

Interested in changing your major?

Many students explore different majors during their college careers. Here are a few tips to assist you in learning about potential majors and changing your major. Keep in mind that application deadlines, course and GPA requirements vary from college to college.

- **Explore Career Center resources.** The Career Center can discuss possible majors with you and careers that relate to those majors. They offer online resources and consultations with career counselors. <http://www.sc.edu/career/exploremajors.html>
- **Research the undergraduate degrees offered at USC.** This site provides a menu of all the degrees offered at USC. www.sc.edu/bulletin/ugrad/acadprg2.html
- **Learn about degree requirements through the Majors and Minors handbooks.** Majors <http://www.sc.edu/academicadvisors/collegechecksheets.pdf> and Minors <http://www.cas.sc.edu/ugrad/> (Minor Bulletin available under the Undergraduate Publications section)
- **Call or visit the department that you are hoping to enter.**
Some questions to ask:
 - When are the deadlines for applying to this college/major?
 - Is there a waiting list to enter this college/major?
 - When is the earliest possible date that you can meet with an advisor to discuss courses needed and other admission requirements?
 - What are the admission requirements (courses needed, minimum GPA)?
- **If the college/major you are hoping to enter does not have advising appointments available until the advisement period ends,** talk to your current advisor about courses for the upcoming semester. Be aware that registration for some courses is restricted to students currently in the college/major. Some questions to ask:
 - What are your suggestions for courses I should take that would count toward the college/major I am hoping to enter?
- If you are changing to a major in a different college, **complete the Change of College form.** Get your current Dean's signature and the Dean's signature for the college that you are hoping to enter. Visit <http://www.sc.edu/academicsuccess/changemajor.html> for the Change of College form and a list of Dean's office locations.
- Visit these web sites for more information on **Academic Advising** and **general tips for your success** at USC. www.housing.sc.edu/ace/res_aa.html and www.sc.edu/academicsuccess/