

2015-16 Diverse Learning Environments Transition to the Major Module

1. In thinking about declaring a major, how helpful were the following?

Response Categories: Very Helpful, Somewhat Helpful, Not Very Helpful, Not Helpful at All, Did Not Use/Do

Taking a variety of classes from different programs/majors
Exploring how a major leads to specific career options
Finding a supportive faculty member in the major
Talking to an upperclass student in the major
Figuring out my career plans
Talking to a counselor/academic advisor
Finding a major that has a welcoming environment

2. Indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:

Response Categories: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree

There are too many steps to declare a major here
I think it does not matter what my major is, only that I obtain a degree
The availability of jobs is an important consideration for me in choosing a major
I do not know what I want to do in life
Regardless of my choice of major, the skills I gain in college will be applicable to any future career
I think my major should be closely linked to my intended career
I will be/was unable to get into my first-choice major
I do not know enough about majors to choose
I feel pressure from my parents/guardians to pursue a particular major
Information distributed on majors is useful
It is important that I find my major interesting, regardless of how “practical” it is
This campus has many events/activities to help students choose a major
I am likely to pursue my major at another institution

3. Have you officially declared your major?

Yes
No

IF MAJOR IS NOT DECLARED, THEN STUDENT IS *FINISHED* WITH THIS SECTION OF THE SURVEY.

3a. In thinking about your primary major, indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following:

Response Categories: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree

- I had expected to get better grades than the grades I have earned so far
- Faculty are approachable
- I feel confident I will succeed
- I have a peer support network among students
- The faculty and staff demonstrate a strong commitment to diversity
- There is a sense of competition between students
- There is high quality teaching
- Faculty are interested in my development as a student
- My parents/guardians are supportive of my choice of major
- I am considering changing my major in the future

3b. How many times have you changed your major (either officially or unofficially) since entering this college?

- None
- One
- Two
- Three
- Four
- Five or more

IF STUDENT ANSWERS NONE, THEN STUDENT IS *FINISHED* WITH THIS SECTION, OTHERWISE GOES ON TO NEXT QUESTION

3b1. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following:

Response Categories: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree

- Courses in my previous major were too difficult
- My previous major was not a good fit for me
- Students were too competitive in my previous major
- I was not able to take the courses I needed in my previous major
- My academic interests have changed
- My career goals have changed
- Courses in my previous major required too much time
- Course materials were too expensive in my previous major
- I expect to earn better grades in my current major than in my previous major