How to Choose a College Major

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The Reality of This…

- 50% of students are undecided
- Up to 80% of students change their major once, sometimes up to 3 times
- 85% of the jobs that will exist in 2030 have not been invented yet *(IFTF.org)*

Jobs that existed 12 years ago but are now gone or disappearing	*Jobs that weren't around 12 years ago but here today*	*Jobs we can only image being around 12 years from now*
Meter Reader Switch Board Operator TV/VCR Repairman	Blockchain Engineer Mobile App Developer Sustainability Manager	Quantum Programmer Climate Change Scientist Rocket Design Architects
Electronics Assemblers	Cloud Computing Specialist	Spacecraft Pilots
Assembly Line Workers	AI/Big Data Analyst	Autonomous Vehicle Designers
Video Store Manager/Clerks	Autonomous Vehicle Designer	Blockchain Crypto Specialist
Dictaphone Operators Film Projectionist	VDC-BIM Consultant YouTube Content Creator	Cultured Meat Farmers Hazardous Waste Engineers

https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/85-jobs-exist-2030-havent-been-invented-yet-leo-salemi/ (2018)

Where do I start?

- Evaluate interests
- Examine strengths and weaknesses
  - Ask trusted friends and family to identify skills/strengths they see in you.
- Explore your "passion"
- Do your homework
  - Current trends
- Set goals and plan your future
  - Be open to varying opportunities

Evaluate Interests

- School
  - Core subjects
  - Likes and dislikes
- Activities/Hobbies
- Work and volunteerism
- Areas of interest

Strengths and Weaknesses

- Career Assessment
  - Skills, personality, interests
  - Tools available

- Weaknesses
  - Academic
  - Personality

- Strengths
  - Academic
  - Personality

Explore your Passion

- What do you value?
  - Status/Financial Success?
    - Salary
  - Relationship Building?
    - "I like to work with People"
  - Service/Sustainability
    - Environment
    - Agriculture
    - Economic
  - Work-Life Balance

- Outcomes
  - Nursing/Health Professions
    - SJF Nursing Program – 100% job placement rate
  - New Jobs in High Demand
    - Cybersecurity
    - Data Analytics
  - Education

Do your homework

- Bureau of Labor Statistics
  - www.bls.gov/emp/
- Occupation Outlook Handbook
  - www.bls.gov/ooh/
- O*Net OnLine
    - www.onetonline.org, https://onetinterestprofiler.org
- https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/career-search/career-quiz
- College Career Centers

Goals and Planning

- Set goals
  - Short term and long term

- Educational opportunities
  - College choices
  - Liberal arts
  - Trades

- Make a plan for success and be flexible

Questions?!

