

The One-Two Punch on General Education Course Selection: Helping Students Level Up Using the Tools in their Toolbox.

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Sometimes, at first glance, it can appear that required General Education courses have nothing to do with your major, especially when you are an exploratory undecided student and not quite sure what major you will end up choosing. The truth is these classes are important!



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Welcome to YSU!

1. Biologist	2. Journalist	3. Social Worker	4. Judge	5. Office Manager	6. Building Contractor
7. Dentist	8. Actor	9. School Principal	10. Sales Manager	11. Computer Programmer	12. Police Officer
13. Paramedic	14. Author	15. Counselor	16. Marketing Agent	17. Software Engineer	18. Landscape Designer
19. Statistician	20. Musician	21. School Nurse	22. Stock Trader	23. Bank Teller	24. Animal Trainer
25. Accountant	26. YouTube Personality	27. Day-Care Worker	28. Lawyer	29. Administrative Assistant	30. Firefighter
31. Mathematician	32. Singer	33. Recreation Worker	34. Advertising Executive	35. Librarian	36. Carpenter
37. Surgeon	38. Illustrator	39. Teacher	40. Politician	41. Installing Software	42. Security Guard

I = _____ A = _____ S = _____ E = _____ C = _____ R = _____

What are your 3 highest interest areas?
You can write more than 3 if you have tied scores

Name: _____ Date: _____

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Connecting Your Interests to General Education Courses at YSU

Interest Assessment

My three interest environments from the SDS assessment are:

Realistic (The Doer) Social (The People Person)

Investigative (The Curious) Enterprising (The Leader)

Artistic (The Creative) Conventional (The Administrator)

Follow this link to find the General education courses in the YSU eCatalog
<https://catalog.you.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-policies-procedures/general-education-requirements/>

- Identify a course you may be interested in taking from the **Arts and Humanities** General Education List

What Holland interest environment will this course primarily utilize?

- Identify a course you may be interested in taking from the **Natural Science** General Education List

What Holland interest environment will this course primarily utilize?

- Identify a course you may be interested in taking from the **Social Sciences** General Education List

What Holland interest environment will this course primarily utilize?

- Identify a course you may be interested in taking from the **Social and Personal Awareness** List

What Holland interest environment will this course primarily utilize?

Three outcomes of utilizing these worksheets:

1. Self Awareness
2. Reflection
3. Research

Fast Facts on C&AA

- ✓ Major = Exploratory Undecided in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (Created January 2017)
- ✓ Current Number of Majors = 310 students
- ✓ Career Assessment tools utilized at YSU = MyPlan & Pathway U
- ✓ Career Management and Job Board = Handshake

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Integration is Good for the Student

The integration of these two areas can provide the student with:

- Clearer academic and career direction
- Intentional and connected exploration of academic, personal, and career interests
- Career advantage through enhanced skills and confidence in professional knowledge and abilities

Integration is Good for the University

Combining General Education selection and interests also aids in achieving university-wide goals such as:

- Retention through increased student engagement
- Better advising that illuminates connections between personal interests, educational choices, and career planning to create a holistic path for the student's future

Integration is Good for the Advisor

Integrating General Education selection and interests results are also advantageous to advisors because it provides:

- An increase in professional development opportunities and deeper engagement
- Career Enrichment and/or Advancement through enhanced roles, differentiated responsibilities, and opportunities for collaboration