CHOOSING A MAJOR

Choosing a major is a big decision and should be made with care, information, and based on experience. The major you choose does not set the course for the rest of your life; it is merely a starting point. What is important is following your interests and discovering what you love to do. This handout includes resources and provides ideas for students to gain experience that will enable them to choose a major with confidence.

Explore Your Options

Explore your academic interests, professional skills and abilities, personal characteristics, and values as you decide on a major.

- Enroll in courses to fulfill general educational requirements as well as test out interests
- Join campus clubs/organizations related to your interests to network and gain valuable experience
- Browse the Career Center’s Resource Library, skimming material about careers, and review the Career Center’s Web site for information on available resources and services
- Assess abilities, personality characteristics, interests, or values by scheduling a career counseling appointment or completing a career assessment
- Review the What Can I Do with This Major? section of our website for potential career avenues and select a major relevant to careers of possible interest.

Use Career Center Resource Library to Research Majors and Careers

No appointment is required to utilize the Career Center’s Resource Library. It contains:

- Books, periodicals, and video resources on self-assessment and career exploration; occupational information; internships and job search; interviews and job offers; graduate and professional school; career management; and specific populations
- Information guides on developing a resume, cover letters, portfolios, and much more
- Small computer lab where students can work on internship or job-related application materials

Contact Professionals in the Field

Learn from others by talking with people in your field of interest.

- Conduct informational interviews with professionals in your field of interest to learn more about their career paths
- Attend career fairs and mingle with employers seeking to hire interns and full-time job applicants
- Meet with a faculty advisor who can answer specific questions about course offerings and sequencing of classes
- Participate in internships to gain hands-on experience related to your field

Web Resources

- The Occupational Outlook Handbook (www.bls.gov/oco) is a career title dictionary. Click the “search box” and type in a job title to review details about the job duties, environment, educational requirements, salary ranges, and much more.
- O*Net (http://onetonline.org/) is an online tool for career exploration and job analysis.
- Career TV (http://careertv.com) provide students and young professionals across the world with video and social media tools for effective and successful research and career planning.

Make Plans and Take Action

- Compare each major/career with what you know about yourself (Interests, Skills, Personality & Values)
- Discuss your major/career plans with a career counselor, academic advisor and/or parents
- Officially declare your major, visit http://www.towson.edu/registrar/changingmajor.asp
Mark all of the majors below that you are currently considering.

Admission to the university does not guarantee admission to the screened majors identified below. Consult the Undergraduate Catalog for admission requirements for screened majors or contact the department directly.

Accounting Major*++
Allied Health Major
Athletic Training Major++
Art+Design Major/Minor
Art Education (K-12) Major++
Art History Major/Minor
Biology Major/Minor
Business Administration Major/Minor++#
Combined Major
Business Administration and Chemistry Major/Minor (ACS accredited degree)+
Combined Studies Major/Minor
Combined Major
Communication Studies and Political Science
Computer Science Major/Minor++
Combined Majors
Computer Science and Mathematics
Computer Science and Mathematics with Security Track
Cultural Studies Major/Minor
Dance Major (B.F.A.)*+ #
Dance Major with K-12 Certification (B.F.A.)*+ #
Deaf Studies Major
Combined Majors
Earth-Space Science Major
Elementary Education and Deaf Studies*+English Major/Minor
Environmental Science and Studies
Major/Minor (with FCSM or CLA)
Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Deaf Studies
Forensic Chemistry Major+ Information Systems
e-Business Major++
Combined Majors
e-Business and Information Systems
e-Business and Business Administration (Management)
e-Business and Business Administration (Marketing)
e-Business and Business Administration (Project Management and Business Analysis)
Early Childhood Certification*+
Early Childhood Education Major*+
Economics Major/Minor
Combined Majors
Economics and Geography
Economics and Mathematics
Economics and Political Science
Electronic Media and Film Major/Minor
Elementary Education Major++
Combined Major
Elementary Education and Deaf Studies*
Elementary Education Major with Exercise Science Major
Family and Human Services Major
Family Science Major
Family Studies Minor
Foreign Languages Major/Minor
Geography and Environmental Planning
Major/Minor
Combined Majors
Geography and Economics
Geography and History
Geography and Political Science
Geography and Sociology/Anthropology
Geography and Land Surveying Major (with Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville)
Geology Major/Minor
Gerontology Major/Minor
Health Care Management Major/Minor+
Health Science Major/Minor+
History Major/Minor
Combined Major
History and Geography
Information Systems Major/Minor*
Combined Majors
Information Systems and Business Administration
Information Systems and e-Business
Information Technology
Integrated Early Childhood Education – Special Education Major*
Integrated Elementary Education – Special Education Major*+
Interdisciplinary Studies Major
International Studies Major/Minor
Law and American Civilization Major
Mathematics Major/Minor+
Combined Majors
Mathematics and Computer Science
Mathematics and Computer Science Security Track
Mathematics and Economics
Mass Communication Major/Minor
Combined Major
Mass Communication and Political Science
Metropolitan Studies Major
Middle School Education Major
Molecular Biology, Biochemistry and Bioinformatics Major/Minor
Music Education (K-12) Major*+
Music Major*#
Music Minor
Nursing Major*+
Combined B.S. Occupation and Well-Being/M.S. Occupational Therapy Program*
Philosophy Major/Minor
Physical Education (K-12) Major*+
Physical Education/Teacher Education Major (K-12 Certification)
Physics Major/Minor
B.S. Physics/M.S. in Computer Science
Political Science Major/Minor
Combined Majors
Political Science and Economics
Political Science and Geography
Political Science and Communication Studies
Political Science and Mass Communication Psychology Major/Minor
Religious Studies Major/Minor
Secondary Education*+
Social Sciences Major
Sociology-Anthropology Major/Minor
Combined Majors
Sociology (Sociology-Anthropology) and Psychology
Sociology (Sociology-Anthropology) and Geography
Special Education Major*+
Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Major*+
Combined Major
Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Deaf Studies
Sport Management Major
Theatre Major/Minor
Women's and Gender Studies Major/Minor
B.S./M.S. Women's and Gender Studies
Dual Degree Programs
Prelaw Advising Program (with University of Baltimore)
Physics and Engineering (with University of Maryland, College Park)
Pre-Professional Preparation
Physical Therapy Preparation
Premedical/Preental
Prepharmacy
Preveterinary Medicine

For a complete listing of majors with tracks and concentrations, please visit http://wwwnew.towson.edu/main/academics/ugrad/undergraduatecatalog.asp

Key
* Screened or competitive major.
++ This program is accredited by a national association.
#Audition required
~ Community college partnership program
^ Combined Major
♦ This major can be completed 100 percent during the evening hours.