

PLANNING YOUR COLLEGE MAJOR and FRESHMAN CLASSES

-Seek the help of an advisor or counselor when completing this form-

I. Resources:

“College Majors and Careers”, by Paul Phifer. Furguson Publishing. Outstanding!

www.princetonreview.com/college/research/majors/majorSearch.asp

<http://career.utk.edu/students/majors.asp>

<http://mymajors.com/index.jsp>

www.bls.gov/ooh/ Occupational Outlook Handbook

II. Career passion?: Architecture__ ; Art__ ; Business__ ; Computers__ ; Engineering__ ; Nursing/Allied Health__ . Or, your favorite core subject: English__ ; Math__ ; Science__ ; Social Studies__ ; Foreign Languages__ .

Your favorite elective or activity: _____

Current career goal: specific _____, or subject-related _____

Possible Major: _____

Possible Minor: _____

III. Number of classes required for a Bachelor’s degree (4 years) = ~40 (3-5 per semester)

Number of classes required for a community college Associate’s degree (2 years) = ~20

Major. Your favorite subject, program or career choice ----- ~15 classes

Minor. A subject or program that supports your major ----- ~11 classes

Core (“Basics”). English, Math, Science., Soc. Studies, Foreign Lang. ----- ~7 classes

Electives. ----- ~7 classes

~40 classes (120 credits)

AP, CLEP and dual-enroll college credits may reduce the number of classes you must take in college.

IV. Sample class schedule for your college **freshman** year.

First Semester

Second Semester

Major class: _____

Major class: _____

Minor class: _____

Minor class: _____

Core (Basic) class: _____

Core (Basic) class: _____

Elective class: _____

Elective class: _____

Note: Because of all the adjustments freshmen must cope with, it is very wise to take a “minimum full-time” schedule (12 credits, 3-4 classes, 12-15 classroom hours/week) for one or both semesters. This will give you a better chance of achieving your best grades and connecting with your professors and college.

High school GPA ____ ; **College freshman GPA goal** ____ ; **Probable overall college GPA** ____ .

Do you plan to become a **PHYSICIAN** or **DENTIST??** If so, take the following classes as a part of, or in addition to, the 40 classes above:

2 classes in Biology

2 classes in General Chemistry

2 classes in Organic Chemistry

2 classes in Physics

Note: It is NOT required you major in science or math to become a physician or dentist. Grades, test scores and commitment are the keys to getting into medical or dental school (after your first four years of college).

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