

## Strategies for Choosing a Major at UCF: Career Planning Begins Now

Choosing a major is a major decision in life. These tips can help you in exploring career options that fit your interests and goals even if you are already declared. You should use a combination of **ALL** of the Strategies listed below. The following order is suggested, but you do not have to go in order. After you have completed a few of these steps, please set-up an appointment with your **Academic Advisor** or a **Career Services Counselor** to discuss your next move.

Major Exploration Questions	Websites	Completed
<b>Where do I begin?</b>		
<b>Take the MyPlan Assessment</b> ✓ Create an account, use the UCF group license code found at <a href="http://career.ucf.edu/students/discover-your-interests-and-ucf-majors/#myplan">http://career.ucf.edu/students/discover-your-interests-and-ucf-majors/#myplan</a> ✓ Take four FREE assessments to determine how your values, interests, personality and skills match with certain majors and careers.	<a href="http://ucf.myplan.com/">http://ucf.myplan.com/</a>	
<b>Choices Planner</b> ✓ To access this site click: "Students, Adults and Postsecondary Sign In" → "Jump in Access" → "Choices Planner" → "Interest Profiler" → "Start Answering Questions"	<a href="https://access.bridges.com/auth/login.do?sponsor=7">https://access.bridges.com/auth/login.do?sponsor=7</a>	
<b>Review the Undergraduate Catalog</b> ✓ Cross out the majors of disinterest. ✓ Make a chart of the pros and cons of each major of interest. ✓ Make a list of the group of majors that you would feel potentially rewarded by then see your academic advisor or a career counselor.	<a href="http://catalog.ucf.edu/">http://catalog.ucf.edu/</a>	
<b>What can I do with my UCF major?</b> ✓ Review what careers you may be able to pursue with a specific major	The Link to <i>What Can I do with this Major.com</i> can be accessed through the UCF Career Services website here - <a href="https://career.ucf.edu/students/discover-your-interests-and-ucf-majors/">https://career.ucf.edu/students/discover-your-interests-and-ucf-majors/</a>	
<b>What should I do next?</b>		
<b>Register for a 3-credit exploration course at UCF</b> ✓ MHS 2330 (Career Planning): will assist you with career planning by assessing skills, values, interests and personality, making informed career and major decisions, learning about the job market, developing a resume, learning effective interview skills. ✓ MHS 2330 (COMPASS Career Planning) explore different majors/careers in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) through job shadowing, guest speakers, research opportunities, etc. ✓ SLS 1501 (Strategies for Success): A course designed to assist students in achieving the following goals: Adjusting to the UCF, developing effective college level study skills, refining interpersonal skills, exploring major and career opportunities, and becoming familiar with college success resources.	<a href="http://career.ucf.edu/students/discover-your-interests-and-ucf-majors/">http://career.ucf.edu/students/discover-your-interests-and-ucf-majors/</a>  <a href="https://compass.ucf.edu/mhs-2330-2/">https://compass.ucf.edu/mhs-2330-2/</a>  <a href="http://fye.sdes.ucf.edu/sls">http://fye.sdes.ucf.edu/sls</a>	

<b>UCF / Lockheed Martin Work Experience Program</b> ✓ Work for one of the most renowned companies in the world and gain relevant work experience in numerous different job fields like human resources, accounting, finance, engineering, statistics, etc.	<a href="http://career.ucf.edu/lockheed-martin">http://career.ucf.edu/lockheed-martin</a>	
<b>Sign up for Handshake</b> ✓ Connect with professionals/alumni, create a resume, search job openings and much more.	<a href="https://csel.ucf.edu/">https://csel.ucf.edu/</a>	
<b>Occupational Outlook Handbook</b> ✓ Find out interesting statistics like the amount of jobs that are projected to be available in your field of interest when you graduate. ✓ Make a chart of the pros and cons of each career of interest.	<a href="http://www.bls.gov/ooh/">http://www.bls.gov/ooh/</a>	
<b>O*NET // Search for majors/careers by:</b> ✓ Industry, Career cluster, Education/training required (Job Zone), etc. ✓ Abilities, Interest, Knowledge, Skills, etc. ✓ Specialty groups like STEM careers or “Green Economy” careers.	<a href="http://www.onetonline.org/">http://www.onetonline.org/</a>	
<b>Who should I talk to?</b>		
<b>Schedule an appointment with your Academic Advisor</b> ✓ Call 407-823-3789 or go to Trevor Colbourn Hall, 133 ✓ Discuss your major/career search checklist, and learn about other academic resources.	<a href="http://fyae.sdes.ucf.edu/">http://fyae.sdes.ucf.edu/</a>	
<b>Schedule an appointment with a Career Counselor</b> ✓ Call 407-823-2361 or go to the Career Services Building (CSEL) on Memory Mall. ✓ Discuss your career plans, interview skills, resume/cover letter formats, etc.	<a href="http://career.ucf.edu/">http://career.ucf.edu/</a>	
<b>Informational Interviews</b> ✓ Communicate and network with professionals/alumni in your field(s) of interest to gain insight on whether it is a good fit for you.	<a href="http://career.ucf.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2017/08/Informational-Interview-NEW.pdf">http://career.ucf.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2017/08/Informational-Interview-NEW.pdf</a>	
<b>How do I declare a major?</b>		
<b>Please set up an appointment with your first year advisor BEFORE you change OR declare a major.</b> ✓ Complete the major change on MyUCF.	<a href="https://fyae.sdes.ucf.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/36/2018/06/declaremajorminor1.pdf">https://fyae.sdes.ucf.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/36/2018/06/declaremajorminor1.pdf</a> <a href="https://youtu.be/soEMKn1EVNI">https://youtu.be/soEMKn1EVNI</a>	
<b>Where can I find additional resources?</b>		
<b>The Major Exploration Program Website</b> ✓ Find out about great Workshops/Activities that will help you on your major/career exploration journey.	<a href="http://mep.sdes.ucf.edu/">http://mep.sdes.ucf.edu/</a>	
<b>Get involved on campus</b> ✓ Contact the Office of Student Involvement (OSI) to see how you can get involved on campus and maybe even figure out your major/career through this experience.	<a href="http://osi.ucf.edu/">http://osi.ucf.edu/</a>	
<b>Career Services – Additional resources</b> ✓ Review additional online resources	<a href="https://career.ucf.edu/resources/">https://career.ucf.edu/resources/</a> <a href="https://career.ucf.edu/students/">https://career.ucf.edu/students/</a>	