

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT PROGRAMS CHOICES, TRANSFER INFORMATION AND EMPLOYMENT

IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS PLEASE SUBMIT THEM TO ANY ADVISOR.

IS THERE A PERFECT CAREER FOR ME?

There will be many occupations that will offer opportunities for challenge and personal growth. Certain professions may be a better fit in terms of what you would like to contribute to an profession that interests you, and that suits your personality.

BECAUSE MY FAMILY MEMBERS KNOW ME, DO THEY KNOW WHAT CAREER IS BEST FOR ME?

They can help but the final choice is yours. You have to make the decision yourself in order to accommodate your expectations and pursue your dreams. It's a matter of balancing passion and practicality.

CAN A CAREER TESTING OR A CAREER COUNSELOR TELL ME WHAT CAREER IS RIGHT FOR ME?

You know what you're good at and what challenges you. No assessment or career counselor can make your career choice for you. However, career testing will help you make choices, and the counselor will interpret the assessments, clarify the results and provide guidance. The choice of what is more likely to work for you is yours.

ONCE I AM COMMITTED TO A MAJOR OR A CAREER CAN I CHANGE MY MIND?

A large number of students change their majors 3 times before settling into their ultimate choice. More and more folks migrate from one profession to another. Consider becoming part of an internship, if one is available. An internship will give you hands-on experience with the profession and help you decide if you have chosen the right path or should try something else instead.

IS IT OK TO COMMIT TO A MAJOR EARLY ON WITHOUT EXPLORING OTHER OPTIONS?

Committing early on does not guarantee that you will be satisfied with your choice of majors. Do your diligent search, keep an open mind and consider career exploration. You might end up making a more satisfactory choice.

IS THERE AN UPSIDE TO CHOOSING A MAJOR EARLY ON?

Sure, you will learn about your program's pre-requisites and requirements, you will have time to research transfer institutions and you will have time to search for scholarship monies.

WHAT IS A POLK STATE COLLEGE DEGREE GOING TO DO FOR ME?

It will give you admission priority to any of the Universities that are part of the Florida State University System over students who are looking to transfer without having completed their degrees. Junior standing in the Florida State University System will exempt you from having to meet freshmen admission requirements such as ACT or SAT. The University System will accept AA degree and your 60 credit hours without requiring you to take additional General Education Core classes.

CAN I TRANSFER TO A UNIVERSITY BEFORE COMPLETING MY DEGREE AT POLK STATE COLLEGE?

Yes, you can. We would suggest that you consider our lower tuition cost, our convenient locations, the quality of instruction, the flexible schedules, the smaller class sizes, and the personal attention you receive here. What program choices do I have if I want to go to a university?

We have many Associates in Arts and Associates in Science degrees for student planning to attend a 4-years institution after completing their degree at Polk State College. For specific information, please contact one of the Academic Advisors at Student Services.

HOW DO I TRANSFER FROM POLK STATE COLLEGE TO A UNIVERSITY AFTER COMPLETING MY AA DEGREE?

Universities have specific datelines for receiving applications and transcripts. Find out this information from the institution you are planning to transfer to.

Universities want you to apply early, so don't wait for graduation. Apply early 6-9 months before the Term you plan to be admitted.

Universities have a common application form. The application form can be found in either the university's website or FACTS.ORG

Universities have some limited access programs. These programs have their own applications and deadlines. Check the institution's website or the department website for information on these critical deadlines.

WHERE MIGHT I BE ABLE TO DO SOME RESEARCH ON AVAILABILITY OF JOBS AND WHAT THEY PAY?

Polk Works is a great choice. They contact employers, interview folks and bring the two together.

If you want to do some on line searching consider these sites:

Bureau Labor and Statistics	bls.gov
My Florida	myflorida.com
Salary Expert	salaryexpert.com
Florida Research and Economic Database	labormarketinfo.com
Fortune 500	fortune500.com
America's Career Info	americascareerinfonet.org