

# Major Ready – Student Worksheet

## Personal Reflection – What major is best for you?

1. What are your favorite academic subjects? What subjects are you strong in and what subjects are more challenging?

Strengths	Weaknesses

2. Think about your interests, hobbies, and past work and volunteer experience. What did you enjoy doing? Where do you feel engaged and challenged? What types of activities do you ***not*** enjoy doing?

Favorite experiences	Least favorite experiences

3. What do you see yourself doing for work in the future? Majors do not necessarily lead to specific jobs, but some jobs do require a specific academic background. Students often choose a major based on the career they hope to pursue. Do you know what education you need to succeed in the field(s) you're interested in? Where could you find this information?

Possible careers	Education needed

### **Other ideas:**

**Do you know anyone in these fields?** Do informational interviews with people who have a degree in your major or have a job you would like to have in the future.

**Attend quarterly transfer fairs and visits by college representatives.** Prepare a list of questions for them.

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## Majors You are Considering – Pros and Cons

List the majors you are considering. What do you like about each one? What are some reasons you might not want to choose it? You might want to consider the difficulty of the major, what jobs are associated with it, and how much you think you would enjoy studying it.

Major	Pros	Cons

## Undecided Students

If you are still very unclear on what direction you want your education to take you, don't worry! Many students start college uncertain of a major, or change their major several times before settling on one. Here are some resources for you:

1. **Counselors** - Career counseling and exploration are crucial services provided by our counseling department. Counselors can help you assess your interests, skills, values and personality preferences; identify barriers to decision making and goal setting; investigate the world of work; explore career transition issues; and help integrate your career goals into your educational planning process. Call 206-934-6409 for an appointment.
2. **Undecided Student Workshops** – Our counselors offer workshops to introduce you to the steps in the career and education decision-making process. To enroll in one of these workshops, go here: <http://tinyurl.com/undecidedSSC> or call 206-934-6409 to sign up.
3. **HDC 100: Career Planning** - This two credit course is designed to provide an *introduction to a systematic approach to help the individual gain a better understanding of self, relating to occupational interests and goals. Includes testing and discussions of values, interests and skills.* Instructor permission is required. Please call (206) 934-6409 to schedule an appointment to meet with the instructor.
4. **WorkSource** – The career center here at South, Worksource can help you find information about careers you're interested in as well as internships and job shadowing opportunities.
5. <http://www.wois.org/> Use **WOIS - The Career Information System** to explore careers, create goals for your future, make educational plans to reach your goals, and find the training programs and the right schools to help you achieve your dreams.

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## Other Practical Considerations

1. Do many universities (including ones where you might transfer) offer this major?
2. Is it competitive to enter? Is there a minimum GPA for this major? Is admission to the major competitive?
3. What are the pre-requisite courses for this major?

Major	Universities offering this major	Minimum GPA & Competitive GPA	Prerequisite Courses

## Have you made a decision?

Top choice major:

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Back-up Major/s (in case you are not accepted into your top choice):

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## Next Steps

1. Run your Degree Audit to see what requirements you still need to finish your transfer degree.
2. Meet with an Advisor to create an Education Plan so you know exactly which classes to take each quarter and stay on track to transfer.
3. Keep track of College/University application deadlines/timelines and give yourself plenty of time to work on your applications.
4. Keep track of Financial Aid deadlines (separate from the college/university application).