

## Choosing Your Major

Choosing a major is an important milestone for college students. Your choice will determine many of the courses you will take, what professors you will have and even what students will be with you in class.

For some students choosing a major may seem like the culmination of a life-long dream, while for others it may be just another one of the many forms you have to fill out in your time as an undergraduate. Most students fall somewhere in between.

The important thing to remember when choosing a major is that it is one step down a path to your future with many opportunities to branch out, to find a parallel path or to discover that this is not the best path for you after all. It is your choice and should reflect an interest, an idea, and a vision of where you see yourself in years to come.

When selecting a major, consider the following points:

1. Do not feel locked in-Your major choice is not final until you graduate. Even so, in many cases it will not prevent you from pursuing a specific graduate school program or employment field.
2. Take a variety of courses across the curriculum- Most Wellesley courses will usually fulfill a distribution requirement anyway.
3. Be independent- Choose something you are interested in, not just what other people tell you to take.
4. Rely on past experience- Reconsider your choice of major if you were not thrilled with the courses you took in the past.
5. Design your own- Wellesley has so many great areas you can major in but remember that if you cannot find a major that is right for you, create your own.
6. Read up- Consult the course catalog to find courses that spark your interest and review the list of required and elective courses within the majors you are considering.
7. Talk to the experts- Wellesley's College Career Mentors can help you fine tune your interests,

explore graduate school programs and learn more about career opportunities.

8. Talk to the experts- Ask your professors, deans, and peers for advice about choosing a major.
9. Do not stress out- Whatever major you decide on at Wellesley, you will learn excellent writing skills, teamwork, effective time management, and research skills.
10. You know you ought to major when...
  - You look forward to going to class.
  - You find yourself thinking about the subject material outside of class.
  - You see yourself using the subject after you graduate.
  - You do extra reading to learn the material in depth.
  - You find you are eager to learn more about the field.
  - You get excited about the courses in the catalog.
  - You love the department!