TU MAJORS RESEARCH GUIDE

Use this guide to help you along as you research different majors that interest you. The resources and activities listed below are great tools to help you not only learn more about TU majors, but also learn more about yourself and where you might fit at TU. Be sure to keep track of the information you gather so you can bring your research with you when meeting with academic advisors and career counselors.

THREE MAJORS I’D LIKE TO RESEARCH

Major #1:
Major #2:
Major #3:

WHERE TO LOOK & WHO TO ASK

• Undergraduate course catalog
• Departmental Web sites & offices
• Online career planning resources for these majors – www.towson.edu/careercenter/explore
• Books in the TU Career Center Resource Library (7800 York Road, Suite 206)
• Academic advisor in department/school, Academic Advising Center, etc.
• Faculty members who teach courses for these majors
• Current/former students with these majors

QUESTIONS TO ASK & THINGS TO DO

• Are there admission requirements for these majors? If yes, what are they? How competitive is the admission process? Tip: Ask your academic advisor about the average GPA of admitted students.
• What are the course requirements for these majors? Tip: Check department Web sites or ask your academic advisor for an up-to-date list of course requirements.
• Using the undergraduate course catalog, look up the courses for these majors. As you read the class descriptions, highlight classes you like and cross out ones you don’t like. Once you are done, make a list of any themes you see in the classes you liked and the ones you didn’t.

• What are the concentrations for these majors? Example for the EMF major: Radio/Audio, Film & Media Studies, etc.
• What skill sets do students with these majors develop through their coursework? Tip: Talk to your career counselor to brainstorm occupations that would value these skill sets and put them to use.
• Are there student groups on campus related to these majors? Tip: Check the Involved@TU online organization directory for a comprehensive list of TU student organizations.
• What are some common occupational areas that alumni of these majors pursue? What internships are available in these fields? Tip: Check out www.towson.edu/careercenter/resourcebymajor.asp and books in the Career Center Resource Library (7800 York Road, Suite 206).
• Make a list of friends/family acquaintances who might know about these majors; meet with at least one person for each major. Develop a list of questions to ask them ahead of time so you are prepared. Don’t forget to thank them!
• Visit the actual offices of each department. How did you feel when you were there? Did you feel like you “fit in”?

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