

To accomplish my goals at Carolina I need to...

choose the best major for me.

TIPS:

- SOMETHING YOU LOVE + SOMETHING YOU DO WELL IN = YOUR MAJOR
- Your major has to be both something you are genuinely interested in and something you perform well in.
- If you are not sure what to major in or if you have to change your major, try making an appointment with Academic Advising and University Career Services. These resources can help you think about your interests, what you do well in and what major may work best for you.
- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average person will hold over 10 jobs during the course of their career. Other statistics show that 80% of college grads work in a field unrelated to their major.
 - For most students, picking a college major is not the same as picking a career. If you specialize in something like nursing, accounting or engineering, you're learning a specific trade and will likely continue with that. Most majors, however, prepare you for a range of careers that you can be trained to handle once you graduate.

College of Arts and Science Majors

- College of Arts and Science majors provide general knowledge in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences. College of Arts and Science majors are not career-specific but rather, academic and career-oriented because you are trained to be versatile in most fields. The core skills for College of Arts and Science majors are critical thinking, reading, writing, communication, interpersonal, research, and cultural competency.

Professional School Majors

- Professional school majors are designed to educate and train individuals in concentrated areas of work or occupations. Professional-school majors lend themselves for understanding context and line of work. For some professional areas (i.e., Nursing) you need to major in this discipline to work in the field. In other professional areas (i.e., Business) you are not required to have a major in a professional school to work in related field.

Think About the Skills You Want to Acquire

- Transferable skills are skills that are learned in one area that can be utilized in other areas. Studies in the Liberal Arts provide a solid foundation in critical thinking, reading, writing, communication, interpersonal skills, research, and cultural competency. So when deciding on your Major, understand that you will learn and acquire proficiency in both your field-of-study and transferable skills.

The top 5 personal qualities/skills employers seek of prospective employees:

1. Communication skills
2. Strong work ethic
3. Teamwork skills
4. Initiative
5. Interpersonal skills

As identified by The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE, 2009).