



Make the
Connection...

to a **Major.**

CAREER SERVICES

ARE YOU HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY IN CHOOSING A MAJOR?

You're not alone—many people aren't sure of what they want to do for a career. Here are some activities to help get you started on your lifelong career journey.

Visit Career Services at Kettler 109.

Here you can see a career counselor; take various career assessments to see which careers or majors fit you best; use the computer program FOCUS to assess your interests, skills, and values, and research educational and occupational information; and use the Career Services library to research occupations and educational options.

Attend the annual Majors Fair in the fall semester.

The Majors Fair provides the perfect venue for students to explore IPFW degree programs, talk with department representatives, and find out which careers you can pursue with a particular major.

Take a class to help you make career decisions.

EDUC X210 is a two-credit hour, 16-week course taught in the spring and fall that focuses on in-depth self assessment, occupational exploration, career decision making, and job search strategies.

Get experience in the major or career field by taking a class in that major, joining a related student organization, doing volunteer or paid work, or shadowing someone.

Internships, cooperative education (co-ops), volunteer work

Explore career information on the Internet. Some helpful career WWW addresses are listed on the back of this sheet.

Conduct an informational interview to find out if a career is a good match for you.

Ask someone in the field that interests you about their job.

Some sample questions might be:

What is a typical day?

What degree/qualifications is/are needed to enter this field?

What do you like most/least about your job?

What is the range for the entry-level salary in this field?



Career Exploration Web Sites

Disclaimer:

We advise you to be critical of the information that you find on these or any other web sites and encourage you to make an appointment with a career counselor if you have any questions. Career Services does not take responsibility for the information contained on these web sites, nor any address changes.

EDUCATION AND CAREER INFORMATION FOR INDIANA AND THE WORLD

www.learnmoreindiana.org

Indiana-specific career and college information, including the fastest growing Indiana occupations, sample career profile, career and work information, educations and training information

<http://www.learnmoreindiana.org/careers/exploring/Pages/InDepthCareerInterestInventory.aspx>

In-depth career interest inventory

<http://www.learnmoreindiana.org/careers/exploring/InterestInventories/Pages/InterestInventories.aspx>

Career Interest Checklist

MATCHING MAJORS WITH JOBS

www.ipfw.edu/career/students/exploring/major.shtml

Major-related career information

<http://www.bsue.edu/students/careers/quest/>

Survey of interests that links to careers and occupational information

www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/index.htm

Connects majors to occupations

CAREER INFORMATION

www.bls.gov/oco/

Occupational Outlook Handbook—one of the most up-to-date, comprehensive compilations of occupational information, job outlooks, and training and salary information

www.careeronestop.org

Job listings, resume information, career resources, and skills section

www.careerjournal.com

Wall Street Journal's report on career paths, salary information, job hunting, success at work, and global careers

<http://online.onetcenter.org>

Skills list and linking majors to occupations through the O*Net database

www.jobhuntersbible.com

Skills, occupational, and job-hunting information

www.petersons.com

Career choice process, college search, distance learning, studying abroad, careers, and jobs

www.princetonreview.com/cte/

Links from majors to occupations, getting into college/law school, occupational information

www.jobweb.com

Career development checklist, career planning, internship timelines, and job search information



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