

Exploring Major Fair Tips

Specific Strategies:

1. Have a purpose in mind before you arrive at the Fair.
2. Be aware of what you want for yourself vs. what others want for you.
3. Realize that a “good” major is one that will interest and challenge you while you attend UNI. The right major for you will be the one that gives you academic, personal, and professional satisfaction.
4. The Exploring Major Fair is just one step you can utilize in making a decision about major/career opportunities. Seeing an Academic Advisor in the area you are interested in, utilizing resources on the internet, and speaking with students in that area are other good ways to learn about major/career opportunities.
5. Get as much information as you can about a major/career before committing to it.

Questions you may want to ask to department/major representatives:

Getting Started

What majors, minors and certificates are offered through your department?
Are there admissions requirements to get into your programs? If so, what are they?
What courses can I take to “try out” your programs?
What are the GPA requirements for acceptance into the program or for graduation?
What is the process for declaring a major or minor in your department?
Tell me more about the coursework offered through your department?
What advice would you give to someone starting in this department/field?
Why did you choose to go into the study of _____?
What type of skills/competencies can I expect to develop through your program?
What personal qualities or abilities does it take to succeed in your program?
Are there other UNI departments that offer similar/related areas of study?
What minors or certificates would be good with your majors?

Career Information and Employment Opportunities

What types of out of class experiences would help me if I were to major in your department?
What are the career opportunities with majors in your department?
What are some typical career paths for someone going into this field?
What types of employment opportunities do graduates find?
Are there any field experiences offered through your programs?
What are some trends in this field?

Resources

What web sites or other resources would help me to understand the possibilities with the programs in your department?
How are students advised in your department?
What kind of relationship can I expect to have with my advisor?
What student organizations are available through your department?