Deciding on an academic major can be difficult. So start early by using these simple steps:

- Take the PinPoint computer assessment to explore your work-related interests and to develop a list of possible academic majors and careers. PinPoint is available at the Career Services Resource Center and the Atlas computer lab in the Undergraduate Learning Center (UGLC – Room 202).

- Stop by the University Counseling Center and ask to speak with one of their professional counselors. The counselor can suggest several options to help clarify your academic and occupational goals.

- Attend a career exploration workshop at the University Counseling Center. Call the Counseling Center for dates and times.

- Connect with one of the many professional student organizations on campus. Attend a meeting and talk to the members about their academic majors and career goals. The Student Development Center has a complete list of student organizations.

- Attend one of the job fairs sponsored by the Career Services Department before you’re ready to get a job. Use this opportunity to interview employers about the jobs they offer, the educational requirements for those jobs, and the job outlook within those fields.

- Volunteer at an organization or business related to your career interests. The Career Services Department and PRAXIS (Vowell Hall 312/747-5326) have lists of agencies looking for volunteers.

- Contact a professional in the community and ask to interview them about their job. Also ask about opportunities to “shadow” them at work.

- Speak with professors in your academic area of interest.

- Visit with your Academic Advisor and talk about degree plans and course requirements in your areas of interest.

- Attend the Academic Advising Center’s and University Counseling Center’s joint “Academic Majors and Career Fair” in the spring semester.

- Use the online resources listed on the back of this page to learn more about specific academic majors and careers.

- Make an appointment with Career Services to learn what you can do to prepare for employment.
Researching Careers and Majors

- The Occupational Outlook Handbook

- What can I do with a major in ...?
  - http://www.careers.siue.edu/majors/majors/default.html

- Occupational Information Network (O*NET)
  - http://online.onetcenter.org/

- Wetfeet
  - http://www.wetfeet.com/

- Major Resource Kit
  - http://www.udel.edu/csc/mrk.html

- Match Majors to Occupations
  - http://www.career.colostate.edu/majors/default.html

- The Riley Guide
  - http://www.rileyguide.com

- What is Graduate School All About?
  - http://www2.jobtrak.com/help_manuals/gradschool/

Resources

- UTEP Majors
  - http://www.utep.edu/catalogs/2006/undergraduate.htm

- UTEP Student Development Center
  - (Student Organizations)
    - http://studentaffairs.utep.edu/sdc

- UTEP Career Services
  - www.utep.edu/careers

- UTEP Academic Advising Center
  - www.utep.edu/advising

- UTEP University Counseling Center
  - www.utep.edu/counsel

- UTEP PRAXIS
  - (Volunteer Opportunities)
    - http://www.utep.edu/praxis/