



Birmingham-Southern MyMajors Report

Prepared for **Katy Smith**

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MyMajors is a knowledge-based system that computes your College and Career Plan based on your individual Academic Aptitude and Interests. With the assistance of your Career Coach and Academic Advisors, this report will help you create your major, academic success and career plan toward completing your degree. Your recommendations were based on: Grades, Course Enjoyment, GPA,

Achievement Tests, Interests and Personality.

How were My Majors calculated?

The MyMajors assessment is a knowledge-based program developed by Dr. Fritz Grupe, Professor Emeritus from the University of Nevada, Reno. The results are based on four key measures to find the right program for you:

Academic Achievement

You have completed and enjoyed courses that are vital to that degree program.

Aptitude

Your ability to thrive and enroll in the degree program at a college and university.

Interests

Do you enjoy the activities and tasks associated with this major?

Personality

Do your emotional and psychological strengths and weaknesses collaborate with this major?

"MyMajors is designed to emulate a human academic advisor. The program recommends actual college and university majors (not general categories or personality types). MyMajors is not a psychological or personality instrument. It takes into account a student's academic abilities and personal interests to create a successful plan to become college and career ready."

Dr. Fritz Grupe, Creator of MyMajors
Professor Emeritus, University Nevada, Reno

My Report will help you create a College and Career Plan towards completing your degree.

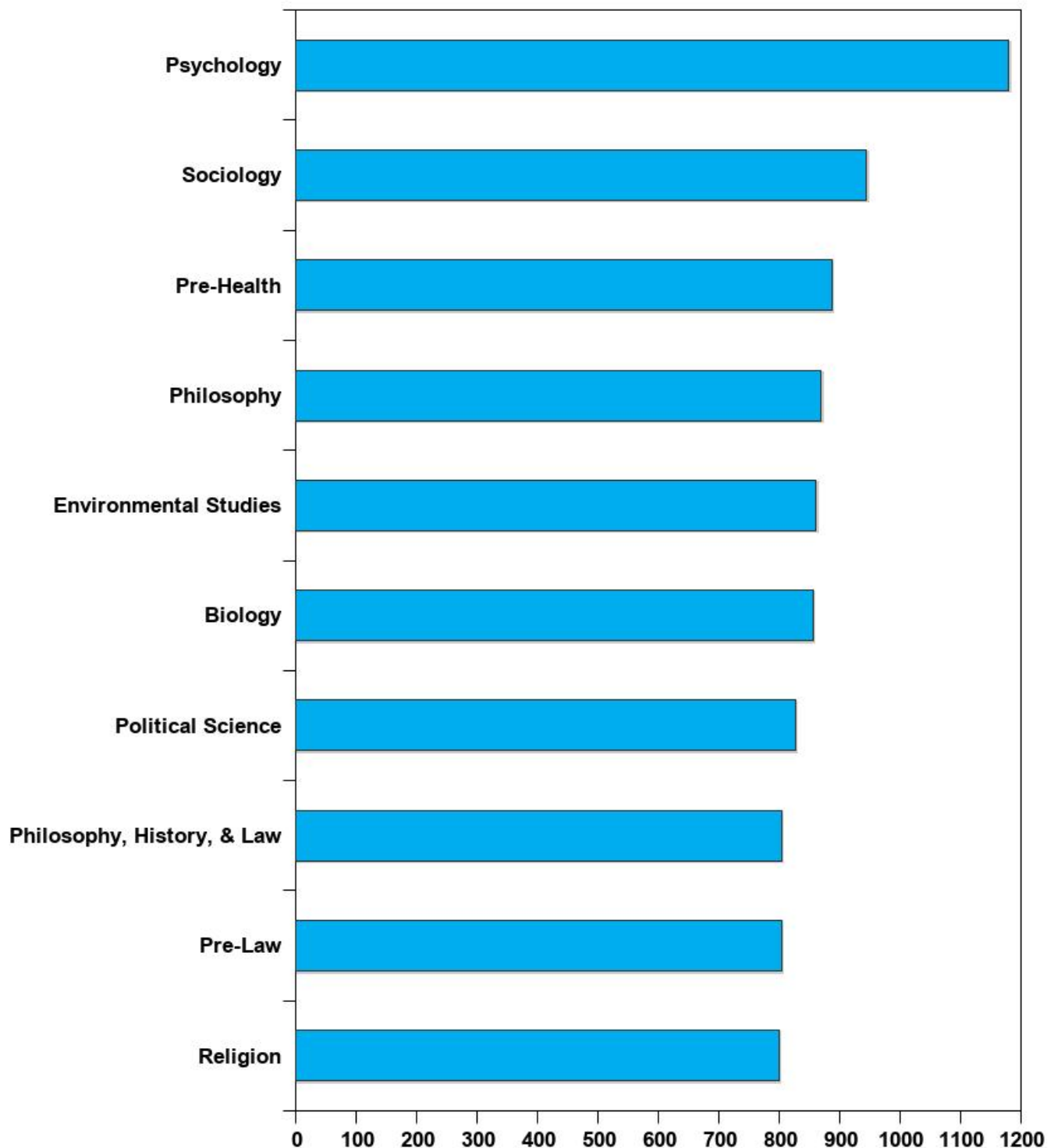
Based on the information you provided MyMajors, we have matched you with Majors and Careers. Your recommendations were based on: **Grades, Course Enjoyment, GPA, Achievement Tests, Interests and Personality.**

Each component is scored and then weighted to produce accurate recommendations. We measure interests and your personality to show your likeliness to enjoy your degree but also measure your academic achievement to excel in the specific major. Your score for each major and more details about your recommendations are listed on the following pages.

Summary Report

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| Scholar | Katy Smith |
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| Intended Major | Sociology |
| What is your current status at Birmingham-Southern? | Current BSC Student |
| Birthdate | |

MyMajors Recommendations



The chart above displays your MyMajors recommendation scoring. Your score for each major was based on your Grades, Course Enjoyment, GPA, Achievement Tests, Interests and Personality.

*Recommendations in this report are based on your responses during the assessment. Don't see your top 3 desired majors in this list? Don't be discouraged, talk to your academic adviser. This list of majors is a starting point for discussion. Always consult with an academic advisor or career coach if you need assistance interpreting the results and your next steps.

MyMajors Recommendations

Based on your assessment, the following majors may be of interest to you. Review the catalog descriptions for each one and follow the link to gather additional information, including specific program requirements and expectations.

50% of students change their major at least once. This list of majors will help you stay prepared to declare your major and prepare for the future.

1. Psychology

By studying psychology at BSC, you'll gain an understanding of the principles of human behavior. What profession doesn't require that? From management in business to teaching to politics to engineering, understanding human psychology is critical today. You'll also learn how to conduct quantitative and qualitative research, use critical and creative thinking, and become skilled in using technology for many purposes.

Did You Know?

About 2/3 of BSC psychology grads go on to professional or graduate school, either in clinical, social, or cognitive psychology or in neuroscience, or in other fields such as health professions (medicine, dentistry, and physical therapy), divinity school, law school, and more.

Potential Careers:

Counseling, Rehabilitation, College Teaching, Clinical Practice, Behavioral Management, Behavioral Research, Psychological Testing, Psychiatric Social Work, Personnel Training, Human Resource Management

2. Sociology

The sociology major is designed to provide students with the theoretical and analytic tools to scientifically examine the relationship between human behavior and society.

It emphasizes traits essential to a multifaceted liberal arts education including critical thinking, social awareness, multicultural and global understandings, and effective written and oral communication skills.

Sociology majors are encouraged to choose from diverse elective courses based on their interests and educational and career goals.

Learning Outcomes:

Majors are encouraged to choose from diverse elective courses based on their interests and educational and career goals. Upon graduation, sociology majors will be prepared for an array of career opportunities in the fields of social service, law enforcement, healthcare, social justice and advocacy, conflict resolution, management and advocacy, and education with government, non-profit, or private organizations.

Students interested in pursuing graduate or professional school post-graduation will be prepared for graduate work in sociology, public health, social work, or law school.

Upon completion of the sociology major, students will be able to

- Apply diverse theoretical approaches to understanding the relationship between human behavior and society,
- Demonstrate critical thinking and understanding of our increasingly diverse and global society through the use of the sociological imagination,
- Demonstrate effective social science research methods in conducting quantitative and qualitative research,
- Employ effective oral and written communication skills.

Related Majors and Fields:

- Health Sciences
- Leadership Studies
- Pre-Health
- Political Science
- Poverty Studies

- Public Health
- Service Learning
- Urban Environmental Studies

Potential Careers:

Teaching, Demographer/Planner, Political Research, Applied Sociologist, Business, Counseling, Social Service, Journalism

3. Pre-Health

You've worked hard to get to college—and you're ready to take the next steps toward your health career. At Birmingham-Southern, we're here to make sure you succeed. We offer the perfect blend of challenging academics, strong teachers, undergraduate research, internships, and service opportunities to prepare you for medical school and help you stand out from other applicants. You'll shadow physicians at local hospitals or health care professionals in your chosen field full-time for a month during the January E-Term and get extra mentoring if you choose. A designated Health Professions Program Advisor helps you along the way, including with applications, an advisory committee writes the important Committee Letter endorsing you. It all works, too—our admittance rate to medical schools for the Class of 2017 is 72 percent, well above the national average, and other professions are even higher.

At BSC, You'll Get:

- a health professions advisor to guide you on your career path
- individualized course planning to keep you on track
- mock interviews by BSC faculty and local professionals
- an advisory committee that assists with your applications
- hands-on internships to get you clinical experience
- peer mentoring and tutoring for academic and other support
- one-on-one evaluations from leaders at area professional schools

Potential Careers:

The Pre-Health Sciences programs are not designed for employment. Rather they prepare you for graduate school programs in either medicine or veterinary medicine.

4. Philosophy

Studying philosophy at Birmingham-Southern means confronting the essential questions of the human experience: What is the nature of our existence? How do we know this life? What does it matter? But students will also take a personal journey even while you explore the most profound ideas of the past 2,500 years.

Along the way, students will practice the fine art of critical thinking, learn how to make a compelling argument, and hone your abilities to write and analyze—all skills tomorrow's employers are seeking.

While many of our students pursue philosophy into graduate school, most take on other professions such as medicine, the law, theology and psychology. Regardless of the path you choose when you leave BSC, philosophy will prepare you to do more than succeed. We'll prepare you to make a difference.

Why Study Philosophy at BSC?

- Our small department means students will work closely with your peers and your professors, challenging each other to think more deeply than you ever imagined. Students will participate in collaborative and independent research projects.
- Spend our unique January Exploration Term venturing beyond the basics of Plato and Aristotle to look at contemporary subjects through a philosophical lens. Whether it's examining the role of atheism in our society, analyzing the philosophy of film, or looking at the lyrics of Led Zeppelin, there's always something new to learn.
- Combine philosophy with religion, politics, or economics in our interdisciplinary majors, or create your own major that lets you study the foundations of human thought even as you explore another field, from biology to business.

Learning Outcomes:

Collegiate courses in philosophy are invitations to modern undergraduates to participate in this intellectual heritage and to develop

analytical techniques essential to it. Upon completion of the philosophy major, students will be able to

- make appropriate use of scholarly literature relevant to the topic in defense of a thesis,
- sympathetically articulate the views of scholarly literature which present arguments that run contrary to a thesis,
- construct a cogent argument in defense of a thesis,
- write in a clear and well organized manner in defense of a thesis,
- speak in a clear and well organized manner in defense of a thesis.

Related Majors and Fields:

- [Religion](#)
- [Political Science](#)
- [Economics](#)
- [Pre-Law](#)
- Philosophy, History, and Law

Potential Careers:

Public Speaking and Writing, Business, Public Service, Corporate Ethicist, Peace Corps, Politics, Ministry/Religion, Social and Community Services

5. Environmental Studies

A new generation of leaders who understand the complex relationship between human welfare and environmental sustainability will make much needed strides toward environmental sustainability. With its liberal arts focus and commitment to academic excellence, Birmingham-Southern provides an ideal setting to train socially- and environmentally-literate leaders.

The Major:

The UES Program examines sustainability from environmental, economic, socio-political and cultural perspectives. Within a liberal arts curriculum, students take more traditional environmental courses from the natural sciences coupled with social sciences and humanities courses. UES majors choose either a BA or BS degree. The UES Program teaches courses based on materials from the American South, Global North and Global South providing students local, American and international experiences. UES students complete a senior capstone course in which they develop an independent research project. The UES Program enrolls about 35 majors and minors with 13 faculty members across eight academic departments. UES students may minor in other departments such as biology, business, chemistry and mathematics to expand their expertise and skills concentrations. BSC is the only Associated Colleges of the South (ACS) institution who has a 3-2 master's program with Duke's Nicholas School of the Environment. BSC's location in a mid-sized metropolitan area like Birmingham is an advantage to our students being involved in internships, service learning and independent research with community partners through the rise3 Program. The Southern Environmental Center and Turkey Creek Nature Preserve provide unique opportunities for the UES Program such as the annual BioBlitz overnight research program. Additionally, the UES Program partners with the E.O. Wilson Center in Freeport, FL providing students opportunities for lab trip weekends to independent study projects only minutes from the Gulf Coast beaches. On campus UES students are involved in EnAct, the campus environmental group, and the BSC Garden Club. EnAct organizes Green Week events around Earth Day in April as well as the annual Southern Exposures film showing from the Alabama Rivers Alliance. Garden Club manages the campus community garden. Top academic majors are eligible for membership in Kappa Alpha Omicron (KAO) International Environmental Honor Society.

The Outcome:

UES graduates are employed in government, non-profit and business. Some majors work in federal, state and local governments in policy and legal fields. Others work in non-profits promoting environmental practices. In private business, UES majors serve as consultants, technical advisors, and green business entrepreneurs. Typical professional positions include lawyers, urban planners, policy advocates, political consultants, non-profit organizers, and business managers. UES majors succeed in graduate programs. Some enroll directly from BSC while others work for a few years. Those wanting to remain in local environmental programs gained admission to the University of Alabama-Birmingham (UAB), Stamford and the University of Alabama. Students entered graduate programs at Duke, Rutgers and the University of Chicago. Students gained admission to law schools including George Washington, Loyola (New Orleans), Tulane, Vermont, and Washington & Lee.

Potential Careers:

Environmental Consultant, Urban and Regional Planner, Land Use Planner, Secondary Teaching, Water Management, Conservationist/Preservationist, Waste Treatment Specialist, Research Analyst, Environmental Impact Assessor, Project Environmental

6. Biology

BSC Biology students don't just study science, they DO science—in our classrooms and laboratories, on field trips and research projects, and through pre-professional internships and study abroad experiences. Our program emphasizes hands-on learning in ways that sharpen the problem-solving and critical thinking skills that are the foundation of a successful career.

Birmingham-Southern biology students go on to be doctors, dentists, and nurses, researchers seeking to cure diseases, and teachers educating the next generation of scientists. But there are other options you may not have thought of: patent lawyers, genetic counselors, biomedical illustrators and many more.

Why Study Biology at BSC?

- Our program emphasizes hands-on learning in ways that sharpen the problem-solving and critical thinking skills that are the foundation of a successful career.
- Small classes and labs allow faculty to guide students in small group and one-on-one settings.
- Our classrooms and labs are housed in the state-of-the-art Elton B. Stephens Science Center, stocked with equipment undergraduates at many other schools never see.
- Our Health Professions Advisory Committee advises students from day one on how to prepare for professional school and helps with the application process so you have the best chance of getting into the professional school you want.
- Our active Pre-Health Program allows students to work alongside practitioners with internships and shadowing opportunities and meet with administrators from medical, dental, and other professional schools.
- Our Health Professions Advisory Committee advises students from day one on how to prepare for professional school and helps with the application process so you have the best chance of getting into the professional school you want.

Related Programs:

- [Health Sciences](#)
- [Pre-Health](#)
- [Urban Environmental Studies](#)

Graduates Have Become:

- Health care professionals
- Researchers
- Teachers
- Patent lawyers
- Genetic counselors
- Medical illustrators

Potential Careers:

Animal Biologist, Inspector, Biomedical Technician, Research Associate, Botanist, Scientific Lab Director, Cell Biologist, Veterinary Surgeon, Developmental Biologist, Vision Scientist, Environmental Consultant, Zoologist

7. Political Science

Whether you're up late watching returns on election night, watching regimes change halfway across the globe, or following the events at your local school board, political science links us to the political world we live in.

It's all about power: who has it, how they get it, and how they use it.

Here at Birmingham-Southern, we blend traditional classroom learning with hands-on tools like simulations, internships and research. You'll develop the research skills you'll need for whatever comes next, whether it's business, government, law school, or graduate work.

Why Study Political Science at BSC?

- We take on a huge range of topics addressing the most pressing issues of our time, from human rights to political violence to civil rights and justice. We look closely at the role of the media in politics and study development and democratization around the globe.
- Seniors usually take on a full-term research project and also conduct a public presentation of their scholarship. In addition, faculty and students work together each year to develop an annual statewide survey, which will teach you to analyze data and develop your communications skills.

- You can study abroad, with international Exploration-term classes on global media in Europe, service learning in Latin America, development in Southeast Asia, and more.
- We offer internships in law, politics, government and the not-for-profit sector. Recent political science majors have held internships with the A+ Education Foundation in Montgomery, Ala.; Bread for the World in Washington, D.C.; the Clinton Global Initiative in New York; and Operation New Birmingham in Birmingham, Alabama

Learning Outcomes:

Political science is the analysis of power dynamics within and between societies and nation-states. We conduct theoretical and practical analysis to explore, explain, and predict political behavior at the individual, group and institutional levels. Comparative studies of the United States, Europe, Latin America, and Asia as well as insights from sociology, political psychology, media studies, and economics are utilized in the study of power across audiences; we work together to develop the skills to do this effectively.

Political science majors will develop analytic skills and the ability to communicate the results of research. Emphasis is placed on the comparative approach to the study of politics as applied to political culture, institutions, behavior, theory, and public policy.

Upon completion of the political science major, students will be able to

- demonstrate competency in the fields of American politics and comparative politics,
- demonstrate competency in basic methods of empirical social science analysis,
- demonstrate competency in critical thinking, research and analysis skills,
- demonstrate competency in the formulation of theses and research questions,
- demonstrate competency in synthesizing information about politics.

Our Graduates Have Become:

- Truman Scholars
- Fulbright and Rotary scholarship winners
- elected officials
- lobbyists
- policy analysts
- lawyers
- entrepreneurs
- diplomats
- journalists and authors

Potential Careers:

Political Advisor, Elected Public Official, Public Administration, Urban and Regional Planning, Government Service, Congress Aide, Public Policy Analysis, Law, Business, Lobbyist

8. Philosophy, History, & Law

This new major at BSC gives students the skills for success in law school and a legal career. You'll learn about the philosophy of law, the development of the U.S. Constitution, accounting, writing, and economic analysis. There are two tracks: one emphasizing analytical techniques and another emphasizing history of our nation's legal system.

Related Majors and Fields:

- [History](#)
- [Philosophy](#)
- [Political Science](#)
- [Pre-Law](#)

Potential Careers:

Corporate Practice, Federal Government, Judicial Clerkships, Lobbying/Government Relations, Legislative Positions, Criminal Prosecutor, Public Defender, Civil Lawyer, Patent and Copyright Lawyer, Financial Planner, Environmental Lawyer, Law Teacher, Legal Publishing/Journalism

9. Pre-Law

Birmingham-Southern College has a long tradition of preparing students for the study and practice of law, and our graduates are admitted to prestigious law schools across the country. We see students move from law school to a variety of different roles, from private practice lawyers to judges and prosecutors to corporate executives and civil servants. With a liberal arts education, students gain skills in research, communication, problem-solving, critical reading and writing, organization, and management that prepare them for a career in law. Our pre-law advisory program provides students with an additional advisor and connections to professional internships during their time at BSC.

Pre-law students can major in any subject they wish. Without a set pre-law curriculum, we encourage students to choose courses that interest and challenge them and save direct legal study for law school. A broad and diverse set of courses develop the values of serving in the interest of others and promoting justice faithfully. Many pre-law students major in English, history, philosophy, or political science majors, but we have seen BSC students succeed in law school with majors as diverse as music and chemistry.

Potential Careers:

Corporate Practice, Federal Government, Judicial Clerkships, Lobbying/Government Relations, Legislative Positions, Criminal Prosecutor, Public Defender, Civil Lawyer, Patent and Copyright Lawyer, Financial Planner, Environmental Lawyer, Law Teacher, Legal Publishing/Journalism

10. Religion

Students choose to study the religious dimensions of culture for many different reasons.

You might be motivated by concerns about social justice, by an interest in religious experience, by a desire to study the history of religious traditions, by curiosity about unfamiliar cultures, or simply by the sense that one cannot understand the world without understanding religion.

At BSC, you'll study how different cultures have put together the religious worlds in which people live. You'll have the opportunity to learn more about local and global religious traditions, the spiritual dimensions of human experience, and the place of religion in culture and society.

Why Study Religion at BSC?

- Religious studies at BSC are inherently interdisciplinary and intercultural. You'll be able to study ecological spirituality, the cultural context of the Hebrew Bible, Buddhist meditation, and the intersection of religion and film—plus much, much more.
- We also ground students in the basics. Read sacred texts in their original Hebrew or Sanskrit, if you choose.
- Our unique January Exploration Term offers opportunity to travel the world, join in one of many service projects abroad or here in Birmingham, or spend the time pursuing your own projects.
- You can put what you learn into practice through internships and volunteer positions. Recent religion students have worked with anti-poverty group Alabama Arise, the Glide Foundation in San Francisco, and the World Council of Churches in Switzerland. The BSC's Bunting Center for Engaged Study and Community Action and Office of Religious Life both coordinate service-learning and internship opportunities.

Learning Outcomes:

The purpose of the study of religion is to introduce the student to the religious heritage of humankind and to challenge the student to think critically and constructively in dialogue with this heritage. An academic understanding of religion is an essential ingredient of a liberal arts education, and thus the faculty of religion teaches a variety of courses in Biblical studies, religious thought and practice, and history of religions to aid students in interpreting the religious dimension of life.

Upon completion of the religion major, students will be able to

- demonstrate a significant familiarity with at least one religious tradition, recognize its diverse manifestations in particular cultural contexts, and engage in informed discussion of its history and practices,
- interpret "textual religion" and apply the methodologies (linguistic, literary, sociological, historical, rhetorical, or ideological) that relate to the critical interpretation of sacred texts and religious writings,
- integrate the study of religion into other disciplinary studies,
- conduct original scholarly research in the academic study of religion,
- present scholarly research to a public audience.

Potential Careers:

Priest or Pastor, Associate Pastor, Campus Minister, Denominational Administrator, Chaplin, Religious Education Teacher, Seminary Administrator, Campus Religious Coordinator, Counselor, Director of Religious Development, Missionary, Religious Staff Writer

My Academic Profile

GPA:

4.0 on a 4 scale

AP Courses:

Biology, English, History, Math, Psychology

Number of Years of Math taken in high school:

4

Number of Years of Foreign Language taken in high school:

2

My Interests and Personality

What you enjoy in and out of the classroom will be a key indicator of future success in classes you take in college and you career you pursue after college.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Outdoors

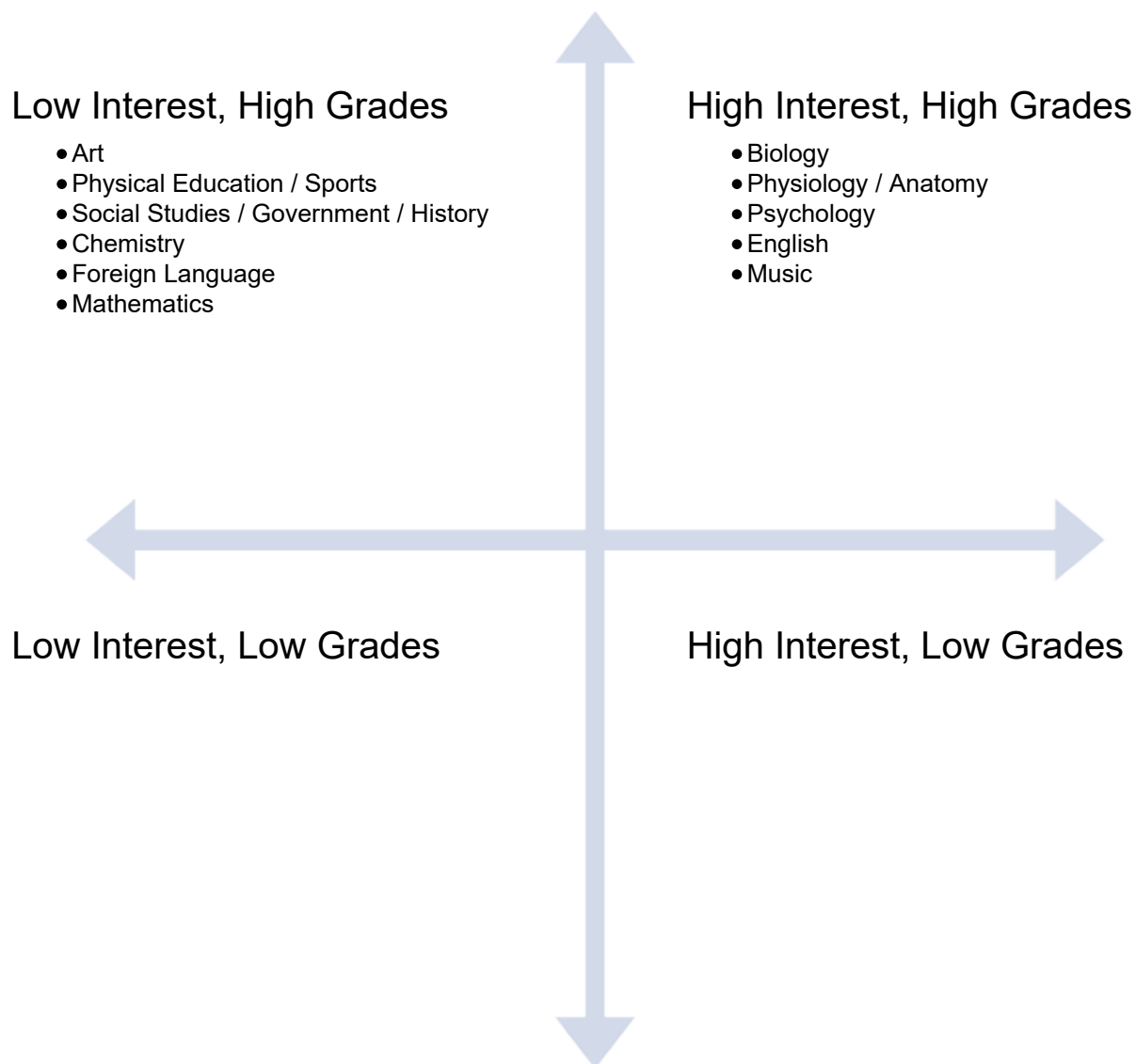
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Writing and Reading

Social Work

Course Matrix

Your completed courses, grades and interests influence your future success and enjoyment in college courses. Understanding your strengths and weaknesses in specific classes will help you succeed in your future degree.



Katy's Course Grades and Enjoyment

Your completed courses, grades and interests influence your future success and enjoyment in college courses. Understanding your strengths and weaknesses in specific classes will help you succeed in your future degree. These grades are your self-reported grades and are not from your exact transcript.

| Course | Grade | Enjoyment |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| FINE ARTS | | |
| Art | A | No preference |
| Music | A | Loved it! |
| Theater | Did not take | |
| HUMANITIES | | |
| English | A | Loved it! |
| Foreign Language | B | Didn't like it |
| SCIENCES | | |
| Biology | A | Liked it |
| Chemistry | A | Didn't like it |
| Earth Science (Geology) | Did not take | |
| Physics | Did not take | |
| MATHEMATICS | | |
| Computer Science | Did not take | |
| Mathematics | B | Didn't like it |
| SOCIAL STUDIES | | |
| Social Studies (Government, History) | A | No preference |
| PHYSICAL EDUCATION | | |
| Physical Education & Sports | A | Hated it! |
| ELECTIVES | | |
| Business & Accounting | Did not take | |
| Contemporary Issues | Did not take | |
| Economics | Did not take | |
| Geography | Did not take | |
| Journalism | Did not take | |
| Philosophy/Religious Studies | Did not take | |
| Physiology & Anatomy | A | Liked it |
| Psychology | A | Loved it! |
| Sociology/Anthropology | Did not take | |
| Speech | Did not take | |
| Visual Arts | Did not take | |
| Writing | Did not take | |

My Values & Preferences

Preferences and Values

Group Size
 Problem Types
 Work Environment
 Theoretical or Concrete Things
 Biological or Organizational
 Creative or Structured
 Age Group

 Clear Connection to a Career
 Exert Power & Authority
 Work on Self-Initiated Projects
 Speak to & Facilitate Groups
 Engage in High Stress, Risky Activities
 Use Manual & Mechanical Skills
 Interested in Military Service
 Participate in Sports
 Maintain Hard Working Study Skills
 Study Different Peoples & Cultures
 Engage in Religious Activities
 Teach children, young people or adults

 Avoid Hazardous Situations or Materials
 Engage in Social Issues & Actions
 Stay Involved in Current Events
 Rely on Mental Images
 Engage in Scientific Problem Solving
 Public Dramatic or Musical Performance
 Exercise Your Creativity
 Prefer Above-Average Salary
 Avoid Majors Lasting More Than 4 Years
 Assist Others to Resolve Conflicts
 Wish to Study Abroad
 Work in Business Environment
 Combine Work with Learning
 Value Leadership Training and Experiences
 Rely on and Trust in your Peers, Camaraderie
 Provide Nursing and/or Healthcare Related Services

Student Selection

Work alone or small groups
 Help people solve personal problems
 Work either indoors or outdoors
 Prefer concrete things
 Organizations or biological world
 Definitely logical structure
 Work with either children or adults

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HOW WILL YOU PURSUE YOUR PASSIONS?

Birmingham-Southern College is a private, liberal arts college that offers a personalized education — through small class sizes and faculty who challenge you to do your very best — leadership opportunities, real-world experience, and a fast track to graduate in four years. You'll find a world of opportunity on the Hilltop — for a price that aligns with public universities.

APPLY FOR ADMISSION

When you are ready to apply for admission to Birmingham-Southern, the process is straightforward and simple. We are here to help you every step of the way. You can apply via:

- [Free BSC Online Application](#)
- [Common App](#)

Any materials not being submitted electronically via the [BSC Online Application](#), [The Common Application](#) or your school's counseling office may be mailed to us at:

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VISIT BSC

We would love to host you for one of our campus visits! Nothing can replace being on the Hilltop and exploring it firsthand. More information is one click away:

- [Campus Visits](#)

CONNECT WITH YOUR COUNSELOR

Our team of counselors are eager to answer your questions and connect with you more based upon your assessment results. [Contact your admission counselor](#) and find out more about Birmingham-Southern.