The following checklist is designed to help you choose a major. Follow the steps below and check one off when you have completed it.

- View the list of majors offered at WMU (http://www.wmich.edu/academics/undergraduate)
  - Cross off those majors that do NOT interest you.
  - Evaluate the majors and minors that are left. What commonalities are there among them?

- Look at the WMU catalog (http://catalog.wmich.edu) & department webpages
  - Look up majors that interest you.
  - What courses are required for the major?
  - Read the description for the courses in the catalog.
  - Are there admissions requirements or an application required for the major?

- View major information available in the Exploratory Advising Resource Cabinet (1st floor Ellsworth),
  - Gather informational flyers for all WMU majors and related opportunities.
  - Learn what careers or extra-curricular opportunities exist for students in these programs.

- Enroll in UNIV 1020: Career Exploration and Development.
  - This is a one-credit hour course designed to explore possible major and career opportunities. This credit counts toward graduation.

- Meet with a career counselor and take the IMPACTeX Navigator assessment.
  - Discuss interests and how to pick a major that is best for you.
  - Career Counseling is located in the Center for Counseling & Psychological Services at 3341 Sangren Hall (387-5105). Counseling services are free and available to all WMU students.
  - The Navigator is a career assessment that students can choose to take. A small fee ($20) is charged for this assessment.

- Visit Career & Student Employment Services (1st floor Ellsworth)
  - Complete the FOCUS assessment through Career and Student Employment Services (387-2745) and online at http://www.wmich.edu/career/focus
  - Meet with a Career Development Specialist to interpret your FOCUS results and help guide you to careers/majors that you may want to research further
  - Utilize online resources for exploring students. These can be found online at: http://wmich.edu/career/students/explore

- Research career information
  - What can I do with this major? Great question! Get many examples for any of the majors you are considering by visiting http://www.wmich.edu/career/students#explore This website also lists potential employers for each career and strategies to landing that job.

- Volunteer, Intern, Job Shadow and/or Study Abroad
  - Volunteering, seek out internships, or job shadow in career fields you are interested in. This gives you the opportunity to experience a career first hand and make important networking contacts. Contact Career & Student Employment Services for more information (387-2745).
  - Many careers demand global awareness and cross cultural sensitivity. Studying and living abroad enables you to gain this experience and can easily be incorporated into your major/curricula. Contact the Study Abroad Office at 387-5890.
Meet with a specific major advisor or faculty member.
- Before going, make sure you have read the information on that major in your WMU catalog.
- Ask about potential careers relating to that major.
- Review the questions on the back of this sheet.

Declare your major.
- Meet with the advisor from the department in which you want to declare to fill out the necessary paperwork to declare your major!

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR MAJOR ADVISOR:

1. What types of jobs can I get with this major?

2. Do you have a list of course requirements and prerequisites for this major?

3. I’m interested in working as a(n) _________________. What minor(s) would you suggest that would complement this major?

4. Do you have names of graduates of this program who would be willing to talk with me about the program and employment opportunities?

5. I plan to take ____________ credit hours/semester. How long will it take me to graduate?

6. Do you know of any volunteer opportunities in this field?

7. Are there any registered student organizations (RSOs), honors or professional organizations related to this major that I can get involved with on campus?