Have You DECIDED On A Major?

Start early by using these simple steps:

- Use Choices, an online career exploration program, to identify academic majors and careers that best fit your interests, abilities, and values. You can also search for occupations by alphabet and explore academic majors related to those fields. Access this at: www.sa.utep.edu/counsel/choices/

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

- Talk to an academic advisor, at the Academic Advising Center or the academic department you are considering, about degree plans and course requirements.

- Contact faculty in your area of interest and ask about the educational requirements for that degree and about the job opportunities in the field.

- Visit the University Counseling Center (UCC) and speak with a counselor for career counseling. Our professional counselors can suggest additional tools (or tests) to help you define your educational and career goals.

- Attend one of the University Counseling Center’s career exploration workshops. For dates and times, call or visit the UCC, 747-5302 • www.sa.utep.edu/counsel

- UTEP’s Career Center can help you identify the steps you need to take to prepare for employment.

- Attend one or more of the Career Center’s career fairs before you actually need a job. Career fairs provide an opportunity to interview employers about careers, the educational requirements for those careers, and the job outlook within those fields.

- Contact professionals in the community and ask to interview them about their careers. Also ask about opportunities to visit or “shadow” them at their work sites. A tip sheet on how to conduct an informational interview is available under sample documents on the Career Center website.
To research careers and majors:

Choices Self Assessments (Browse Clusters and Pathways)
www.sa.utep.edu/counsel/choices/

The Occupational Outlook Handbook
www.bls.gov/ooh/

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

Wetfeet (Careers & Industries)
www.wetfeet.com/

College Board (Major & Career Profiles)
www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org/majors-careers

Career InfoNet (Occupation and Industry Information, Career Tools)
www.acinet.org

SeekUT (Search + Earnings + Employment = Knowledge)
www.utsystem.edu/seekut

What Can I Do With This Major?
www.utep.edu/careers
(select STUDENTS, then CAREER PLANNING RESOURCES)

Campus resources:

For information about classes, class schedules, and degree plans, contact your department advisor or the Academic Advising Center.

To understand your Choices results, take another career “test,” identify best-fit work environments, or choose a career direction, contact the University Counseling Center.

To learn more about employment opportunities, develop or revise your résumé, prepare for the job search, or discover which employers will be visiting the UTEP campus, contact the University Career Center.

To learn about UTEP’s colleges, majors, and degree options, or to access UTEP’s on-line degree planning tool, go to UTEP Academic Programs.