How Do I Explore Majors at OSU?

1) Start with a list of OSU majors. Look through the list, cross off majors you are not interested in; circle majors you are interested in. If you find majors that you don’t know much about, put a * next to them.

2) What do you need to know to explore majors?
   a) In order to effectively explore majors, you need to ask questions about that particular program to find out if it's going to be a good "fit" for you. Below are some sample questions you may want to ask when looking at a major.
   b) Examples:
      i) Is there a GPA requirement?
      ii) What are the pre-requisite courses?
      iii) What academic skills do I need to be successful? i.e. lots of chemistry…
      iv) What types of classes will I take?
      vi) What class(es) can I take to see if I like this area of study?
   c) Go to http://www.osu.edu/academics/a-z.html to find more information on your circled major(s), such as requirements for entry, major courses, etc.
   d) Google search “What Can I Do With This Major” to view major to career information.
   e) Go to http://www.bls.gov/ooh/ and check out the Occupational Outlook Handbook. This will give you everything you ever wanted to know about careers including salary trends, the probability of jobs being available when you graduate, etc.

3) Talk to students enrolled in a major you want to explore using the Senior Bank Program.
   a) Go to http://exploration.osu.edu/seniorbank.cfm
   b) Use the drop down menus to locate a student in the major, minor, or professional area of your choice to get information from a student perspective.
   c) Send an email to that student with your questions.

4) Consider using a computerized assessment program to help you narrow down your interests and how they relate to majors and careers. Career Connection offers the FOCUS online assessment. Careerconnection.osu.edu

5) Meet with an Exploration Program Academic Counselor
   a) Make an appointment to meet with a counselor for more information on majors and how to declare/apply for majors by calling 292-0646 M-F from 8am to 5:00pm. We are located in 352 Denney Hall.