**TIPS FOR CHOOSING A MAJOR:**

**Chart your academic course.** Meet with your advisor, who will help you to come up with an academic plan, select the right courses, and make sure you meet all requirements.

* **Assess your interests and values** to find a major or career that is right for you. A major or career should allow you to take advantage of your strengths and should reflect what you like doing and what is important to you.
* **Talk to students whose majors interest you.** Ask them about their courses and what their career plans are. Talk to people who are already working in a career you like. Find out what they do, what their day is like, and how they prepared themselves for that job.
* **Make sure that you choose a major for the right reasons.** The work you do should reflect what you want out of life rather than fulfill what someone else wants for you. Whether you come from a family of lawyers or one of accountants, do not feel that you have to carry on that tradition if it is not something that you would enjoy doing.
* **Consider a certificate program** in a field such as hospitality management, physical therapy, graphic design, and so on. Or, if you cannot decide on a major, consider getting an AA (associate of arts) degree that will allow you to take general education courses to apply to a major when you decide what you want to do.