# Questions To Ask When Exploring Majors

## General
- Why should I consider this major?
- What is expected of students entering this major (skills, time commitment, attitude)?
- What Gen Ed or other introductory courses do you offer that will help me explore this major?
- What type of coursework and projects (essays, papers, group projects, research, assignments) can I expect in the courses for this field?
- What skills will I gain as a result of being in this major?
- I am a creative person. Is there a major in your School where I could utilize my creativity?
- What minors does this School offer? What minors do students in this School typically pursue?
- What is the next step after I declare this major?

## Career
- What kinds of careers have alumni pursued with this major?
- What might be some unexpected careers?
- How does this major help prepare students for the obvious careers (e.g. CSCI for computer programming)?
- And the not-so-obvious ones (e.g. Physics for lawyer, history for business manager)?
- Is graduate study/professional school required or suggested to pursue career fields with this major?
- How can I get in contact with current students or CofC alumni to talk about their experiences in the major or real-world success with this major after graduation?

## Advising
What are the School’s/major department’s advising procedures:
- Who are the advisors (professors or professional advisors)?
- Are students advised individually or in groups?
- When are students expected to meet with their advisors?
- How available will s/he be to answer my questions and provide guidance?

## Opportunities
What special opportunities does this department offer to their majors:
- Scholarships?
- Internships? If so, is it required? What level of assistance will I have in finding one?
- Clubs/Organizations and/or student associations?
- What other opportunities exist for leadership or involvement in the department?

## How To Declare Your Major
- Confirm your decision with your Academic Advisor or a Career Counselor
- For detailed instructions, go to: [http://registrar.cofc.edu/posm/index.php](http://registrar.cofc.edu/posm/index.php)
- Log-on to MyCharleston
- Go to “Academic Services” Tab