



Choosing Your Major

This is a process that all students have to go through, but it doesn't necessarily have to be done right away. We encourage students to engage, explore, and ask questions. Choosing your major can go smoothly if you use your time wisely and take advantage of the resources and assistance Crown College/Career Services provides*.



The following are some key elements in this decision-making process:

- **Self assessment** of interests, values, skills, personality, and preferences (e.g. [Career Key](#)).
- **Exploration** of different majors and what you can do with a particular major.
 - “[What can I do with this major?](#)” This is a very useful site.
 - Visit the U.S. Department of Labor/Bureau of Labor Statistics’ [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#), as well as [O*NET Online](#), [College.gov](#), and [CareerOneStop](#), to conduct research on occupations.
- **Speak** with others: one’s academic advisor, Crown College faculty and staff, family and friends, alumni, and individuals in the work force (which includes conducting an [informational interview](#) or [job shadow](#)). Contact Career Services, speak with staff, and/or set up an appointment.
- **Become familiar** with the [Crown College academic catalog](#).
- **Other steps** might include: registering for an exploratory internship as a first or second year student; attend a workshop or online project that focuses on how to choose a major, discovering one’s talents and career vocation/calling.
- Also, below are some additional links that might be helpful:
 - <http://www.careerkey.org/education-options/what-is-a-college-major.html>
 - http://www.quintcareers.com/college_major_worksheet.html
 - <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/articles/2011/09/19/5-ways-to-pick-the-right-college-major>
 - http://www.morris.umn.edu/services/career/career_planning/major.php
(credit: University of Minnesota Morris)

*In closing, please contact Career Services if you would like to schedule an appointment with the director, Darren Noble. Also, we invite you to contact the office if you ever have any questions or concerns:

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