

Choosing a Major

NOT SURE YET? NO WORRIES!

- If you're not sure what you'd like to do, work on your Basics and you may just stumble onto something that you love.
- Figure out what is driving your choice: family, desire to make money, interest in making a difference, "I've always wanted to...", etc. Then decide what your priorities are.
- You have flexibility – you can change your mind!

Ways to Explore

- "Interview" different faculty members. Find out why they love that field of study. Ask them how they got drawn in. Ask about what graduates from that major are doing now.
- Go backwards. Pick a job or profession and see what kind of degree(s) they recommend having.
 - Visit the Student Success Center's Career Center, where we have a number of tools and surveys specifically designed to help you determine what your interests are.
- Talk with upper-class students in a variety of majors.
- Talk with an alum in a field of interest. Murray State College has an extensive Alumni/ Career Network, and the Student Success Center is working to develop avenues through which you can reach out to that network to explore professional opportunities.
 - See an SSC staff member for more information.
- Go online and explore majors, jobs, skills, and careers:
 - <http://www.mymajors.com/>
 - <http://content.monstertrak.monster.com/tools/careerconverter/>
 - <http://online.onetcenter.org/>

The Process for Declaring

- Once you are ready to declare a major, you can get a Declaration/Change of Form from either the Registrar's Office or the Registrar's webpage. Fill out the form and turn it in to the appropriate department(s).
- OR Speak with your advisor in-person, and they can help you through the process.
- Get to know your advisor really well – they're a great resource for you in getting the most out of your major choice.

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