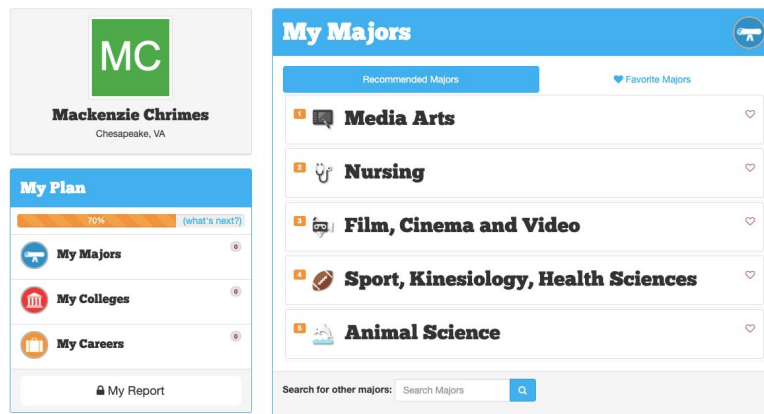


Parallel Major Assignment

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Even though the results from the My Majors quiz indicate that a media arts major should be my parallel major, I would probably choose Psychology as my major. Ideally I would love to major in graphic design as a back-up to athletic training, but ODU doesn't offer that program as a major. I have always been very interested in psychology. I find it very cool how we can observe different behaviors or visual things in the world and then analyze how they affect us and why we act the way we do. I also found out that there are different sub-psychology topics which is very interesting. A cool fact specific to ODU psychology majors is that all students have to start with basic psychology classes and then can branch off into classes such as clinical or engineering psychology. Psychology can be used for more than just observing and analyzing behaviors; Psychology careers include things like helping students at school (school psychologists), training and policy planning (industrial-organizational psychologists), and things like working to help people in rehab. I decided to research School Psychologists because I love working with kids and it also pays pretty well. This job actually seems really interesting because you are not only consulting kids on issues like mental health, behavior, and learning styles, you are also consulting the teachers in their ability to teach and work with their students. Being a school psychologist gives you the opportunity to work with students and administrators to create an ideal learning environment for all. I would be very content and happy with pursuing this career if I didn't make it to grad school for Athletic Training.

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If I were to try and pursue a major in psychology, I would have to complete the rest of my (3) lower-level gen ed courses in addition to 12 courses within the psychology major itself. It would probably take me 3 years to complete the remaining classes. If I wanted to know more about a career in psychology or gain experience, I could always go talk to the counselors and school psychologists here at ODU. Additionally, I could go to a local clinic and talk with some of the professionals about what it is they do on a daily basis to help patients. If I were to switch my major, my advisor for intended psychology majors would be Cynthia Meca. The advisor for declared Psychology majors is Jennifer Younkin. Overall, I wouldn't be too upset if I didn't get to go to grad school for Athletic Training because Psychology is equally as interesting and seems like a really good career to have.