Guide to Choosing a Major
and figuring out what you want to do!

Gather Information

CAREER CENTER LIBRARY & COMPUTER LAB
- Read books and other information about majors/careers
- Find career descriptions, average salaries, job outlooks, etc.

DEPARTMENTS
- To identify majors offered at Northwest review the “Programs of Study” online or in the Bulletin
- To see what courses are offered review the class schedule

MISSISSIPPI CAREER INFORMATION SYSTEM
- Visit http://access.bridges.com
- Site ID tab-Username: 26914 Password: careers
- Assess your interests, values, and skills
- Research various majors and careers

CAREER CENTER WEBPAGE
- Follow the career exploration link to explore your interest/skills through online questionnaires

Interact with people

CAREER COUNSELORS
- Individually discuss your questions and concerns
- Call 662-562-3954 to schedule a 30 minute appointment

CAREER CENTER WORKSHOPS
- Workshops include; Roadmap for Choosing your Major, What can I do with this Major, Making the Career Connection, Resumes, Interviewing and Making a good First Impression and many more
- To sign up stop by or call the Career Center
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Connect with Opportunities

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT
• Volunteer on-campus or in the community

JOB SHADOW
• Arrange to spend time with people working in areas of your future career interest

WORK EXPERIENCE
• Pursue an internship that allows you to apply what you learned in classes
• Choose a summer or part-time job related to your long-term goals
• Check out campus job openings available through the Financial Aid Office at http://www.northwestms.edu/administration/finaid/workstudy.html the click on Work Study from the financial aide quick links

Planning for success

CREATE AN ACTION PLAN
• Determine a career goal
  • Education requirements?
  • Admission requirements and procedures?
  • Some programs require a special admission process, do you know what it is?
  • Cost of education...financial aid, scholarship, loan?
  • Time frame to reach your goal?

FOLLOW THROUGH ON THE ACTION PLAN
• Did you meet your career goal or do you need to set a new one?

GOING TO WORK
• Evaluate your employability skills, who would hire you?
• Is my resume up to date?
• Am I ready for the interview? Have I practiced?
• Do I look like a professional in my career field?

MAJORS, CAREERS  
AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN!