Pros and Cons Exercise for Choosing a Major

1. Make a copy of this worksheet for each major that you are considering.
2. Study your completed Worksheet for Researching Majors and Questions to Ask about a Program of Study.
3. What are the positive outcomes or consequences of choosing this major? Write these in the Pros column.
4. What are the negative outcomes or consequences of choosing this major? Write these in the Cons column.
5. If there are some outcomes that are uncertain or difficult to predict, you may need to gather additional information to help you evaluate this alternative.
6. You may want to discuss your list of pros and cons with other people, such as a counselor or an academic advisor.
7. As you begin to complete the table, it may become clearer if the decision you are considering is advisable. Note: The number of pros and cons in each column is not necessarily indicative of whether or not you should move forward with the decision.

Major: _____

Pros	Cons

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