Choosing Your Major

Spending as little as 30 minutes per week researching majors and careers using the following strategies can help you make a decision sooner and reduce the chance you’ll change majors in the future.

1. Using the Majors/Minors document, make a list of 5-6 majors of interest to you
2. Read about majors of interest and the classes associated with those majors in the UW Oshkosh bulletin
3. Review the department webpages for all majors of interest
4. Explore majors & careers online (see suggestions below)
5. Talk to faculty and students in each major of interest
6. Join a related student club/organization or attend a meeting
7. Conduct an Informational Interview with someone working in a career of interest
8. Participate in a Job Shadow experience. Contact the Career & Professional Development office or a faculty member in that area for suggestions
9. Do volunteer work in the field
10. Take career assessments in the Counseling Center and review results with a Career Counselor and/or your advisor

The UARC recommends the following websites for major and/or career exploration:

- **Not sure where to start?** Check out this page: [https://uwosh.edu/career/career-exploration/](https://uwosh.edu/career/career-exploration/)

- **UW Oshkosh Home Page**
  Links to Academic Advising, Academic Departments, Career Services, E-Bulletin, Student Clubs/Organizations & more!

- **What Can I Do With A Major In....?**
  Select a college, then a major, and get an easy to read printable handout of many related career options.

- **Career Locker** (UWO Code = osh-c427)
  Free online assessments, career information, and graduate school search in your areas of interest.

  Tons of up-to-date career information

- **O*Net: Occupational Information Network**
  Contains a Skills Search activity to help identify skills and match them to potential occupations.

- **Majors & Careers Central**
  Easy to read major and career profiles and other helpful articles.
Explore Nursing:

- Discover Nursing - sponsored by Johnson & Johnson
- All Nurses - connecting to others in the nursing field for answers

Explore Business:

- Campus Explorer - A tool to help you explore careers in all facets of the business world

Explore Education:

- Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Explore Letters & Science:

- Graduate School Exploration
- Careers in Science
- Law School
- Distance Learning Programs in Wisconsin
- Explore Technical College Options
- What Can I Do With A Major In....

Explore Health Careers