

## Exploring Majors

### **Academic Success Center,**

US 207, 812-941-2243, <http://www.ius.edu/ASC/> is your first resource for investigating a major. Use the following resources from the Academic Success Center to learn more. Then schedule a meeting with your advisor.

### **Degree and Departmental Information**

<http://www.ius.edu/Departments/>

### **Degree Plans and 4-Year Worksheets**

<http://www.ius.edu/ASC/Advise.cfm>

### **General Education Requirements**

<http://www.ius.edu/generaleducation/reqmnt.cfm>

### **Course Descriptions**

<http://www.ius.edu/ASC/Courses.cfm#courses.cfm>

### **Schedule of Courses**

<http://www.ius.edu/Registrar/scheduleofclasses/>

### **Planning Your Schedule**

<http://www.ius.edu/ASC/PlanSchedule.cfm>

### **Bulletin**

<http://www.ius.edu/bulletin>

## Other Resources

Create an account with Career Services at [www.careerservices.ius.edu/](http://www.careerservices.ius.edu/)

Take the *Strong Interest Inventory*, call 812-941-2275

Or take the *Career Choices and Competencies Class*; COAS-S200

## Exploring Careers

### **The Career Services Office, US 106,**

941-2275, <http://www.CareerServices.ius.edu> offers individual appointments with career counselors, online career assessments, career awareness and career decision-making classes.

### **Online Career Assessments**

<http://www.CareerServices.ius.edu>

One of our most popular sites is the Choices Explorer & Choices Planner site. This site offers a personal inventory, extensive information on over 2500 careers, and tools for career planning. Contact Career Services or your advisor for more information.

### **What can I do with a major in...**

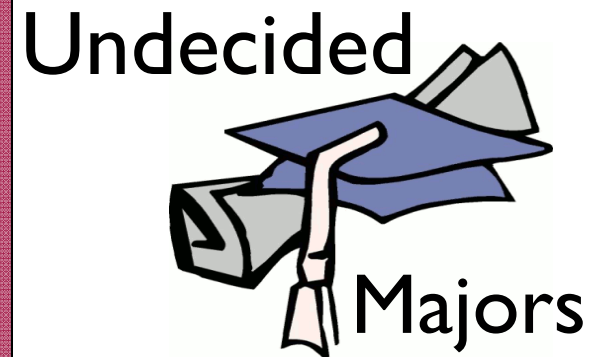
<http://www.CareerServices.ius.edu>

The 21st century workplace will challenge you to handle many different jobs and most probably multiple careers. Your major will provide a broad range of skills which will enable you to stay marketable in the fast-changing work world.

This site offers information on employers and strategies to make you a marketable candidate upon graduation.

### **Career Outlooks**

- <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>
- <http://www.acinet.org/>



*“We should be taught not to wait for inspiration to start a thing. Action always generates inspiration. Inspiration seldom generates action.”*

~Frank Tibolt

# Is it okay if I'm undecided about my major?

## YES!

**It's okay to be undecided** and you're not alone. Approximately 27% of all IUS students start their college career as undecided and most will change their major at least once during the first two years. Nationally 50% of students are undecided when they begin their college career.

**You have plenty of time** to make your decision. IUS recommends that you select a major once you reach 36 credit hours if not before. During this time you'll be able to take required courses for general education which are the same for most majors. Include an elective course each semester in order to try something new and to fully understand your options.

"When I first came to IUS, I had no idea what direction my life was going to go in, and I was afraid. I knew that I wanted to have a rewarding career that allowed me to express myself and help others, but I didn't know what that career was. Now thanks to my Career Choices and Competencies class I know what I want to do with my life. Without this class, I am sure that I would have ended up in a career that did not fully match my personality and talents.

This class was a life saver."

~Angel Stone  
B.S. Biology

**Take advantage** of the time you have now. Here's how to start: Spend some quiet time thinking about the things you like to do, your interests and the environments you enjoy. Brainstorm about the type of lifestyle you're aiming for, your goals in life and important milestones for you. Consider how much schooling you are willing to undertake in terms of time and money you are willing to invest.

**Time to get active.** Be a part of the campus community as you explore majors, go to degree program interest sessions, attend campus activities, attend Common Experience programs, job shadow a professional, visit your academic advisor and the Career Services Office. Review the *Bulletin* for degree programs and course descriptions. Talk to your professors, talk to program coordinators and join student organizations. Choose Your Major workshops and COAS-S200, Career Choices and Competencies, will help too.

**Steer beyond IUS**, get volunteer experience, job shadow community members, take a unique summer job or internship and explore your hobbies.

**Learn about majors and careers.** Start with your academic advisor (812.941.2243) and the Career Services Office ([www.CareerServices.ius.edu](http://www.CareerServices.ius.edu)). The internet also offers many websites where you can find career information. Surf the web for sites such as the Department of Labor, [Monster.com](http://www.Monster.com) or [Louisville-Works.com](http://www.Louisville-Works.com).

Now you're ready to make an educated decision.

"When I was undecided, I researched careers and I felt like I had to decide. I took public speaking to get it out of the way. I wasn't expecting to find a major; I took it to enjoy it, but it made me think I might enjoy communications. I started looking into speech careers. Now I want to teach communications at the college level."

~Katie Warren

B.A. Communication, Class of 2008

"Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely."  
~Auguste Rodin

## **Requirements for Undecided Students**

As an undecided major, you are required to be advised by the Academic Success Center every semester until you have declared a major.

For more information call the Academic Success Center and schedule an appointment. 812-941-2243