

FYE 101 – First Year Experience
Interview Assignment and Reflection Paper
Due: Friday, September 24th

The goal of this assignment is for you to explore your future educational and career goals by talking to someone who is already working in your field. Choose someone who is currently working in an area that you are considering pursuing as a career (either in the professional world or in the academic world) and set up a time to interview them (either in person or over the phone). Ask your interviewee to answer to answer the following questions:

Name of Interviewee
Job Title and Employer

1. What College(s) or Universities did you attend, and what degree(s) did you complete?
2. What was your major during the first year you were in college? How many times (if any) did you switch majors during your undergraduate years?
3. How did you choose your final major? Were there other careers or areas of study that you also considered? If you had it to do over again, would you make a different choice?
4. What was your first job after graduating from college? Did this job relate directly to the field in which you got your degree?
5. What do you like best about your current job?
6. What skills and abilities do you think are most important in order to succeed in your field?
7. What advice do you have for someone who is considering having a career in your field?
 - a. What should they be doing over the next 2-3 years in order to be well prepared to enter the job market?
 - b. What skills are most important in order to be successful in your field?

After completing your interview, write down their answers to these questions. Then, write your own responses to the following:

1. Summarize what you learned about your potential career through this interview activity.
2. Based on what you learned, are you more or less likely to pursue this career? Why?
3. What are some specific things that you plan to do over the next 2-3 years in order to prepare yourself to be successful in your future career?