

## What's Your Major?

**Major:** a collection of courses that consists of core classes as well as specialized classes that are specific to a particular field of study, which comprise 30-50% of your coursework.

**Minor:** is secondary area of study: it is not required, but it can supplement or complement your major.

### How to choose your major:

Think about the courses that you enjoy the most and in which you excel. If you chose a major that incorporates the courses you enjoy, the activities in which you excel, and some things you enjoy doing in your spare time, your chances of success in your major, and ultimately your career, will skyrocket!

### How many hours are you taking?

Typically, you will take between 12 and 18 credit hours per semester. If you're taking 12 hours or more, you are considered a full time student. Taking anything less than 12 hours will mean you're a part time student. You might need a certain number of credit hours per semester for financial aid and/or scholarships.

How many hours you're taking each semester equals how many hours per week you are scheduled to be in class. However; you will need to consider the studying needed for each class, typically 2-3 hours per credit hour you're taking. For a course load of 12 hours, you'll need to study at least 24-36 hours a week.

### Want to change your major?:

Follow the correct steps to change your major. The process varies by university/college. Stop by your college academic advisor's office. It's OK to change your major, and many students do more than once (the average is 3-5 times)

### What's your degree?

There are several degrees you could pursue: Technical certificate, Associate Degree, Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, and Doctoral Degree.

### What will your career be?

You will spend at least 2-4 years of your life working on a degree. How will you translate what you've learned and the skills you've developed in your future job and, ultimately, your career?

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Who do you go to if you are changing your major?

- a) Financial Aid Advisor
- b) Academic Advisor
- c) Dean of Students

How many hours are you required to take in order to be considered a full time student?

- a) 10
- b) 5
- c) 12

How many hours should you study per credit hour you're taking?

- a) 2-3
- b) 1-2
- c) 8-10

What do you do in school and outside of school that you enjoy (clubs, activities, interest, etc.)?

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What subjects do you enjoy?

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What do you like to do in your spare time?

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*Match to the correct definition*

Minor

Major

Full time

Core Courses

A) 12 or more class hours

B) Classes that undergraduate students are required to take

C) A collection of courses that consists of core classes plus classes that are specific to your major

D) Is secondary area of study

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