

From Major to Career: Developing Skills

Logging into Steppingblocks:

- Go to <https://niu.steppingblocks.com/app/dashboard> and sign in using your NIU single sign on information. Click on the **Search360** tool on the left-hand navigation bar.
- Under “**Search by Major,**” type in the name of the **field of study/major** that you are interested in and select one of the majors provided.

Use the data in the tabs to answer the following questions:

1. Use the Education tab. What percentage of people in this major have advanced degrees?
2. Use the Employment tab. What is the average salary for people in this major after 2 years?
3. Use the Employment tab. What are a few of the common jobs people with this major have?
4. Use the Employment tab. Select the Top Companies section. Choose an employer. What are the top skills in demand of the employer you chose?
5. Use the Skills tab. List the top 5 skills for the major you chose. Hover over the skills and learn more about what they entail.

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6. What skills would you like to focus on developing while at NIU? List at least two ideas for new activities, courses, experiences you can engage in (e.g., student organizations, undergraduate research) to build these skills.