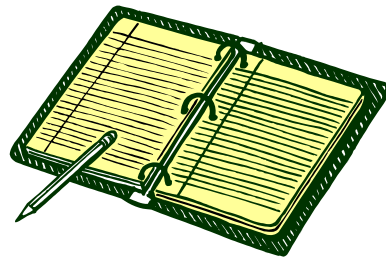


Your Major Portfolio

WHAT TO INCLUDE?

- Pick a major that you think you are interested in pursuing.
- Complete the “Picking a Major” worksheet.
- Obtain a copy of the curriculum you are interested in from your advisor
- Repeat these steps for every major that you are interested in learning more about!



Picking a Major

Major: _____

Date: _____

What is the focus of this major? What areas will you study?

Is this a major field that you will enjoy studying? Why?

Which classes do you think will be most challenging for you? Why?

Which classes do you think will be the easiest for you? Why?

Are there GPA or other requirements to be accepted into this major? List them.

Do you believe you can meet these requirements? Yes_____ No_____

Can this major be completed in four years? Yes_____ No_____

Is graduate work usually required to work in the field(s) associated with this major?

Yes_____ No_____

What skills does this major require?

What minors or other courses might complement this major?

What kinds of jobs do students with this major get?

Would I be required to relocate to find a job in this major? If yes, am I willing and able to do so?

Name three of these jobs that would be of interest to you.

Does the department this major is in provide any opportunity for internships or other experiential learning? What are they?

Are there any student organizations associated with this major? What are they?

Are there any national organizations associated with this major? What are they?

Now that you know about this major, will you keep it or continue to consider it? Why or why not?

What resources did you use to complete this worksheet?

Attach a copy of the course requirements to this packet.

**Adapted from the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire *Exploring Majors Worksheet*.*

Things to consider when picking a major...

- ⊕ Your Interests
 - Consider the following: What do you enjoy doing? Do you enjoy working outdoors or indoors? What do you *not* like doing?
- ⊕ Your Abilities
 - Look objectively at your past performances. How have others judged your past performances? Have you won any scholastic or other awards for excellence? What are your natural talents?
- ⊕ Your Values
 - Think about the values that you believe in and that guide your life. Does financial security mean the most to you? What are your political beliefs? What are your moral values? Will your values match the requirements and outcomes of a potential major or career?
- ⊕ Your Personality
 - Are you outgoing or shy? Do you seek excitement or security? Are you anxious and nervous or more laid back?
- ⊕ Your Motivations
 - Consider *why* you are interested in a particular major. Are you picking a major because it will be easy, because somebody else said you “should” do it, or because you think it could ensure a good job and high salary?
- ⊕ Realities
 - Think about the things in your life that might have a strong influence on your choice. Do you have the abilities to back up your interest in this major, and vice-versa? Can you meet the entrance requirements of this major?

