Have You Decided . . .

On a Major?

Deciding on an academic major can be difficult. So start early by using these simple steps:

- Speak with professors in your academic area(s) of interest.
- Visit with your Academic Advisor and talk about degree plans and course requirements in your area(s) of interest.
- Use DISCOVER, a computer-based career exploration program, to assess your work-related interests, abilities, and values, and to identify possible academic majors and/or career options. DISCOVER can also help you learn about occupations, develop a resume, and create a career plan. To access DISCOVER, go to any of the following web sites and select the DISCOVER icon to begin. utep.edu/counsel, utep.edu/careers, utep.edu/advising
- Use the online resources listed on the back of this page to learn more about specific academic majors and careers.
- Stop by the University Counseling Center and ask to speak with one of their professional counselors. The counselor can suggest several options to help clarify your academic and occupational goals.
- Attend a career exploration program at the University Counseling Center. Call the Counseling Center for dates and times.
- Connect with one of the many professional student organizations on campus. Attend a meeting and talk to the members about their academic majors and career goals. The Student Development Center has a complete list of student organizations.
- Make an appointment with Career Services to learn what you can do to prepare for employment.
- Attend one of the job fairs sponsored by the Career Services Department before you’re ready to get a job. Use this opportunity to interview employers about the jobs they offer, the educational requirements for those jobs, and the job outlook within those fields.
- Attend the Academic Advising Center’s and University Counseling Center’s joint “Academic Majors and Career Fair” in the spring semester.
- Volunteer at an organization or business related to your career interests. The Career Services Department and PRAXIS (Vowell Hall Room 312 - 747-5326) have lists of agencies looking for volunteers.
- Contact professionals in the community and ask to interview them about their jobs. Also ask about opportunities to “shadow” them at work.
Researching Careers and Majors

- **The Occupational Outlook Handbook**
  - [http://stats.bls.gov/oco/home.htm](http://stats.bls.gov/oco/home.htm)

- **What can I do with a major in ...?**
  - [http://www.careers.siue.edu/majors/majors/default.html](http://www.careers.siue.edu/majors/majors/default.html)

- **Occupational Information Network (O*NET)**
  - [http://online.onetcenter.org/](http://online.onetcenter.org/)

- **Wetfeet**

- **Major Resource Kit**
  - [http://www.udel.edu/csc/mrk.html](http://www.udel.edu/csc/mrk.html)

- **Match Majors to Occupations**
  - [http://www.career.colostate.edu/majors/default.html](http://www.career.colostate.edu/majors/default.html)

- **The Riley Guide**
  - [http://www.rileyguide.com](http://www.rileyguide.com)

- **What is Graduate School All About?**
  - [http://www2.jobtrak.com/help_manuals/gradschool/](http://www2.jobtrak.com/help_manuals/gradschool/)

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**Resources**

- **UTEP Academic Advising Center**
  - [www.utep.edu/advising](http://www.utep.edu/advising)

- **UTEP Career Services**
  - [www.utep.edu/careers](http://www.utep.edu/careers)

- **UTEP University Counseling Center**
  - [www.utep.edu/counsel](http://www.utep.edu/counsel)

- **UTEP Student Development Center**
  - **(Student Organizations)**
    - [http://studentaffairs.utep.edu/sdc](http://studentaffairs.utep.edu/sdc)

- **UTEP Majors**
  - [http://www.utep.edu/catalogs/2006/undergraduate.htm](http://www.utep.edu/catalogs/2006/undergraduate.htm)

- **UTEP PRAXIS**
  - **(Volunteer Opportunities)**
    - [http://www.utep.edu/praxis/](http://www.utep.edu/praxis/)

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