

Exploratory Student Checklist

Because the path from a major to a career is rarely a straight line.

As you begin your journey to find the right degree program, here are some considerations to keep in mind while you explore this important decision.

1 Think about who you are and who you want to become

Take a self-assessment to help identify interests, strengths, and values. Use this information to help you decide the industries and types of jobs in which you could excel. Start by speaking with a World Campus career counselor through [Career Services](#).



2 Look at majors offered on the Penn State Bulletin

Read the overview to learn about the major.

Read over the course descriptions listed for the major to get a sense of the degree focus.

3 Eliminate majors that do not interest you

Focus on exploring degrees that align with your interests.

4 Talk to people who have a job that aligns with your interests

You'll get a better idea of what day-to-day life in the field can look like. You can also learn about what to expect and how to prepare. Consider setting up [informational interviews](#).



5 Speak with Academic Advising

Once you've completed these steps, speak with an academic adviser to bring everything together. An adviser can help you navigate the information you've collected and discuss the best options available to you.

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