IF NOT ENGINEERING, THEN WHAT?! 

YOUR GUIDE TO SELECTING A MAJOR THAT FITS!
Deciding what you want to do with the rest of your life can be daunting!

Approximately one third of college students change their major...

... and STEM majors are more likely to change their majors than non-STEM majors!
SELECT A MAJOR THAT FITS!

EXPLORE...
Who you are and where you want to go!

ASSESS...
Your level of motivation and your ability to make informed, realistic decisions and a plan of action!

EXPERIENCE...
Potential career paths through informational interviewing, job shadowing, internship and volunteer opportunities!

SELF AWARENESS
Where do you want to be in 3-5 years?

What are your actual and potential abilities?

Do you have a good understanding of your skills, interests and values?

Are you able to connect what is important to you to potential academic options?

AVAILABLE OPTIONS
Have you explored and researched all your options?

Have you assessed yourself against the academic requirements?

Are you able to connect your personal abilities with those required by the field of study you are considering?

EXPLORE CAREER PATH
What have you already achieved?

What skills do you need to develop?

What opportunities or experiences will help prepare you for your chosen path?

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MAJOR!
Questions To Ask Yourself...

- College is a time to explore many interests.
- Choosing one subject to base your career on does not mean ignoring the others - it means relegating them to co-curricular activities.
- There are some careers that favor or even require one degree over another.
- If you are interested in a particular career find out which majors are required or recommended before you choose one.

Q U E S T I O N S  T O  A S K  Y O U R S E L F...

What majors am I considering or have I eliminated?

Why am I undecided? Too many options OR not enough information?

How undecided am I? Am I deciding between 2 alternatives or completely undecided?
Yes, engineering is for me but I am not sure which engineering path I should follow.

I am not sure about engineering; I am not sure it is a good fit for me...

I want out of this major! I want to pursue...

I want out of this major but I have no idea what I want to pursue!
**What’s Next?**

...WITHIN ENGINEERING

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**Engineering is for me but I am unsure about my path...**

- Reach out to the Engineering departments of interest for more information about the curriculum, research opportunities and possible careers.
- Visit the College of Engineering’s Career Development and Experiential Learning Center located in 112 Marston, for more information on possible careers across Engineering.
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...Out of Engineering

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- Consult with a Career Advisor to explore and identify appropriate academic options. Determine the amount of time you are willing to invest in the exploration process so that you can develop a realistic academic plan.