

Major/Minor Exploration Interview

The following questions might be asked of faculty members or other students.

1. What attracted you to this academic major/minor?
What is it that you most enjoy?
What do you dislike, or least enjoy about it?
2. What is a typical day like for you? (Ask for detail related to the amount of time spent listening to lectures, having discussions, working in lab, studying, reading, writing, researching).
3. What are the academic demands?
How would you describe the workload? ... time demands?
4. What is a typical class like—first an entry-level class, and then an advanced one. (Ask for detail about class size, types of students, expectations for classroom participation, and degree of independence.)
5. How would you describe the faculty in the department?
What are their teaching styles, accessibility to students, research interests?
6. Are there particular values that you think students in this major/minor share?
7. What kind of interests do students have who pursue this major/minor?
8. What skills do you think one needs to do well in this major/minor?
9. What do you recommend I do to test whether this major/minor is a fit for me?
Is there a particular entry-level class, student organization, or other activity I might try?
10. Are there minors related to this major that seem to be a good fit?
11. What other information can you give me to help me make a decision about choosing this as my major/minor course of study?
12. What do you see yourself doing with this major/minor after graduation?

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