

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>
- ✓ Log-on to MyCharleston
- ✓ Go to "Academic Services" Tab