

# Majors Exploration

Not sure what you want to major in? Or what to do with a degree? That's not uncommon. Few students come to university with career goals all mapped out. Experience, self-assessment, and research can help you discover what it is you want to do. Here are some key sites and services worth looking at.

## Carleton Programs

Not sure where to start choosing a major? Be sure to do your research.

### a) *Programs and Requirements*

Visit: [admissions.carleton.ca/programs](http://admissions.carleton.ca/programs).

Explore:

- Carleton's programs. There may be majors or minors you haven't even heard of before.
- The section on careers by major: [admissions.carleton.ca/careers/](http://admissions.carleton.ca/careers/)

Visit: [admissions.carleton.ca/apply/](http://admissions.carleton.ca/apply/)

Explore:

- Does your program of interest require any prerequisite subjects?
- What's the deadline to apply?

### b) *The Undergraduate Calendar*

Visit: [www.carleton.ca/cuuc](http://www.carleton.ca/cuuc).

Explore:

- Program requirements by clicking on the Programs tab. This will let you know what courses you are required to take in different degree programs.
- Courses by major. Want to browse through course offerings in Economics, Law or Anthropology (etc.)? Click on the Courses link.

### c) *Other good sites:*

*Canlearn* is a good site for researching programs, other universities, scholarships, how to budget for university, and more: [www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca).

## What can I do with a major in...

Career Services at Carleton has some helpful resources for planning your career and major.

### a) *What can I do with a degree in...?*

Visit: [www.carleton.ca/career/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/](http://www.carleton.ca/career/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/)

Explore:

- The link between fields of study and potential careers.



Visit Career Services in  
401 Tory Building  
or online at  
[carleton.ca/career](http://carleton.ca/career).

**b) How can I figure out what to do with my life?**

Alright there isn't a magic solution to that one, but here are some resources to help you along the way.

Visit: [www.central.carleton.ca](http://www.central.carleton.ca) & follow the link to *myCareer*. Explore:

- ☑ **Career Workshops:** workshops are offered across a variety of subjects. Some you can even do online.
- ☑ **Career Counselling appointments:** these aren't just for graduating students! They can help you explore what to major in and how to link your major to a career.
- ☑ **Professional Programs:** Click on the Resources tab in myCareer for info about how to apply to med school, law school or teacher's college.
- ☑ **Volunteer Opportunities:** want to explore different careers? Volunteer in a related field.
- ☑ **Is all this worth it?** Earning a degree has many pay offs; visit this site to learn more: <http://www.cou.on.ca/publications/fact-sheets-%281%29/learn-more-and-earn-more>

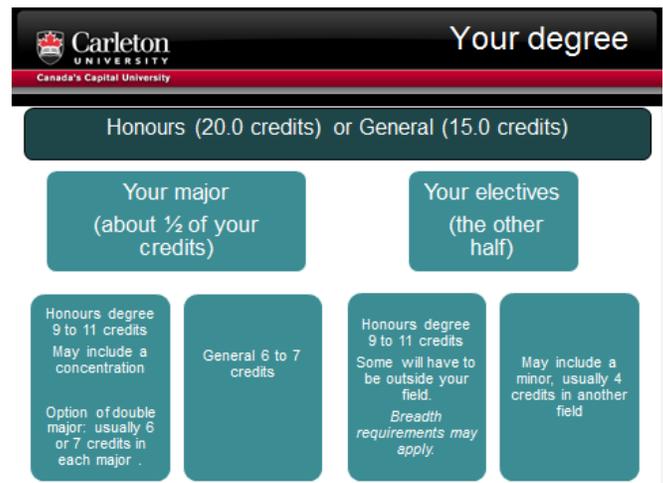
## FAQ's

**Q. What is the difference between a Major and a Minor?**

A. Major is the field in which a student focuses during the course of his/her degree. A student will generally complete half of their credits in their major subject area, the other half are electives. A Minor is a secondary concentration of courses—this is one way that you can complete your elective course requirements. A minor is usually 4 required credits in a particular subject area.

**Q. What is an "Honours" degree and how does it differ from the General three-year degree?**

A. An Honours degree refers to a 20-credit program in which the average student taking a full course load normally graduates within four years. The General degree refers to a 15-credit program in which the average student taking a full course load normally graduates within three years. Both degrees provide Carleton students with the critical skills and training required for a professional career. However, the four-year degree offers an opportunity for more in-depth study and may lead to study at the graduate level.



**Q. What is a double Major? Will it take me longer to complete my degree?**

A. A double Major (or Combined Honours) is simply two Majors completed in one degree—usually 7 credits are required in each major. Although it doesn't necessarily take longer to complete a degree, pursuing a double major does reduce the student's overall number of elective courses.

**Q. Are there co-op and work experience opportunities at Carleton?**

A. Yes there are. These are the Arts/Social Science and Business programs that have co-op streams available: Anthropology, Cognitive Science, Commerce, Communication Studies, Economics, Law, Political Science, and Sociology. In addition to co-ops, Carleton offers internships, placements, practicums, and field courses in many disciplines; check the calendar for details: [www.carleton.ca/cuuc](http://www.carleton.ca/cuuc). Visit: [www.carleton.ca/career/](http://www.carleton.ca/career/) for more info on co-op.

**Q. How do I figure out what courses to take next year?**

Have a look at the Carleton Undergraduate Calendar: [www.carleton.ca/cuuc](http://www.carleton.ca/cuuc) and follow the link to programs. Also handy is this site: [www.carleton.ca/registrar/registration/program-templates/](http://www.carleton.ca/registrar/registration/program-templates/).