

Exploring Majors Checklist

- Take an introductory class in the major. Use the Course Guide and/or Class Schedule to look for introductory classes. Think of this as a sample; you get to taste test without having to order the whole meal.
- Get a print version of the Undergraduate Catalog from one of the campus bookstores and highlight interesting classes in the back (Course Descriptions). Compare your choices with the major requirements that appear in the Colleges and Degree Programs section.
- Talk with your college adviser.
- Talk with an adviser from a department that interests you.
- Enroll in ID 1201: Major and Career Exploration, where you'll get a chance to earn credit while learning more about yourself and what majors might be the best fit for you.
- Participate in an engagement activity relevant to your potential major interest to help confirm that you understand and enjoy the nature of the subject and its environment in real world situations. Ideas include volunteering, shadowing a professional, completing an internship, or conducting research.
- Look in the Class Schedule to identify interesting classes that are offered this term. Contact the instructor to see whether you could observe the class for one class period.
- Visit the Career and Community Learning Center's (CCLC) Resource Room to page through their "What Can I Do With a Major In" binders. They have everything from Acting to Urban Studies! The CCLC has many other books about different kinds of majors (even majors outside of CLA). The CCLC website is also jam-packed with helpful information about majors.
- Attend the CLA Student Board's "More Than a Major" Fair which is held each spring semester.
- Go to the bookstore and look at the textbooks that are used by students in that major. Could you imagine yourself being excited about reading these books? Would you want to study this type of material for a semester or multiple semesters? Can you imagine yourself being able to pass a test on this material?
- Attend the "Exploring Interests and Majors" event which is held each spring semester.
- Talk to students who have chosen the major to see what they like or don't like about the major. Major advisers can sometimes connect you with students who love the major.
- Attend open houses, info sessions and other events sponsored by departments, advising offices and the CCLC that allow you to learn more about particular majors.