Choosing Your Major

A major is a field of academic inquiry; a subject considered in depth. Choosing your major can be a daunting experience. As you consider your choice, we hope the following may be helpful.

Choose a Major of Interest to You

Combining your interests, skills and abilities leads to success in a major. Students often look at majors with job possibilities in mind. Choice based on personal curiosity - a focus of interest that compels you - works best. If the major does not fulfill in this manner, changing your major or career will likely happen. Seek career counseling to explore interests and options. Enroll in possible major courses or their requirements.

Economic Security

A four-year degree is often viewed as a way to economic gain. Trying to choose a major on the basis of current job opportunities can be mistake. The possibility of being both dissatisfied plus our changing, fast-paced society can result in dissatisfaction. Choosing a major and career path that reflects you is a better choice.

Explore

Read and digest information on majors, admission and graduation requirements. Discuss details with advisors or counselors. Attend information session. Consider taking the Myers-Briggs Testing Instrument or Strong Interest tests offered through a counselor at SSCC. Access the Washington Occupational Information System, WOIS. This site offers career, educational and training programs in Washington. Experience internships or related involvement for an intended major.

 Majors vs. Careers

College prepares students for careers – with numerous possibilities. Most majors offer flexibility and launch graduates into various positions and fields. Technical fields are filled with math, biochemistry, geology, physics or math majors. Employment and promotion relates to quality, which relates to personal job satisfaction. Fulfilling careers blend personal interests and position requirements with your personality and work environment. Be aware of further training requirements. Many professions require education beyond a Bachelor degree. Look into this possibility and plan accordingly.

Real-life Outcomes

In college, various subjects are studied. Skills develop to define questions, explore possibilities, and communicate findings. These outcomes apply to every aspect of life and accessible within any major. Change and continuing knowledge expansion is the future. As today’s college students’ careers will likely expand and diversify, remaining flexible, viable and employable is necessary. Learning how to learn is vital.