they like about it?

What do students in this major seem to have in common in terms of interests, skills, personality traits?

What is the typical class size for each course level?

Are faculty approachable and student oriented?

Is there a “make or break course” in this major? What skills do you need to complete it?

What were their favorite classes?

What do they plan to do with the major after graduation?

Ask them to answer these questions:

If you don't like to _____ you shouldn't major in this subject.

If you like to _____ you should major in this subject.

Now that you know a little about this major, will you keep it/continue to consider it? Why or why not?