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1. My Major Will Determine My Career

False: While certain majors such as education, computer science, nursing, and accounting prepare students for specific career paths, your Moravian College major provides background and skills that are transferable to many career fields. *The major predictor of career path lies more in the chosen experiences (internships, volunteer, externships, research, etc.) that are gained during college.* Regardless of major, career opportunities are available.

2. I Can Ensure Employment After Graduation by Choosing a Major in a “High Demand” Field

False: The job market moves in cycles. Jobs that are considered “hot” right now may not be when you graduate. Focus on building and developing skills that will make you competitive for the changing job market.

3. It’s a Good Idea to Focus on My General Education Courses First and Decide on a Major Later

False: General education requirements can vary greatly from major to major. So, it is essential that you begin to explore majors as early as possible in your college career. Work closely with your faculty advisor each semester to choose courses. Remember that any delay in choosing/changing a major may extend your graduation date beyond four years, especially in majors that have a very structured course sequence.

4. The Best Way to Find a Major is to Take Courses in Different Areas Until I Find One That Really Interests Me

False: Exploring majors by sampling courses and eliminating potential majors one course at a time is both time-consuming and expensive. You can learn a lot about majors by reviewing course descriptions and program requirements, talking with faculty and students in various majors, and participating in student organizations related to your major of interest.

- 1 Problem-solving skills
- 2 Ability to work in a team
- 3 Communication skills (written)
- 4 Leadership
- 5 Strong work ethic
- 6 Analytical/quantitative skills
- 7 Communication skills (verbal)
- 8 Initiative
- 9 Detail-oriented
- 10 Flexibility/adaptability

According to National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), 2018





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Having a greater understanding of specific majors and careers will help you narrow down your options and make informed



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With knowledge of both potential majors and careers, you are ready to evaluate your options and make a decision.

A Prioritize your options

Weigh the advantages and disadvantages of each option based on your research. Be sure to keep in mind your own interests, values and motivated skills.

B Talk with someone

Speak with a faculty advisor, a staff member in the Center for Career and Civic Engagement, your family, and friends about your ideas and options. Expressing your ideas and talking with others will help you gain new perspectives and perhaps new possibilities.

Visit academic departments

Visit the department of your intended major and speak with faculty to learn more about who they are, their current research interests, and how you can map out your remaining college years to fulfill course requirements. Browse through the academic department webpages to learn more: moravian.edu/departments.

Take an introductory course

Take an introductory-level course in a major you are genuinely considering. This is different than using introductory courses from all majors as your only evaluation tool for interest. Through a more targeted exploratory approach, as outlined in this guide, you limit the number of courses you are taking as 'exploration,' saving you time and money.

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Congratulations! You've taken your time and done your research and are ready to declare your major! To do so, make sure to follow the following steps:

1. Go to the academic department of your intended major to declare your major.
2. Meet with a departmental faculty advisor to review the guidelines for your new major.
3. Continue to meet with your advisor to select courses each semester.
4. Work with the Center to explore opportunities for internships, volunteer work, and summer employment.