

EXPLORATION QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN EXPLORING MAJORS

- Ask about some of the content of courses that make up this major. Evaluate the level of interest you might have in the course content.
- How flexible is the curriculum? Will I be able to take courses in other disciplines?
- What opportunities exist for outside experiences such as internships, field experiences, independent study, study abroad, etc.?
- What skills and competencies can I expect to acquire in this major?
- What kinds of career fields do graduates in this major typically enter?
- What types of expectations do the faculty in this area have for students?
- How do my interests compare with those of other students in this major?
- How does the level of difficulty compare with my own abilities and commitment to hard work?

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Career Services

The Major Dilemma

*Moving from your
undecided status*



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Undecided?

Ever feel like you are the only one
"unattached to a field of study"?

Sometimes it's as though you have no
identity!

Well, take heart.

You are not the only one with this problem. In fact, research shows that being undecided about educational and career goals is a common problem of college students.

Some sources indicate that nearly half of the students that start college nationwide change their major at least once. Some students make numerous changes. Often, however, that research is of little consolation to the student "unattached" to a field of study.

So what can you do?

Begin with a positive attitude.

College is a great time of discovery and most students - decided or undecided - have much to learn and discover about their values, skills, goals, interests, and personality. If you want to make a wise choice regarding a future career path, knowing your strengths, weaknesses, and preferences is fundamental.

Career Services offers a number of strategies to assist you in this process including our new computer-assisted guidance program, [FOCUS](#). In addition to learning your various attributes and competencies, FOCUS also will guide you in exploring and analyzing compatible occupational paths. Other inventories and personal counseling are available too, so be sure to make an appointment with a counselor to talk over your career plans.

Research majors at LVC.

Follow this step by step guide to finding out what LVC has to offer through its academic programs:

- Consult the college catalog and or visit academic department web pages. Read the program descriptions of the major. Note the types of courses under each major with the program requirements.

- Find a student that majors in an area of potential interest and talk with him/her about the program.
- Sit in on one of the introductory courses of a major and talk with some of the students in the class.
- Make an appointment with a faculty member in the department you are considering. When making the appointment, explain the purpose of your meeting.
- Use the exploration questions that follow on the back side of this pamphlet as a guide for your appointment.

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