

Career Signature Assignment

MAJOR & CAREER ESSAY ASSIGNMENT For this assignment, you are to write an essay based on the career field and major/s you are interested in pursuing. For this assignment, you are to write a comprehensive essay based upon the choices you are making about majors and career fields. For this assignment, you will be writing a scholarly essay on your chosen career.

This essay should be written in your best scholarly English and have an introduction, conclusion and strong supporting paragraphs with topic sentences. You will need to do a small amount of research for this project (www.bls.org) in the computer lab.

You will need to provide a description of your ideal job. This description needs to be more detailed than "a businessman." State the title of the occupation; what type of company you might work for; what types of things you would be responsible for and any other details important to you.

Provide a description of at least 2 TSU majors that would either help you get this job or that would be necessary for this job. Again, be specific don't state that you need to major in business administration. Explain what you will learn by completing this major (and/or why you will need to learn this information).

Also, consider whether you will need graduate study and/or additional training. If so, explain what type and how you can increase your chances of being accepted to graduate school. You will need to provide a description (not a list) of at least three general education courses you can take that are related to your field. Explain how these courses are related to your field. You will need to provide a description of at least one activity (such as volunteer work, survival job, internship, etc.) not related to school coursework that could help you to get your ideal job. You might want to include in your introduction your families' career choices or circumstances that influenced you in your choice of career fields.

Your conclusion should sum up what you have learned from your job and major research and what you plan to do with this information. For instance, you might find that you are now even more interested in your career field and major; you might discover that you want to change your mind about your major or career; or you might discover that you need to complete more research.

This essay must be typed, double-spaced, with 12 pt. Times New Roman font, and 1-inch margins contain an introduction, a body, and a conclusion. be 4-5 pages in length resources cited in MLA format

Source: The Occupational Outlook Handbook put out by the Bureau of Labor Statistics
<http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

Use the following prompts to guide your analysis:

1. What is your ideal job?

- Provide a detailed description of your ideal job (include the types of things you would be responsible for and any other details
- important to you)
- State the specific job title of an occupation of interest to you.
- What type of company would you be interested in working for?
- Provide the name of at least one company/organization.
- Where is the ideal location in the country/world to work for this company?

2. What major/s are you considering?

- Name 2 TSU majors that would be interesting for you to pursue.
- Which one is your top interest area right now?
- Provide a description of that major.
- Describe what you will learn by completing this major.
- What will you learn in this major that will be helpful for the occupation you are considering?
- Speak about any GE course or elective that either excites or worries you about this major.
- Are internships/fieldwork/research courses required for this major? How do you feel about that?

OPTIONAL 3. Conduct an Informational Interview with someone in the occupation you selected, or with an academic advisor in one of the majors you are considering, and incorporate the information gained from the interview into your essay. Use your personal and TSU resources to find someone to interview (i.e., ask classmates, friends, family members, work peers, etc.). You should ask any questions that are important to you – majors to study for the field, time with family, salary range, independence, etc.

4. Incorporate your Career Assessment results into your analysis.

- Consider how the interests, values, skills, personality traits, and strengths that you possess will fit this job.

5. Is graduate study and/or additional training required for your chosen occupation? If so, explain what type and how you can increase your chances of being accepted to graduate school.

6. Provide a description of at least one activity (such as volunteer work, survival job, internship, etc.) not related to school coursework that could help you to get your ideal job.

7. You might want to include in your introduction your families' career choices or circumstances that influenced you in your choice of career fields.

8. Your conclusion should sum up and analyze what you have learned from your job and major research and what you plan to do with this information. For instance, you might find that you are now even more interested in your career field and major; you might discover that you want to change your mind about your major or career; or you might discover that you need to complete more research.

Format:

- ✓ Typed, double-spaced, with 12 pt. Times New Roman font, and 1-inch margins.
- ✓ contain an introduction, a body, and a conclusion.
- ✓ 4 pages in length
- ✓ Resources cited in MLA format

Career Essay**Introduction: -paragraph #1**

- **Grab the reader's attention. Pull the reader into your essay..... A**
-Give some simple background information about your essay..... B
-Central Thesis Statement- Tell me what you're going to tell me.....C

Qualifications: -paragraph #2

- 1 What special training is required to do this job?
- 2 What type of post-high school education is necessary for this job? If this job requires a college degree, what type of degree is required? Are there nearby schools that offer this training?
- 3 What things can you do as a high school student that will prepare you for this career? Are you doing them now or will you do them soon?
- 4 After researching the qualifications, what surprised you about this job?

Responsibilities-paragraph #3

- 5 List at least 4 of the day to day responsibilities associated with this job?
- 6 Of all these responsibilities, which would seem the most difficult and why?
- 7 Which of these responsibilities surprises you?

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Employment outlook and wages-paragraph #4
8 What is the employment outlook associated with this job?
9 Is the employment outlook getting better or worse?
10 What is the average salary for this position?

Conclusion:
Why are you interested in this career? Why should other people care?

The essay will be graded according to the following rubric.

To receive an “A” the essay should:

-Be relatively free of typographical, spelling and grammatical errors. It should be free of slang and have well-developed paragraphs. Each paragraph should have a topic sentence that supports the paragraph. The essay should show a good amount of research, have a good title and be turned in on time. The essay should meet all length requirements and be neat in appearance. All pre-writing should be done, and a rough draft should be turned in on time.

To receive a “B” the essay should:

-Have a small amount of typographical errors, with limited use of slang. Each paragraph has a topic sentence that supports the paragraph. The essay shows a fair amount of research, has a title and was turned in on time. The essay should meet all length requirements and be neat in appearance. All pre-writing should be done, and a rough draft should be turned in on time.

To receive a “C” the essay should:

-Have more than 5 serious typographical and/or spelling errors. The paragraphs may lack order and/or organization. The essay may fall short on length requirements and/or lack a title. The prewriting may be incomplete and/or the rough draft was not turned in on time.

To receive a “D” the essay should:

-Have more than 8 serious typographical and/or spelling errors. The paragraphs may lack order and/or organization. The essay falls seriously short of length requirements and/or the prewriting either was not done or was seriously incomplete. The essay may also have been more than two days late.

To receive and “F” the essay should:

-Be full of typographical errors that were not corrected from the prewriting stage. The essay falls seriously short of length requirements. No prewriting was done and/or the project was more than 5 days late.