

Module 16

Choosing a Major

Objectives 1A and 1B

- 1A. To identify what factors are important to you in selecting a major.
- 1B. To discover fields of study that you might find interesting.

Below Are Activities to Help You Achieve These Objectives

- a. Attend a Pizza and a Major workshop. See a Career Advisor or view the Events Calendar on the Career Center Web site at career.fsu.edu/calendar.
- b. Complete the Step 1 of the *Choosing a Major or Occupation* guide (pages 2-7) and discuss your situation with a Career Advisor.
- c. Complete appropriate self-assessment activities, review Module 3 (“*Looking at You*”), and discuss your situation with a Career Advisor.
- d. Review the “FSU Undergraduate Programs by Holland Code” sheet to identify FSU programs consistent with your self-assessment.

Objectives 2A and 2B

- 2A. To broaden your general awareness of majors available at Florida State and elsewhere.
- 2B. To find detailed information about specific majors.

Below Are Activities to Help You Achieve These Objectives

- a. Acquaint yourself with the variety of college majors available at institutions around the country.
 - Examine
 - Peterson’s Four - Year Colleges*.....IIC1 P41
 - Chronicle Four-Year College Databook*.....IIC1 C451
 - College Majors and Careers: A Resource Guide for Effective Life Planning*IIC AA P4
 - The College Board Book of Majors* IIC AA C7
 - College Majors Handbook with Real Career Paths and Payoffs*..... IIC AA F6
 - Use the FSU Majors Card Sort to help identify majors that would be of interest to you.
 - Review college majors using an online resource at collegemajors101.com.
- b. Learn more about specific majors available at FSU:
 - See the Florida State University General Bulletin for a list of degree and certificate programs. Visit the registrar.fsu.edu site to review the General Bulletin.
 - Get specific information about majors that interest you in the Undergraduate Academic Program Guide at www.academic-guide.fsu.edu and in the FSU General Bulletin.

- Perform a computer search using Career Key to locate Career Center Library resources which focus on majors of interest to you.
 - Review printed materials on FSU Academic Programs in section III of the Career Center Library.
 - Refer to the Faculty Resource Directory, at the Career Advisor desk, to find faculty and advisor names and phone numbers, or use the Advisor Search Function at **undergrad.fsu.edu/advisors/index.html**. Make an appointment with a faculty member, advisor, or departmental staff member to gain more information about a particular major.
- c. Learn more about majors available at other colleges/universities:
- Use directories in the Career Center Library to identify institutions with programs in which you have an interest.
 - Perform a search in Choices Planner or SIGI3 to identify institutions which may offer programs in your field(s) of interest (see a Career Advisor for access to the systems).
 - Within “Degrees and Careers” at **www.flvc.org/flvc/portal/Home_Page/About** select “Search College & University Profiles” to gather information on what institutions in the state offer programs of interest.
- d. Obtain further information about programs at other institutions:
- Write, call, or e-mail institutions and/or specific departments for catalogs and academic program information.
 - Conduct a search on the Internet for information sites on institutions in which you have an interest.
 - Search out catalogs available on the FSU campus.
- e. Search Career Key under “Major” for a list of relevant sources.

Objective 3

To enhance your ability to make an informed decision.

Below Are Activities to Help You Achieve This Objective

- a. Review Module 2, “What’s Involved In Making A Career Decision?”.
- b. Review *A Guide To Good Decision Making*.
- c. Complete the *Guide to Good Decision-Making* exercise.
- d. Talk to a Career Advisor about special problems getting in the way of your major decision.

