

Tips in Choosing the Right Course for You

Vocabulary:

Course. assigned credits, series of classes

Neglect. fail to care for properly.

Passion. strong and barely controllable emotion.

Statistics. the practice or science of collecting and analyzing numerical data in large quantities, especially for the purpose of inferring proportions in a whole from those in a representative sample.

Swayed. control or influence (a person or course of action).

Amenities. a desirable or useful feature or facility of a building or place.



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A lot of people see college as a few years of study, and figure that they'll be able to just get through it and then move on with their lives. However, what some people neglect to consider is the fact that whatever they study will most likely be linked to the career they end up with for the rest of their lives. Finding your passion can help unlock your dream job and really change the rest of your life. The following tips from OnTheHub blog (<https://onthehub.com/blog/top-10-tips-choosing-right-course/>) can help you find the right course for you:

1. ASK YOURSELF WHY YOU ARE STUDYING

Are you studying to better yourself, explore your interest, or to just get ahead in your career? The answer to this could have a huge effect on the classes you pick.

2. LOOK AROUND

While you can read reviews and explore courses online, nothing can really help you pick a school and a course like visiting a college, talking to people, and soaking up the atmosphere.



3. PAY ATTENTION TO DETAILS

Stephanie Nesbitt, a teacher, highlights the importance of details. She advises ‘if you know you prefer assignments to final exams, for example, or smaller learning groups, check the details of the courses to make sure it’s right for you.’

4. CONSIDER LOCATIONS

This could mean finding somewhere close to home, or further afield, and think about issues like if you want to be in a big city or a smaller town. These things matter to your overall experience.

5. LOOK INTO THE LECTURERS

These people will be in charge of your education, so knowing their level of expertise, and their specific areas of work or research can help give you a much better insight for the course.

6. TRY AND GET A SCHOLARSHIP

When you’re picking classes, you can enjoy a lot more freedom in terms of schools and programs if you have the comfort of a scholarship. Making sure you have an amazing admissions essay is the key to a scholarship, and there are some great online resources for producing this essay.



7. CHECK THE CAREER PROSPECTS

Universities often public the rates of employment for former students, so you can assess which schools and classes have the best prospects for your future.

8. BE PRACTICAL

An educator, Ken Doddsons, advises that students think about matters like accommodation and transport, which sound like small issues, but can have a huge effect on how you study and live at school.

9. FOCUS ON WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU

It's so easy to get carried away by what your friends like in a school or some amazing statistics. A school that ranks lower than others may be the best choice for you in terms of courses or location, while some rural universities may be more appealing than party-oriented schools to other students. Pick what matters to you, and don't be swayed by others.

10. CHECK SUPPORT NETWORKS

When you move somewhere new, it's worth checking out if social activities are organized at first, and if mental health support and on-site medical facilities are available too. Hopefully, you'll never need to use them, but picking a course with these amenities nearby is always a good idea.



This may seem like a major choice, and it is definitely something you need to take seriously, try to relax, and remember that you can always change your mind if something really doesn't work out.

Discussion:

1. What can you say about these tips?
2. What is your course/major? / What was your course/major when you were still in college?
3. Was it your choice to have that major?
4. What did you consider before taking that course/major?
5. Did you have regrets after?
6. What is the most in-demand course in your country?
7. What was the hardest thing about going to college?
8. If you could have done something different with your college life, what would you have done differently?
9. Where did you get the money to attend college?
10. Did you ever experience having a part-time job?
11. Why do you think education is very important?

