

Informational Interview Questions for Academic Majors - Researching a Major



1. What does a typical day look like for someone in this major? (How much time is spent in classes, lectures, labs, or studying)

2. How would you describe the faculty in this department? What are their teaching styles and availability to students like?

3. What specific prerequisites are required for admission to this major? GPA requirement?

4. How would you describe the demands of this major compared to other majors?

5. What basic courses in the major can you take to test your interest/abilities in this area? Are there any additional certifications/exams/ licensures required of this major?

6. What motivated you to enter this major?

7. How would you describe what you like most about your major? What do you dislike the most?

8. Where do my strengths/skills need to be to do well in this major?

9. Where have graduates of this program gone? What organizations have hired them and for what positions?

10. Is there something you can recommend I do to test whether or not this major is a fit with me? Is there a particular class, student organization or other activity I might try?

11. Is there any other helpful information you could give me to help me decide if this is the major for me?

12. Who can I contact with future questions?

Personal Reflection Questions Post-Interview

1. What skills and competencies will I develop through this major?
2. What might I dislike about this major?
3. What excites me about this major?
4. Do I believe I can do well in this major?
5. Do my talents, interests, values, abilities, personality, and future plans fit /align with this major?
6. Which courses that I have already taken will apply to this major?
7. What additional questions do I have still about this major?
8. Do I need additional information to determine if this is the major I want to declare?

Interviewee's Name: _____

Academic Major/ Concentration: _____

Date of the Interview: _____