



# Myths of the Undeclared

## Myth #1

### Your Major Will Determine Your Career

#### Relating Majors to Careers

- Choosing a major is not the same as choosing a career.
- Majors allow you to develop skills you may use in your career.
- Jobs and careers are not so much determined by your academic major, but on what you can do and want to do.
- The knowledge and skills you develop while in College will be transferable to a variety of jobs and careers.

**Guess the undergraduate majors of these people (answers below):**

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Brad Anderson, CEO Best Buy                    | 2. J. K. Rowling, Harry Potter Author |
| 3. Henry Paulson, former US Secretary of Treasury | 4. Meg Whitman, President & CEO eBay  |
| 5. Howard Schultz, CEO Starbucks                  | 6. Tom Anderson, creator MySpace      |
| 7. Jon Stewart, Actor/Comedian                    |                                       |

## Myth #2

### I should pick a major based on the job market...liberal arts = no job.

#### What Do Employers Want?

More than a specific knowledge base, more and more employers are looking for a set of skills and qualities in the people they hire that are not limited to a specific major, including:

<b>Strong Work Ethic</b>	<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Analytical Skills</b>
<b>Communications Skills</b>	<b>Flexibility</b>	<b>Computer Skills</b>
<b>Technical Skills</b>	<b>Adaptability</b>	<b>Teamwork Skills (works well with others)</b>
<b>Problem-solving Skills</b>	<b>Interpersonal Skills (relates well to others)</b>	<b>Critical Thinking</b>

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