

Major Exploration Worksheet

Use the FSU [Academic Program Guide](#) to complete chart below.

<u>Major Exploration</u>	Major 1 _____	Major 2 _____	Major 3 _____
Limited Access? (GPA Required, Application, Deadline)?			
Foreign Language Required?			
Minor Required or Minor Options?			
List Prerequisites			
List Mapping Milestones			
How Many Credit Hours in the Major? (Upper Level)			
Career Development Opportunities? (Internship/Experiential Learning/Research)			
What skills will I learn from the major?			
What do I like about the major?			
What concerns do I have about the major?			
Advisor Contact Information			

Debunking “Major” Myths

Major ≠ Career

Whereas there are some majors that are more linear (ex: Nursing, Accounting, Engineering), most majors are not linear to careers. While you can be a Historian with a History degree, there are many other routes you can take with this major. Choosing a major only for its perceived practicality and title may be limiting. Think more about what skills you gain from the major and build additional skills through other academic and career development engaging experiences as well.

The Major does not determine what I do for the rest of my life.

The major is just one piece of the whole. Many people who deem themselves successful are not working in an area that is directly related to their college major. Also, most people have more than one career in their life on average. When you get out into the working world, you may come to find new interests, build new skills, networking circles, and opportunities that lead to new directions. Ask around – ask instructors, relatives, mentors and conduct professional interviews with people in career fields that you are interested in.

Once I declare a major, I can continue to explore other academic interests.

You may still be able to explore double majoring, minors, and academic certificates. There are also academic options beyond your Bachelor’s Degree that you might want to explore when the time is right. Your one major does not have to be your whole college academic career.

I am not the only one trying to figure it out.

You are not alone. Many college students are not sure what they want to do exactly. It is important to remember that this is a process and you can build self-knowledge and skills while you are in college and beyond that support you in your journey. It is not about one “right” destination.

Additional Resources

Complete the [Choosing a Major or Occupation Guide](#) to explore and reflect on your values, interests, and skills. This guide also lists all of the majors at FSU and additional online resources.

Use the [Advising First Advisor Search link](#) for major advisors’ contact information. If you cannot find the major advisor(s) there, please use the FSU university-wide [advisor search link](#).

Review and take action by using the [Road Map To Career Success](#) to support your career development.