

Suggested Questions for Major Exploration

1. What majors are offered in this department? What is common among them? How do they differ?
2. What are the most interesting courses/events students in your department experience?
3. What is the typical student like in your program?
4. What does it take to be successful in this major?
5. What types of out-of-class experiences are required and how much time must be devoted to them? For example, studio/field work, travel, etc.
6. What types of experiences are available to work with faculty (i.e., research, lab assistance, tutoring, etc.)?
7. What types of study abroad experiences are recommended or required? At what time in the program do these occur?
8. What do students find most challenging about this major? What supports are provided for students to overcome these challenges?
9. What are the common misperceptions about this major (and what is the reality)?
10. What is the application or admission process for changing into the major? What prerequisites need to be met (courses, GPA, other experiences)?
11. What types of positions have your graduates attained, and what companies are they working for now?
12. What activities or courses do you suggest for someone who wants to learn more about this major?
13. What internship opportunities are available for this major? Is internship required?
14. What student organizations are associated with your major? Tell me about the projects and events they sponsor.
15. Can you refer me to any alumni in the area that would be willing to let me shadow them or interview them about their careers?
16. Can you refer me to any current students or student organizations that would be willing to talk with me about their experiences in the program?