

# Making a Major Change:

## *Steps to take before changing your major*

As a student, one of the most important decisions you will make is your academic major. Once you choose a major, you will want to become familiar with the requirements for that major, which are posted in the *Bulletin* and on the Academic Success Center website: [www.usca.edu/asc](http://www.usca.edu/asc) (select the “Major Guide Sheets” link).

During your academic career, you may find it is necessary to change your major. If you are a currently enrolled USC Aiken student and are considering changing your major, you should complete the following steps:

### **Step 1: Find out what majors USC Aiken offers.**

You can find a list of USC Aiken majors and minors and requirements for each in the *Bulletin*. If you have a career in mind, but are not sure what to major in, or are just uncertain in general, you should visit the Office of Career Services in Penland 107 or on the Web at [www.usca.edu/careers](http://www.usca.edu/careers). Career Services is a resource for information about a variety of careers and professions, and the staff there can help you determine which major will help you reach your career goals.

### **Step 2: Review the requirements for your desired major.**

Look at the *Bulletin*, Academic Success Center website, or the websites of the school or department in which your desired major is located to find the major requirements or a guide sheet that lists the requirements of that particular major. Access your Student Progress Report on VIP to review the courses you have completed and those you are taking to see if you are on track for the new major you are considering.

### **Step 3: Explore the opportunities for careers and graduate education associated with the major.**

Make an appointment with a staff member in Career Services to find out more about these opportunities and to explore a major through experiential education opportunities, like job shadowing.

### **Step 4: Find out how the courses you have taken will work with the major requirements.**

Once you have become familiar with the requirements of the major you are considering, and the job and career opportunities associated with it, schedule an appointment with an advisor for that major to find out how your coursework will fulfill the requirements for that particular major. If you are not sure who you should contact for a specific department or school, visit the Academic Success Center.

### **Step 5: If you have completed Steps 1-4, and are satisfied with what you find...**

Come to the Academic Success Center in Penland 108 to officially change your major!

