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MAJOR OF THE MONTH: LIBERAL ARTS-UNDECIDED

Liberal Arts-Undecided program is structured to allow you to explore courses, majors, careers and your interests while working toward degree requirements. You may be "undecided" about your choice of major for any of the following reasons:

1) You have no idea "what you want to be when you grow up." You haven't decided on a career path or found a major that interests you.

2) You have many ideas and interests as far as majors or careers are concerned and cannot settle on one track.

3) You want to explore



College is a time when you have the worlds of academics and careers at your fingertips and have flexibility to explore many options.

your options--what LSSU has to offer, your interests and abilities, career choices--before committing to a field of study.

4) You declared a major, began your studies, and

have realized that the coursework required for the degree is no longer of interest to you (i.e. you want to be a CSI (crime scene investigator) but hate chemistry and mathematics).

The liberal arts-undecided program at LSSU is designed to guide your exploration of academic and personal interests and potential majors and careers. Liberal arts advisors assist you with a selection of general education courses and introductory courses that will meet degree requirements while allowing you to explore the academic programs offered at LSSU.

COLLEGE FACTS

If you are undecided about your choice of major, you are not alone.

- Undecided is the **largest** college major across the country.
- **80%** of entering college students admit they are not certain what they want to major in, even if they have initially chose a major.
- **Over 50%** of first-year students change their majors at least once before graduation.
- Many college students change their major **several times** before graduating.

Just a few of the services available to you...

Career Counseling

Licensed Professional Counselors are available to discuss the career counseling needs of all currently enrolled students. Counselors also interpret the results of various assessments you complete and assist you in determining which fields of study and career options would be best for you. Call #2733 or stop by Library 119A.

Vocational Assessments

Assessments administered by the career counseling staff include interest inventories, personality profiles, and measures of academic capacity. These assessments will involve approximately 5 hours of time. Just come to Career Services (LBR119A) and you may work on these at your leisure between 8am-4pm. Once you complete the assessments you will meet with a career counselor for the results to be interpreted and for further assistance in your continued path of exploration.

Discover Program

DISCOVER web-based career exploration program. Complete online assessments and research occupation, job outlooks, salaries and college majors. Stop by our office to get a user ID so you may begin taking advantage of this exploration tool.



Career Services

A division of
Academic Services at
Lake Superior State University

Library 119A
(across from the Learning Center)
906-635-2733
www.lssu.edu/careerservices
Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Fall Career Fair-

Make it a Part of Your Career Exploration



Students networking at Career Fair

Career Services is hosting a Fall Career Fair on October 4 from 2pm-5pm in the Cisler Center. Career and job fairs provide a great opportunity for you to meet employers who represent a wide range of industries.

Time spent at a career or job fair pays off and is an important element of your college career. It's your chance to see many of the career opportunities that are open to you and you may connect with potential employers who, ultimately, can offer you a job. Go to www.lssu.edu/careerservices for a list of companies attending.

We look forward to seeing you at the CareerFair on October 4th! Make sure to stop by Career Services, if you need assistance in preparing for the Fair.

A Few Tips...

Come prepared--Research.

Before the fair, review the online directory of employers. Employers expect you to know something about their organization.

Dress appropriately. First impressions are important. You can't go wrong by dressing as if you are going to a job interview.

During the Fair: Network alone, not in groups. Avoid common salary questions. Don't just go to a company's table to grab the free stuff.

Introduce yourself. Extend your hand and introduce yourself: "Hello. I'm Dan Smith. I am a senior mechanical engineering major", or "I am a freshman considering the field of nursing." Briefly state your background to the recruiter.

COUNSELOR'S

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Welcome!

Welcome to LSSU on behalf of the Career Services Office! If you are currently a Liberal Arts or "Undecided" student then your advising and scheduling will be done through this office. If you have questions about the Liberal Arts designation or the courses you are currently taking please don't hesitate to stop by our office, room 119A in the lower level of the library. Theresa Weaver, the Director of Career Services, and I can help with concerns or problems that may arise with your class schedule.

Career Services provides career counseling assistance for those students who haven't yet decided which career opportunities to explore. We have a testing program that allows us to narrow the search option to what is most suitable for your unique interests, academic capacity, aptitudes and personality traits. This program is available to all liberal arts students.

Career Services' goal is to help educate you about the most appropriate career choices. You can then make curricular choices based on this knowledge about a chosen field. This will put you much further ahead in the end.

As an undecided student you have already started the process that indicates you need further information to make a career decision. The Career Services Office is the place to start and we welcome you!

-Mary Jo Meehan, LPC



ARE YOU ON THE RIGHT PATH?

CAREER WEEK
9/27-10/4

Check out all these events!



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KJS Library 119-A
Phone: 906-635-2733
www.lssu.edu/careerservices

CAREER EXPLORATION WORKSHOP:

Tuesday, 9/27/05 at noon, LBR119A

Do you have a career plan? If not, don't miss this workshop.

RESUME WORKSHOP:

Wednesday, 9/28/05 at 10am & 4pm, LBR150

Tips on developing an effective resume.

JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES:

Thursday, 9/29/05 at noon, LBR108

How and where to search for internships and jobs.

INTERVIEWING SKILLS:

Friday, 9/29/05 at noon, LBR108

Tips for successful interviewing.

CAREER FAIR:

Tuesday, 10/4/05

2-5pm

Cisler Center

