

Choosing a Major: Decision Making Table

Some Considerations:	Department A	Department B	Department C
Appeal of area of study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will you enjoy this Major for its own intrinsic value? 			
Level of challenge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you think you can perform well in this field? Is your motivation strong enough to enable you to succeed in this Major? Are you choosing this Major because it is easy? Because it is hard? 			
Department characteristics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How big is the department? How do you relate to other students in this Major? Are the faculty accessible? Do you seek them out for informal discussions and other interactions? Are there activities in the department that bring students together? Are there activities that bring students and faculty together? 			
Courses within your Major <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will this Major help you acquire prerequisites needed for graduate studies you may be considering? How many credits does this Major require? Do you wish to focus largely on one department, or do you want flexibility to study in other departments as well? 			
UROPs /internship programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are there opportunities for you to get experience in your Major that will help prepare you for your potential career? 			
Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What kinds of skills will you be developing in this Major? 			
Family, peers, outside influences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How are outside pressures from family, peers and the job market influencing your decision? 			
What else do you need to know to make a better decision?			

Weigh the above factors to indicate which are most important to you.