

What is it going to take to earn your degree?

Activity # 3

You need adequate information about what a college has to offer, and you need to know the requirements for your program of study. Reading the course catalog is a start. It is important to do research, the new information will help you make an informed and realistic decision.

The questions below should be considered when you evaluate a major. Departmental handouts for prospective majors available through departmental offices and on line should be the most help with any questions that are not answered in the course catalog. Talking to an advisor at your college is also a great resource.

Name of major _____

College of choice _____

1. Are there any preparatory courses required in high school? Yes no
If yes list the courses.
2. Find the general education requirements for your college. Print them off.
Use a highlighter to mark any courses you have completed for dual credit.
Use a different color to mark the classes you would like to take to fulfill your general education requirement. If you are planning on attending a junior college, also print their requirements for graduation.
3. Find the Department of the college where you will learn about the required classes to earn your degree. Run off the required course list. Also run off information that tell you what you will need to have a minor to go along with your major.
4. What's the minimum grade point average for acceptance into your major?
5. How many courses/credits in your major are required? _____

6. How can you tell if a required course has a prerequisite? Give an example.
7. Are there GPA requirements and tests that must be met during the college years for your major? What are they?
8. How much freedom is there for elective courses, for flexibility and creativity, and individual projects? Explain your answer.