

Questions To Ask About A Major



Part of the major exploration process is learning about specific majors from the experts. Talking with a faculty member in a major you're interested in is a great way to learn more about academic fields and determine what is a good fit for you based on your interests, skills, and abilities.

Possible Questions To Ask:

- Why should I consider this major?
- What initially attracted you to this academic field?
- If I chose this major, what topics would I be studying?
- What are the best introductory classes to take to explore this major?
- What type of coursework and projects can I expect in the classes for this major?
- What coursework in this major do students typically find to be most challenging?
- What skills will this major help me develop?
- What are the characteristics of students who are most successful in this major?
- Which student organizations do you recommend I get involved with to explore this major?
- What types of internships or out-of-classroom experiences do you recommend ?
- Where do students in this major typically complete internships?
- What types of career paths are related to this major?
- What is the job placement rate for students who graduate with this major?
- Will I need to pursue graduate school to work in a career related to this major?
- What is your favorite class to teach in this major?
- Do students typically complete a double major, minor, or certificate with this major?
- Can you refer me to a current student in this major?

Reflect On What You Learned:

- What did you learn that excites you about this major?
- What did you hear that makes you concerned about this major?
- What additional information do you need about this major?
- Based on the information, did your interest in this major increase, decrease, or stay the same?