Library Quick Guide:
Researching a Major or Career

The Columbus State Community College Library has numerous print and electronic resources to help you research majors and careers. The Library’s home page at http://library.cscc.edu is a great place to find the information you need. The Library also hosts a Research Guide dedicated to various career and major resources at http://library.cscc.edu/careers-majors.

Searching the Library Catalog

The main call number areas for these items on the shelves are the 331s (career guidance), 378s (college directories, sources of financial aid) and the 650s (résumé/cover letter help).

From the Library’s home page, (http://library.cscc.edu), click on the Books tab under Find it Fast or the Books and More tab at the top of the page to locate Search The Catalog. Conduct keyword searches on an area of interest to you (i.e. specific careers and majors, employment, cover letters, four-year colleges, etc.)

Or, use Library of Congress Subject Headings. Examples:
College majors—United States
Vocational Interests
Vocational guidance

Helpful *Reference Books

Best Jobs for the 21st Century
Ref. 331.702 F239b

College Majors and Careers: A Resource Guide for Effective Life Planning
Ref. 331.702 P543c

Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance
Library, Ref. 331.702 E5639 2008
Learning Center, Ref. 331.702 E5639 2011

*Reference books cannot be checked out of the library.

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Searching Electronic and Internet Resources

In addition to print resources, the Library has numerous electronic resources available to help you choose a major and to research various careers.

Electronic Books

Connect to electronic books through the Library Catalog, CSLink, or library databases, such as Safari Books Online, Electronic Book Center or EBSCO ebook Collection.

Example: Career Match: Connecting Who You Are to What You Want to Do

CSLink, Safari Books Online

Example of an e-book found through a Library Catalog search.

Career and Majors Research Guide

Check out the Library’s Research Guide on Career and Majors for a variety of resources on choosing a major, exploring careers, and preparing résumés.

Research → Research Guides → College Success → Careers and Majors

Check out the sites listed below:

Occupational Outlook Handbook
http://www.bls.gov/oco/
The Bureau of Labor Statistics provides information on job training and education, qualifications, job outlook, and salary.

CollegeSource
http://www.collegesource.org/home.asp
Look up specifics on any U.S. or international 2– or 4-year degree program. Connect directly to college and university web sites, their school catalogs, and their degree listings.

CollegeBoard
www.collegeboard.com/csearch/majors_careers/profiles
Explore major and career profiles listed under various categories.

Princeton Review
http://www.princetonreview.com/majors.aspx
Search for a profile of your major and explore majors according to industry. The site also offers information on colleges and financial aid.

O*Net OnLine
http://www.onetonline.org/
An interactive application for exploring occupations. It includes assessment instruments for people looking to find or change careers.

EMSI Career Coach
https://cscc.emsicareercoach.com/
An interactive career tool providing the most current data on wages, employment, and job postings. This tool also includes a résumé builder.

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