Major Paper

Due dates:

Paper proposal, Tuesday, November 13.
Three paragraphs in which you identify which three majors you might explore and why by referencing what you have learned from the college catalog—one paragraph for each major. Upload to Wolf Den. Worth the equivalent of two quiz grades.

Annotated bibliography, Tuesday, November 20.
Details will be given on a separate assignment sheet.

Rough draft, Thursday, November 29.
Rough draft must be uploaded to Wolf Den and you must bring a paper copy to class. If you fail to do so, you lose 10% from the grade of your final draft.

Final draft, Saturday, December 8 @ 8:00 a.m.
Paper must be uploaded to Wolf Den. No late papers will be accepted.

Length:
2000+ words.
Double-underline or highlight your thesis and underline your topic sentences.

Assignment:

For this paper, you will compare two majors offered by Newberry College, and you will work to establish which one is a better fit for you. All the majors offered at the college are listed on the other side of this page.

First, you will identify three possible majors for exploration. Begin by reading about possible majors in the 2018-2019 Newberry College Catalog (available for download from our class Resources page in Wolf Den), and identify three that stand out (which you will eventually narrow to two for your paper). If you later decide that you want to change one of the two majors that you are writing about, you can do so prior to the due date of your rough draft. After you turn in your rough draft, your subject is locked in.

The first section of your paper will discuss your interests and why these two majors are potentially appealing to you. In this part of your paper, you will be discussing yourself. It is fine to write in the first person (“I”) in this part of your paper. You might want to talk about what has been especially interesting to you in your previous schooling, and you are also free to include anything relevant that you have learned about yourself from personality tests. This section of your paper should contain details about both majors that you have learned from the college catalog.

The middle section of your paper will discuss career possibilities for the two majors under consideration, including the variety of jobs available and likely salary ranges. This is where your library research will be most important. This portion of your paper should stay away from the first person.

In the final section of your paper, you will tie it all together and make your argument for which major seems the best fit for you, considering both your academic interests and career aspirations. You will be writing about yourself again (“I”), and you will try to convince your audience that you are making a wise choice.

Use MLA documentation for all information taken from sources regardless of whether it is quoted directly. Failure to do so may result in a grade of ZERO for this assignment.
ACADEMIC AREAS OF STUDY

DEGREES
Newberry College offers five accredited baccalaureate degrees: the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Music, the Bachelor of Music Education, the Bachelor of Science, and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
Within the Bachelor of Arts degree program, students may major in one of the following fields: Art; Criminal Justice; Communications; Early Childcare Management; English (Secondary Education); Graphic Design; History (Secondary Education); International Studies (Business Administration, Foreign Language, Political Science); Music (General Music or Emphases in Music Theory); Political Science (Pre-Law); Psychology (Experimental Psychology, Forensic Psychology); Religion (Biblical Theology, Church Leadership, or Philosophical Theology); Sociology; Spanish; and Theatre.

Bachelor of Music (B.M.)
Students may pursue a degree in Performance (Instrumental, Vocal). See page 164.

Bachelor of Music Education (B.M.E.)
Students who wish to teach generally pursue a Bachelor of Music Education degree (Choral, Instrumental) See page 164.

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
Within the Bachelor of Science degree program, students may major in Accounting; Biology (Secondary Education, Environmental Studies, Forensic Biology); Business Administration; Chemistry (Forensic Chemistry, Secondary Education, Biochemistry); Digital Marketing; Early Childhood Education; Elementary Education; Health Care Management; Middle Level Education; Mathematics (Secondary Education); Physical Education (Exercise Science and Human Performance, Leisure Services and Teacher Certification); Sport Management.
Students may also receive a Bachelor of Science degree through a cooperative dual-degree programs with Duke University, Clemson University, or Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy page 58.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.)
Students who wish to become nurses or to earn additional nursing education beyond the associate’s degree in nursing may pursue a Baccelore of Science in Nursing degree. See page 178.

MAJORS
Every degree candidate must complete all requirements for one of the major fields of study offered by Newberry College. Major and minor requirements and course descriptions begin on page 75.
Each major is designed to guide students through the acquisition of specialized knowledge of an academic discipline or professional area. Some majors include preparation for specific careers. All majors ensure that students develop the skills of critical thinking, effective communication, and ethical decision-making that are appropriate within the discipline or area.
The program of study required for each major includes a minimum of 30 semester hours of credit beyond the Core Curriculum, at least 12 of which are in upper-level (300-400) courses.
Regulations for formal declaration of a major appear on page 48.
Each degree candidate selects a major field of study by the beginning of the junior year. Some major field requirements also satisfy Core Curriculum requirements.