



CONSIDERING A DOUBLE MAJOR

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If you're lucky enough to find not one passion but two then perhaps it's time to think about a double major. Before you take this leap, though, there are a few important considerations that you need to keep in mind.

First of all, a double major can be very, very hard. You *will* be doing more work than your single-major classmates, and that extra work will start to take its toll after a couple of years. As your classes become more and more advanced, you'll find it harder to keep up with your coursework while maintaining a reasonable social and extracurricular life. And you'll have very few credits with which to explore other academic fields.

On the plus side, double majoring allows you to explore two potentially very different academic fields in reasonable depth. You'll truly be maximizing your college education if you can handle it. A double major leaves you more options for specializing in a certain field and pursuing graduate studies in it. It also looks quite impressive on a resume (but, of course, only if it's accompanied by a strong grade point average).

If you do choose to double major and later find that it wasn't a wise decision, you'll probably have the option to drop one of the fields in favor of the other. Find out what the deadlines and requirements for such decisions are, and keep them in mind. You should also talk to a few double majors about their experiences—try to find a few terrible experiences along with a few who give you wholehearted recommendations, so you can learn from both sides.