



## Choosing a Major: Decision Making Table

Some Considerations	Department A	Department B	Department C
<b>Appeal of area of study</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will you enjoy this Major for its own intrinsic value?</li> </ul>			
<b>Level of challenge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do you think you can perform well in this field?</li> <li>Is your motivation strong enough to enable you to succeed in this Major?</li> <li>Are you choosing this Major because it is easy? Because it is hard?</li> </ul>			
<b>Department characteristics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How big is the department?</li> <li>How do you relate to other students in this major?</li> <li>Are the faculty accessible? Do you seek them out for informal discussions and other interactions?</li> <li>Are there activities in the department that bring students together? Are there activities that bring students and faculty together?</li> </ul>			
<b>Courses within your Major</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will this Major help you acquire prerequisites needed for graduate studies you may be considering?</li> <li>How many credits does this Major require? Do you wish to focus largely on one department, or do you want flexibility to study in other departments as well?</li> </ul>			
<b>UROPs/Internship programs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are there opportunities for you to get experience in your Major that will help prepare you for your potential career?</li> </ul>			
<b>Skills</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What kinds of skills will you be developing in this Major?</li> </ul>			
<b>Family, peers, outside influences</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How are outside pressures from family, peers, and the job market influencing your decision?</li> </ul>			
<b>What else do you need to know to make a better decision?</b>			

Weigh the above factors to indicate which are most important to you

