UNDECIDED MAJORS

Are you unsure of what to study? Consider the following steps in selecting a major and visit The Career Center to discover your options.

1. **Begin by knowing yourself.** Ask yourself these questions when deciding on a major:
   - Do I enjoy subjects focused on data, people, or things?
   - Do I enjoy working with numbers or words?
   - Am I drawn to fine arts, business, life sciences, mathematical sciences, humanities, or combinations of these areas?
   - Are there courses that I have taken that I truly enjoy? Do I find similarities in these courses?
   - In which academic areas do I excel?
   - Do I prefer to study one subject in depth, or would I like to incorporate several subject areas into my major?
   - Are there areas of knowledge or special skills that I want to develop?

2. **Become informed about your options.** Know the major fields of study that are available at Charleston Southern University by looking in the college undergraduate catalog.

3. **Explore your options.** The best way to find out about majors of interest is to get first-hand information about them. The following are great ways to gather information about a major:
   - Read the college catalog
   - Talk to students in the major
   - Speak to alumni
   - Observe classes in department of interest
   - Visit with professors
   - Talk with the Career Center staff
   - Visit a student majors club meeting
   - Read departmental literature
   - Write to associations that represent academic areas
   - Work part-time in an academic department at school
   - Participate in an internship within a specific discipline
   - Volunteer in your field of interest

4. **Incorporate the results of your exploration into your decision-making.** The more matches between your personal needs, values, and interests and the major of your choice, the better the decision.

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**RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU IN THE CAREER CENTER**

- Counselors with whom to talk. Schedule an appointment by calling 863-8019 or stop by The Career Center (1st floor, Strom Thurmond Center)
- A “Choosing Major” worksheet to walk you through your decision
- Online assessments - Myers-Briggs, PLACE
- “What Can I Do with this Major” resources on The Career Center Web site at www.charlestonsouthern.edu/careers
- Occupational Outlook Handbook online (www.bls.gov/oco)
- Books in the Career Center Resource Library