



Popular Myths When Choosing a Major/Career

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There is one perfect job for you.

FACT: Many occupations have the potential to satisfy your career goals.

Your major is going to lead to your career.

FACT: Most employers are more concerned about your work-related experiences and the skills you have obtained than they are about your major.

You will have only one career in your lifetime.

FACT: Career planning is an ongoing process and you will probably re-evaluate your career plans several times during your life.

Liberal Arts, Humanities, and Science majors are usually unemployable after college.

FACT: Arts and Sciences majors usually have valuable training in transferable skills that are highly sought after by today's employers.

Most students know their major and career goals when they enter college.

FACT: Some students may have a major or career in mind when they enter college but a majority of students change their minds several times.

If you wait long enough, luck will eventually bring you to the right career.

FACT: Most people will benefit from a plan—a thorough search and consideration of different occupations.

Most people have a solid understanding of careers and world-of-work, and if you don't, then you are the only one who is confused.

FACT: People's knowledge about occupations is often incomplete.

Career assessments will tell you exactly what career is right for you.

FACT: Assessments can provide you with additional information that may be helpful as one part of career planning.

You should choose an occupation based on your strongest skills.

FACT: Just because you are good at something does not mean you will enjoy doing it for a career.

The best place for you to start looking for an occupation is where employers are doing the most hiring.

FACT: The job market fluctuates frequently. The job market can also become flooded, and the supply can exceed the demand. It is important to view other factors when making a career/major decision.