

Parallel Major (50 points)

Due Date: Week 16

Assignment Submission: Submit on e-Portfolio on Parallel Major page.

Students in the College of Health Sciences are advised to have a Parallel Plan. A Parallel Plan can help address the question of “what if I do not get into my intended major?” One option for a parallel planning is selecting a Parallel Major.

In this assignment each student will be asked to answer/identify each of the following:

- a. **Complete MyMajors Quiz:** <https://odu.mymajors.com/quiz> . This quiz is a helpful tool for you find your interests listed as majors. You do not need to choose your top result, but should consider all of the top results and research them.
- b. **List your Parallel Major. Your Parallel Major must be an undergraduate degree offered here at ODU.**
 - a. The parallel major I would like to declare if I do not get accepted into my original major is Public Administration.
- c. **Why did you choose this as your Parallel Major? What interests you about this major?**
 - a. I chose this major because it still aligns with my career plan. My interests in this major are the same as those for my current intended major. I would like to help people by creating and following policies that will benefit the world piece by piece. The thing that is most interesting about this major is how broad it is. The career paths for those who achieve this degree seem endless but they all have one focal point deals with helping others.
- d. **List some interesting facts about this major.**
 - a. Researching this major to ensure that it would be a good fit for me informed me of a lot of interesting facts about this major. My favorite thing I learned is that the foundation for the study of public administration was created by former U.S President Woodrow Wilson. Among his other titles he is called The Father of Public Administration. He earned this title by writing a famous essay that highlights the need for the specialization of public administration and ways to improve public service. Prior to World War 2, public administration didn't include the various career fields that it does today. The government recognized this field as a need for the proper way to assess the needs of the public although President Wilson tried to years before. The reason why it was decided during this time was to get the previous public administration system after it proved to be ineffective at addressing public need. With the new system policy-making practices through psychology, anthropology, and other social sciences would be included in public administration.
 - b. The salary for those in the public administration field range from \$450K to \$150,000 dollars a year.

e. Research at least one career that you can do with this major and provide information on that career.

a. The most attractive career choice in this field would be a chief sustainability executive position. This career path would enable me to plan and create policies at the company I would be working with to best benefit the company and the world in some positions. As a chief executive my job would be to ensure that things are running smoothly for managers that are subordinate to my position and excel the company I work for. With my interests I could be a chief executive in the environmental field and work for the Environmental Protection agency with the United States government.

f. Create a plan for pursuing this major

i. Additional classes required (if applicable) ([Use DegreeWorks "What If" analysis](#))

1. As long as my general education requirements are completed by my junior year I can enter apply for the M.P.A program at ODU.

ii. How could you gain professional experiences to learn more about this area of study?

1. Aside from obtaining a degree I can gain experience in public administration through volunteer work in public sectors of the community. A great way that I researched was volunteering in local government to gain knowledge on some of the analytical aspects of public administration.

iii. ODU List the advisor for this major (if Parallel Major is outside of the College of Health Sciences). [Directory of Advisors website](#)

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Rubric

Criteria	Excellent (47-50 points)	Sufficient (42-46.99 points)	Minimal (37-41.99 points)	Unacceptable (0-36.99 points)
Inclusions of requested information	Includes all requested information and goes into detail for each question.	Includes most of the information requested. Correct, but limited details provided for each question.	Partial, or incorrect program listed as parallel plan. Missing or incorrect information.	No, or unrealistic parallel plan identified. Does not answer any of the questions.

Ease of finding information	Assignment is easily found from the menu bar of the student's e-portfolio and is clearly identified. Fonts are easily read and layouts are appropriate to the assignment.	Page is viewable but not easily locatable. Fonts are readable, information is present but does not have a logical flow.	No Logical flow to information. Missing, and/or partially answered questions. Font is illegible.	No page, or information provided.
Writing quality of assignments	Writing is clear, concise, and well organized with excellent sentence/paragraph construction. Thoughts are expressed in a coherent and logical manner. There are no spelling, grammar, or syntax errors per page of writing.	Writing is mostly clear, concise, and well organized with good sentence/paragraph construction. Thoughts are expressed in a coherent and logical manner. There are no more than three spelling, grammar, or syntax errors per page of writing.	Writing is unclear and/or disorganized. Thoughts are not expressed in a logical manner. There are no more than five spelling, grammar, or syntax errors per page of writing.	Writing is unclear and disorganized. Thoughts ramble and make little sense. There are numerous spelling, grammar, or syntax errors throughout the response.