Major Decisions

How do I choose a major?

Steps to Choosing a Major

1. Identify what you are interested in.
   ◊ What are your skills? What do you do well?
   ◊ What are you interested in?
   ◊ How do you spend your time?
   ◊ What is most important to me?
      • Money? Job security? Creativity?

2. Make an appointment with a Career Advisor to take a self-assessment in the office.

3. Explore programs of study here: Major Areas of Study

4. Gain experience in a field by securing an internship, conducting an informational interview, conducting research, or volunteering.

5. After reviewing all of the major options, narrow your options down to your top FIVE, make an appointment with a Career Advisor and discuss your options.

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schools listed here: (click the links to learn more)

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School of Communication  College of Education, Nursing, and Health Professions
Barney Schools of Business  The Hartt School
The Hartford Art School  Hillyer College

Wondering if you should change your major? Take this test from fast-web.com to get a better idea. Give yourself 1 point for every YES.

◊ Do you get bored in your current major’s classes?
◊ Are you doing poorly in your current major’s classes?
◊ Did you choose your major without much thought?
◊ Do you keep reading/asking about other majors?
◊ Do you keep entertaining the idea of switching majors?

0-1 Points: You’re probably fine where you are
2 Points: Think about changing and talk with a Career Advisor.
3-5 Points: It’s probably time to change your major

Myth:
There is a corresponding major for every career.

The Facts:

- Choosing a major is only one step toward exploring a number of career paths
- Many careers are not mapped one-to-one to academic majors
- Almost every career includes people who majored in diverse academic fields