

Unit 04

Choosing College Majors



Warm-Up

Hãy cùng bạn học trả lời các câu hỏi dưới đây.

- 1 What is your favorite subject at school?
- 2 What subject is the most difficult for you?
- 3 What do you want to major in a college?

Introducing the Topic



No matter how smart you are, it will be important to focus on a main subject in a college.

Everyone knows that choosing a college is a big decision, but fewer students pay the same attention to selecting the right major. Your major will affect your career choices after graduation. It can offer you the opportunity to follow career paths and to create your own future.

Learning about the Topic

Should students choose college majors based on their academic interests?

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Đọc và gạch chân các lập luận hỗ trợ trong đoạn 2 và đoạn 3.

For many people, one of the most important decisions they make is going to college. Once they enter college, many students struggle to choose their majors. Some students choose their majors based on the subjects they enjoy. Is this the best way to pick college majors?

Choose Based on Academic Interests

First, college students should explore their academic interests. College students have the freedom to learn what they are interested in. Their curiosity and effort will naturally lead to excellent academic performance. This way, they can find out what

they really want to do with their lives. In addition, students who choose their majors just because of their job potential may have a hard time finishing college. Their majors could be too challenging or boring for them. As a result, they might switch majors too often or drop out of college.



Choose Based on Other Factors

First, some majors lead to jobs that pay more money. Science and math majors usually get higher-paying jobs. For instance, engineering graduates in the U.S. earn an average salary of \$90,000 a year. In contrast, graduates with arts and education degrees only earn around \$40,000 a year. So students should consider the financial benefits when choosing majors. In addition, people's interests can change over time. In college, they might like subjects different than the ones they liked in high school. Students who enjoyed math in high school may find college math courses uninteresting. Instead, they might enjoy other courses much more.



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Vocabulary Check

■ Chọn từ thích hợp để hoàn thành các câu sau.

drop out potential struggle explore financial

1. I to remember the names of my classmates.
2. My friends receive support from their schools.
3. Susan wanted to of the race, but she did not give up.
4. Psychologists are asked to actively important issues.
5. She has the to be a great scientist.

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Comprehension Questions

■ Chọn câu trả lời đúng cho từng câu hỏi dưới đây.

1. Why is it better for students to major in subjects they like?
 - a. Because their curiosity will help them get better grades
 - b. Because they do not need to work hard to get good grades
2. What can happen to students who choose majors based on job potential?
 - a. They might change their majors more often than other students.
 - b. They are more likely to graduate earlier than other students.
3. Why do some people consider salary first when choosing a major?
 - a. Because some majors lead to much higher-paying jobs
 - b. Because most companies only hire college graduates
4. How can it be a problem for students to major in subjects they liked in high school?
 - a. Life in college can be tougher than life in high school.
 - b. One's academic interests can change over time.

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