

2012-13 Diverse Learning Environments Transition to the Major Module

1. In thinking about declaring a major, how helpful were the following?

Response Categories: Very Helpful, Somewhat Helpful, Not Very Helpful, Not Helpful at All, Did not Use/Do

Taking a variety of classes from different programs/majors
Exploring how a major leads to specific career options
Finding a supportive faculty member in the major
Talking to an upperclass student in the major
Figuring out my career plans
Talking to a counselor/academic advisor
Finding a major that has a welcoming environment

2. Indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:

Response Categories: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree

There are too many steps to declare a major here
I think it does not matter what my major is, only that I obtain a degree
The availability of jobs is an important consideration for me in choosing a major
I do not know what I want to do in life
Regardless of my choice of major, the skills I gain in college will be applicable to any future career
I think my major should be closely linked to my intended career
I will be/was unable to get into my first-choice major
I do not know enough about majors to choose
I feel pressure from my parents/guardians to pursue a particular major
Information distributed on majors is useful
It is important that I find my major interesting, regardless of how “practical” it is
This campus has many events/activities to help students choose a major
The current economy has led me to question my major choice
I am likely to pursue my major at another institution

3. Have you officially declared your major?

Yes
No

IF MAJOR IS NOT DECLARED, THEN STUDENT IS *FINISHED* WITH THIS SECTION OF THE SURVEY.

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3a. In thinking about your primary major, indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following:

Response Categories: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree

I had expected to get better grades than the grades I have earned so far

Faculty are approachable

I feel confident I will succeed

I have a peer support network among students

The faculty and staff demonstrate a strong commitment to diversity

There is a sense of competition between students

There is high quality teaching

Faculty are interested in my development as a student

My parents/guardians are supportive of my choice of major

I am considering changing my major in the future

3b. How many times have you changed your major (either officially or unofficially) since entering this college?

None

One

Two

Three

Four

Five or more

IF STUDENT ANSWERS NONE, THEN STUDENT IS *FINISHED* WITH THIS SECTION, OTHERWISE GOES ON TO NEXT QUESTION

3b1. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following:

Response Categories: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree

Courses in my previous major were too difficult

My previous major was not a good fit for me

Students were too competitive in my previous major

I was not able to take the courses I needed in my previous major

My academic interests have changed

My career goals have changed

Courses in my previous major required too much time

Course materials were too expensive in my previous major

I expect to earn better grades in my current major than in my previous major