

**RELAX!** In your first year of college, you have time to decide. However, we encourage you to investigate courses and majors early. Changing OR adding a major happens; choosing the right course early can keep you on the right track.  
**Discuss options with your advisor.**

# Choosing your Major

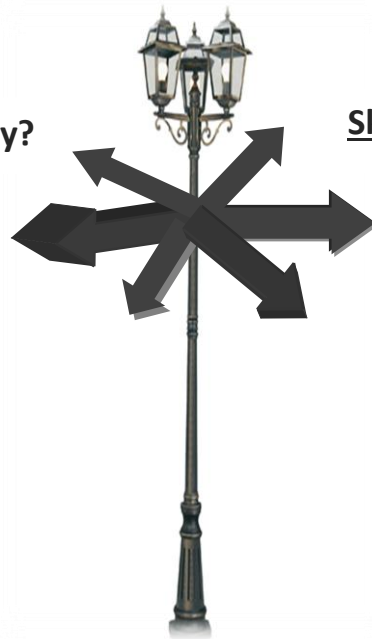
**Don't worry about everyone else.**  
Some students enter the College of Business with a specific major and career goal, and continue down that path to graduation and beyond. They are rare.  
**College is a time for YOUR focused exploration.**

## Self Assess: Who are you and what makes you happy?

Jot down:

- \* What are your favorite classes, clubs, and organizations?
- \* What do you enjoy doing?
- \* What preference do you have in movies, tv episodes, magazine, books, and internet surfing?
- \* What activities keep you interested and motivated?
- \* What majors or careers you've considered?

**Now jot down things you do not enjoy and cross those majors off your list.**



## Skills and Strengths: What are you good at doing?

Jot down:

- \* When people compliment you, what do they say?
- \* What were your best subjects?
- \* Are there skills or subjects that you learn easily, without much effort?
- \* What are your talents or skills that are second nature to you?
- \* Where do you excel?

**Just because you are good at something doesn't mean that you need to pursue it.**

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### CAREERLEADER College Assessment for Business Students

If you're uncertain about your interests, skills, and motivators (values), the Portfolio office offers a business career assessment which can provide new insights or reaffirm things you may have considered. You can ALWAYS speak to an advisor.

## **Learn about Majors, and Find a Good "Fit" for You:**

- ✓ Attend Business Student Majors Panels – Through Portfolio student panels, you'll hear Loyola upperclassmen speak about their experiences in the different business majors.
- ✓ Speak with students in the major(s) that interest you. You can connect with students via student organizations or clubs, volunteer work, and classes.
- ✓ Take courses in the areas that interest you. The business curriculum is designed for every student to develop a foundation in different subject areas.
- ✓ Schedule an appointment with one of your academic advisors.
- ✓ Email a faculty member to request a meeting. They can describe upper division courses.
- ✓ Read course descriptions on the current Undergraduate Bulletin: <http://2012bulletin.loyno.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions>. Which classes catch your attention?
- ✓ Review the Degree Program Course Listings (DPCLs) for different majors to familiarize yourself with course requirements.
- ✓ Talk to family, alumni, and other business professionals in fields you're considering, and ask for their recommendations.