

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 Choosing a Major workshop. See the schedule at the career advisor desk or view the Events Calendar on the Career Center Web site (career.fsu.edu).
- 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 Guide to 150 Popular College 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 www.collegemajor.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 FSU Registrar's Web site to review the General Bulletin (registrar.fsu.edu).

- Get specific information about majors that interest you in the Undergraduate Academic Program Guide at 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.
 - 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 another 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 on the CHOICES Planner or eDISCOVER to identify institutions which may offer programs in your field(s) of interest. CHOICES Planner is offered online at www.bridges.com/cfplanner
 - Within “Finding a College or Program” at www.facts.org, conduct a “College Search” 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.
 - Search the *College Source Online* located at www.lib.fsu.edu/databases

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.



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