

## LINKING YOUR INTERESTS TO POSSIBLE MAJORS

Your major will not dictate what you do for a career . . . especially if you earn a liberal arts degree. A 2007 National Association of Colleges and Employees survey revealed that employers seek effective communication skills, above all else, in job candidates. Beyond that, “employers also look for a strong work ethic, teamwork, initiative, interpersonal skills, and problem-solving and analytical abilities” (Occupational Outlook Quarterly, Winter 2007-8) . . . all of which are skills honed by a liberal arts curriculum. **Do what you love** – in your coursework, and in your career. Have confidence that you will be able to translate your skills, interests and passions into the right niche for you. If Conan O’Brien double majored in History & Literature; Michael Jordan in Geography; Gwyneth Paltrow in Art History; Bruce Lee, Carly Fiorina and Steve Martin in Philosophy; Eva Longoria in Kinesiology; and Michelle Obama in Sociology, just think what you could do with a degree in whatever you love to study and do!

✓	INTERESTS	POSSIBLE MAJORS
	<b>HELP PEOPLE SOLVE PROBLEMS OR RESOLVE CONFLICTS</b>	Psychology; Sociology; Legal Studies; Anthropology; Public Health; Social Thought & Political Economy; Communication; Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies
	<b>TEACH OR COACH</b>	Early Childhood Education; Education minor; Sciences; Math; Literature; History; Other HFA and SBS majors; subject student wants to teach
	<b>TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE SUCH AS CHILDREN OR THE ELDERLY</b>	Psychology; Sociology; Communication Disorders; Public Health; Nutrition; Kinesiology; Legal Studies; Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies; Education minor; Nursing
	<b>MOTIVATE OR TRAIN PEOPLE</b>	Management; Psychology; Sociology; Marketing; Communication; many other HFA / SBS majors
	<b>BE THE LEADER OF A GROUP OR TEAM</b>	Management; Communication; Resource Economics; Marketing; Psychology; Sociology; Social Thought & Political Economy; Bachelor’s Degree with Individual Concentration (BDIC); many other HFA / SBS majors
	<b>WORK IN OR MANAGE RESTAURANTS</b>	Hospitality & Tourism Management; Management; Marketing; many HFA / SBS majors
	<b>CONVINCE PEOPLE OF YOUR POINT OF VIEW</b>	Legal Studies; English; Journalism; Communication; Philosophy; Social Thought & Political Economy; Political Science; any SBS/HFA major
	<b>WATCH TV CRIME SHOWS</b>	Sociology; Psychology; Chemistry; Biochemistry; Biology
	<b>PLAY SPORTS, BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE OR OUTDOORS</b>	Sport Management; Kinesiology; Natural Resources Conservation; Turfgrass Science & Mgt; Building and Construction Technology; Environmental Science
	<b>BE AWARE OF FOOD ISSUES, HEALTH &amp; NUTRITION</b>	Nutrition; Kinesiology; Resource Economics; Public Health; Food Science; Environmental Science; Nursing; Hospitality & Tourism Management; Anthropology
	<b>WRITE STORIES, ARTICLES, POEMS, ESSAYS, ETC.</b>	English; Legal Studies; Comparative Literature; Journalism; Anthropology; any other SBS/HFA major
	<b>READ FOR LEARNING AND ENJOYMENT</b>	Many SBS and HFA majors
	<b>WORK TOWARD ENDING RACISM, SEXISM, HETEROSEXISM, AND/OR OTHER SOCIAL PROBLEMS</b>	Sociology; Anthropology; Social Thought & Political Economy; Public Health; Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies; Afro-American Studies
	<b>LEARN ABOUT POLITICS or BE POLITICALLY ACTIVE</b>	Afro-American Studies; Social Thought & Political Economy; Legal Studies; History; Anthropology; Public Health; Environmental Science; Natural Resources Conservation; Political Science; Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies

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	<b>DO COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>	Sociology; Social Thought & Political Economy; Psychology; Anthropology; Public Health; Natural Resources Conservation; Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies
	<b>LEARN ABOUT U.S. OR WORLD HISTORY OR CURRENT EVENTS</b>	History; Political Science; Communications; Journalism; Economics; Resource Economics; any language; Social Thought & Political Economy
	<b>STUDY LANGUAGES, CULTURES, COUNTRIES, AND/OR ARTIFACTS</b>	Anthropology; Afro-American Studies; Comparative Literature; Classics; History (non-US); Linguistics; Middle Eastern Studies; any language
	<b>EXPLORE WILDLIFE (CAMP, HIKE, CANOE, FISH, ETC.)</b>	Environmental Science; Geosciences; Natural Resources Conservation; Animal Science / Pre-Veterinary
	<b>PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT, GREEN ISSUES, SUSTAINABILITY</b>	Environmental Science; Landscape Architecture; Environmental Design; Natural Resources Conservation; Sustainable Food & Farming; Sustainable Horticulture; Resource Economics
	<b>GROW PLANTS, GARDEN, OR LANDSCAPE</b>	Sustainable Food & Farming; Sustainable Horticulture; Landscape Architecture; Environmental Design; Natural Resources Conservation
	<b>PERFORM, ENTERTAIN, SING, DANCE, OR ACT</b>	Dance; Music; Theater
	<b>USE ARTISTIC ABILITY, PHOTOGRAPHY, GRAPHIC DESIGN, DRAW, PAINT, ETC.</b>	Art History; Design; Studio Art; Environmental Design; Landscape Architecture; Art Education
	<b>STUDY ANCIENT HISTORY</b>	Classics; Art History; Philosophy; Anthropology; History
	<b>TAKE CARE OF OR BE AROUND ANIMALS</b>	Animal Science / Pre-Veterinary; Biology; Natural Resources Conservation
	<b>BUILD, CONSTRUCT, DESIGN OR PERFORM MANUAL LABOR</b>	Building and Construction Technology; Environmental Design; Landscape Architecture; Engineering majors
	<b>CREATE AND ANALYZE COMPLEX STRUCTURES OR MACHINES; PROGRAM COMPUTERS</b>	Engineering majors; Computer Science
	<b>LEARN HOW THINGS WORK</b>	Any science major; Engineering majors
	<b>ANALYZE, PROBLEM SOLVE, THINK LOGICALLY</b>	Mathematics & Statistics; Philosophy, science-based majors, Engineering; Resource Economics; Finance & Operations Management; Linguistics
	<b>DO SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS</b>	Science-based majors; Engineering majors
	<b>LEARN ABOUT THE EARTH, AND/OR OUTER SPACE</b>	Astronomy; Geosciences; Environmental Science; Natural Resources Conservation
	<b>WORK WITH DATA OR NUMBERS, PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO DETAIL</b>	Mathematics and Statistics; Accounting & Information Systems; Finance & Operations Management; Engineering majors
	<b>WATCH THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL</b>	Science-based majors; Anthropology; History; Classics; Public Health
	<b>MAKE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN DISCIPLINES &amp; IDEAS</b>	Bachelor's Degree with Individual Concentration (BDIC); Linguistics; Social Thought & Political Economy; Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies; Afro-American Studies