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COLLEGE SCENE INVESTIGATION

Top Ten Tips: Choosing a Major

1. The most valuable thing to know is you are the boss of your life and you will be living your life for the next 47-72 years (give or take quite a few years) so now is the time to put yourself in charge of you.
2. Most people change careers at least 3 times in their lifetime, so the field in which you major will probably not be the field in which you will be working 5-10 years after your graduation.
3. Have passion about what you study, because college is tough.
 - Passion makes obstacles much more easy to overcome.
 - Passion makes the degree much simpler to earn.
 - Passion promotes your persistence and excitement.
4. FEAR IS NOT YOUR FRIEND! Let go of it! KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE PRIZE, AKA YOUR DEGREE!
5. Courage is the key to your future.
6. UNDECIDED IS THE BEST MAJOR IN THE WORLD.
 - 50% of freshmen students tend to be undecided.
 - At any given time, at least 30% of sophomores, juniors, seniors, and fifth or higher year seniors feel unsure or doubtful about their major/career choices. Every year, the 30% total stays the same, but the students falling into it change.
7. College is about problem solving and critical thinking.
 - Know that you can major in history, or theater for that matter, and still get a job doing highly technical or scientific things. OR You can major in philosophy and still go to medical school.
 - But if you can't think on your feet, you can't get a good for you, let alone good paying, job.
8. Explore subject areas you love by taking courses about them.
 - The best trick for maximizing your exploration is taking courses not only appealing to your interests but also meeting your college's Core Curriculum requirements.
9. Your family, your friends, & your pets cannot earn your degree for you.
 - If you plan to finish your degree for yourself and your future, then pick your major as if you live in a perfect world and as if you are the only boss of you and you are numero uno (i.e., number one).
10. Choose the subject you love for your major.

Bonus Tip: When really frustrated, seek counsel and use the experts. Your university academic advisors and professors can be helpful. Interview professionals and contacts out in the real world to find out what they do and whether you want to do what they do.