



Outline for the “Why This Major” Essay

I. Background and Interest in the Subject

- Explain what drew you to the major
 - Examples of experiences or personal motivations that sparked the interest as well as exposure to the field if applicable (e.g., a class, a project, an event)

II. Specific Reasons for Choosing the Major at the Particular School

- Courses of Interest
 - Identify and discuss specific courses offered at the school that appeal and explain how these courses align with your academic goals and interests
- Professors and Faculty
 - Mention any professors you hope to work with and why (research, teaching style, expertise)
- Research and Internship Opportunities
 - Discuss any unique research programs, projects, or internships the school offers and explain why these opportunities are valuable and how they align with your aspirations

If You Are Undecided on a Major:

I. Discuss Possible Interests of Study

- Highlight different fields that interest you and explain why they are appealing
 - Research specific courses or programs that would allow you to explore these interests
- Professors and Faculty
 - Mention professors, research opportunities, and internships that stand out

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