

Five Fast Facts



Five Fast Facts about Choosing a Major

Fact 1

Choosing a major is important. Choosing a major is also *not* all that important. The choice of a major sets the direction of the student's course of study and eventual employment, which has enormous effect on the student's life. On the other hand, most students will change majors at least once during their college careers.

Fact 2

One factor a student should consider when choosing a major is return on investment (ROI). Will the cost of a course of study eventually be offset by the income the student will earn in that field? How important is this consideration?

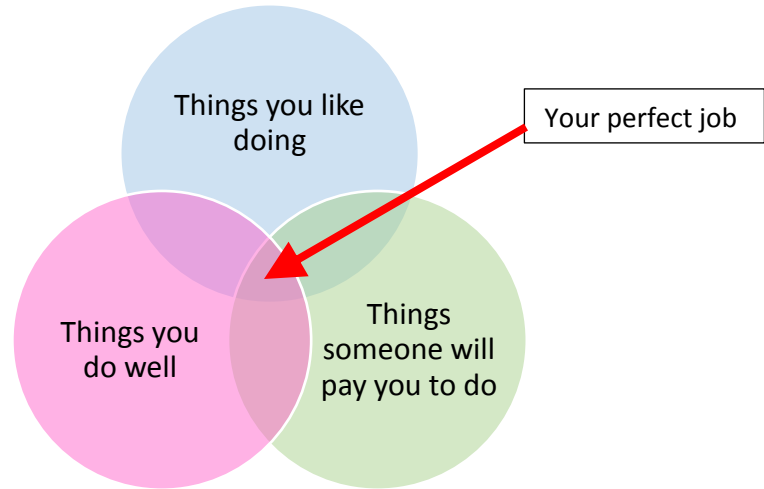
Fact 3

Prospective college students should honestly evaluate their abilities and determine whether or not they are truly capable of completing a degree in their chosen major and functioning at a professional level in the occupation.

The perfect job and therefore the perfect major is at the point of overlap of;

- a) things you like doing,
- b) things you do well, and
- c) things someone will pay you to do

Fact 4



Fact 5

Students should also consider the length of a course of study and their level of commitment. The twelve years to obtain a PhD to achieve the lifelong goal of designing rockets for NASA may be reasonable. On the other hand, 6 months of tech school training for a job that holds no interest for the student may be unreasonable.