

Questions to Ask about a Program of Study

In addition to obtaining information about a program of study through printed materials, such as brochures and check sheets, it is helpful to talk with faculty, students, and alumni to obtain additional insight.

Questions to Ask the Department Chair and Faculty

- What are the strengths of this major or program of study?
- What are the strengths of the professors in this major?
- Are classes in my major hard to get into?
- What are typical minors that students in this major have chosen?
- Is there opportunity for foreign travel with this major?
- In this major, how many years does it typically take to graduate?
- What are the most popular courses in this major?
- What does it take to succeed in this program? What aptitudes, skills, personal characteristics, or interests do students in this program tend to have?
- At what stage of my college career do I have to declare this major?
- Is it competitive to get accepted into the department?
- What grade point average is required?
- Are there opportunities for field study or internships?
- What skills will I have upon completion of this major?
- What do students with this major do for a living after they graduate?
- What types of organizations employ graduates of this program?

Questions to Ask Students and Alumni

- What do you like about this major?
- What is the most difficult class in this major?
- What skills or competencies are you developing or enhancing as a result of being in this program?
- What honorary, professional, or student interest groups does the department sponsor?
- What leadership opportunities do these organizations offer students?
- What kind of field trips or experiences have you participated in?