

MAJORS AND MINORS FAIR PREP SHEET

Emerson Suites • Wednesday, October 26 • 5-7pm

BEFORE YOU GO

Success doesn't just happen. It's planned for.

- **Set aside time** – put the date and time of the Majors and Minors Fair on your calendar and phone and set a reminder to attend.
- **Do some preliminary research** – preview all of IC's [Majors](#) and [Minors](#) and check out [course descriptions](#) and faculty pages for [Business](#), [Communications](#), [Health Sciences & Human Performance](#), [Humanities & Sciences](#), and [Music, Theatre, and Dance](#).
- **Get a buddy** – ask a friend to join you!
- Brainstorm questions you can consider asking of individuals representing non-academic offices: How might my decision to study abroad impact financial aid? What career options should I think about given my interest in these majors? How can I connect with alums?
- **What are SIX areas I want to visit while at the Fair?**
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 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
 - 6.

AT THE FAIR

Be ready to ask questions to individuals representing different majors and minors. Here are a few questions you might want to ask. Don't feel obliged to ask everyone you meet all the questions listed. Take notes.

- What will I learn about when studying this major?
- What kinds of jobs do graduates of this major:
 - Start out in? End up in?
- What courses do students typically take to get a sense of the major?
 - Do I have to get special permission to take them because I am an explorer or not currently a major/minor?
- What GPA or other academic requirements are there to:
 - Be accepted into this major/minor?
- How many credits do I need to take for the major?
 - What are some courses OUTSIDE the major that are required?
- Do you have an advising sheet or list of requirements for the major?

- What level of math or second language are required?
- Does this major require that I complete a minor or concentration? What minors do these majors typically take?
- What are some internships, research opportunities, organizations and co-curricular activities that are associated with this major?
- Are there any opportunities for faculty/student collaboration, undergraduate research, or conference attendance in your major?
- Are there events your program is sponsoring this semester, and can non-majors attend?
- Are there special social media accounts I can follow/join to learn more about department events?
- Do you have special events/open houses for potential majors I can sign up for?

AFTER THE FAIR

- Take stock of what you have learned! Take 10 minutes to review your notes or documents that you received. Write down your thoughts, impressions, and consider how they mesh with your values, priorities, and personal goals (academic and professional). What does this tell you?
- Follow up with the department chair or the designated point person in your department of interest and make sure you're on department's mailing list
- Stop by your advisor's office to chat and process what you learned.
- Visit Career Services to get more information about potential careers and majors.
- Report back to your classes and friends. Make time to have conversations about what you learned at the Majors and Minors Fair.
- Congratulate yourself for investing time, energy, and effort into becoming the person you want to be.