



# A COLLEGE MAJOR

You can prepare for a successful college experience by aligning your talents, goals and interests with thoughtful consideration of majors and career prospects.

## 1. Consider your interests.

Identify academic interests and areas of interest, including electives and minors.

Use the [SMU Career Interest Inventory](#) to help you identify your interests and career options.

## 2. Consider your abilities.

Evaluate your abilities and aptitudes, including strengths and weaknesses. Take the [SMU Career Ability Assessment](#) to help you identify your strengths and weaknesses.

Consider your academic background, including test scores, GPA, and other academic achievements.

## 3. It's OK to change.

Keep in mind that it's okay to change your major, as long as it's acceptable to your advisor. Discuss your options with your advisor and make a decision based on your interests and abilities.

Take advantage of the [SMU Career Center](#) to help you explore your options and make a decision.

## 4. Take advantage of your resources.

Explore the [SMU Career Center](#) website, including the [SMU Career Assessment](#), to help you identify your interests and abilities.

Reach out to your advisor and other resources, including the [SMU Career Center](#), to help you explore your options and make a decision.

## 5. Your advisor is your best friend.

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