When it’s time to decide on your college major and career path, it’s helpful to identify your interests. We can separate interests into six different categories by following the Holland Code (named after John Holland, who created the system).

Use this booklet to help you in figuring out what interests you. You'll find a brief description of each category (Realistic, Investigative, Artistic, Social, Enterprising and Conventional). Then you can explore the different JJC majors, clubs and organizations that relate to each category.

After you’ve looked through the booklet, schedule a meeting with a career counselor to discuss your self-assessment and decide if you’d like more detailed information. This appointment is a great time to learn how your interests play a role in selecting your major, the field you’d like to work in, and ultimately a satisfying career.

For more information or to set up an appointment, contact

**Career Services Center**
JJC Main Campus,
Campus Center, A 1175
1215 Houbolt Road, Joliet, IL 60431
Phone: (815) 280-2756
Web: [www.jjc.edu/info/careers](http://www.jjc.edu/info/careers)
Email: careers@jjc.edu
REALISTIC

You are **Realistic** if you like to repair and build things, work and play outdoors, are practical, hands-on, physical, can solve mechanical problems, figure out how things work.

**Realistic Majors at JJC**

- Agriculture
- Architectural/Engineering/Construction Technology
- Automotive Service Technology
- Computer Aided Design and Drafting
- Computer Engineering Technology
- Construction Trade Operator/Mechanic
- Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement
- Culinary Arts
- Electronic Engineering Technology
- Electrical/Electronic Automated Systems
- Emergency Medical Services
- Fire Science Technology
- Horticulture
- HVAC
- Industrial Maintenance Technology
- Mechanical Production Technology
- Orthotics and Prosthetics Technology
- Precision Machine Technology
- Process Instrumentation Technology
- Process Operations Technology
- Radiology Technology
- Welding
- Veterinary Medical Technology

**Realistic Clubs and Organizations at JJC**

- Automotive Service Association
- Competitive Cooking Club
- Criminal Justice Club
- Network Security Alliance
- Any Sport or Sports-related club
- Student Agricultural Association
- SALUTE and Veterans Alliance
- Vet Tech Club

INVESTIGATIVE

You are **Investigative** if you are good at solving difficult, abstract problems, doing scientific or laboratory work, or conducting research and analysis. You like math and/or science and are curious.

**Investigative Majors at JJC**

- Computer Aided Design and Drafting
- Computer Engineering Technology
- Computer Info Systems - Networking
- Computer Info Systems - Programming
- Electronics Engineering Technology
- Emergency Medical Services
- Nursing
- Orthotics and Prosthetics Technology
- Precision Machine Technology
- Process Control and Instrumentation Technology
- Radiology Technology
- Veterinary Medical Technology

**Investigative Clubs and Organizations at JJC**

- Chess Club
- College Bowl
- Gamers Club
- Natural Sciences Club
- Network Security Alliance
- Nursing Student Association
- Student Agricultural Association
ARTISTIC

You are Artistic if you are good at expressing yourself creatively. You may be independent and non-conforming and enjoy some aspect of the arts: music, drama, literature, dance, visual arts, etc.

Artistic Majors at JJC

Architectural Technology
Culinary Arts
Digital Media Production
Floral Design

Artistic Clubs and Organizations at JJC

Alpha Mu Gamma
Blazer and Wordeater
Epicurean Club
Gamers’ Club

Architectural Technology
Interior Design
Game Design and Development
Landscape Contracting/
Management

Meeting and
Special Event Planning
Visual Graphics
Web Design and Administration

JJC Comedy Club and Wolf Pack
Production Video Club
Interior Design Club
JJC Players/Delta Psi Omega
Jazz Band or Community Band

JJC Chamber Singers
JJC Chorale
JJC Comedy Club
Student Horticulture Association

SOCIAL

You are Social if you are good at empathizing with others and like to help people. You may enjoy working in groups and may be idealistic and generous.

Social Majors at JJC

Child Development
Criminal Justice
Emergency Medical Services
Fire Science

Social Clubs and Organizations at JJC

Any student clubs or organizations
Any Multicultural or Spiritual club
Alpha Delta Nu
(Nursing Honor Society)
Brother 2 Brother
Gamers’ Club

Hospitality Management
Law Enforcement
Meeting and Special Event Planning

Nursing
Teacher Assistant
Veterinary Medical Technology

GLOW
Here’s Your Sign ASL Club
Nursing Student Association
Progressive Student Union
Psychology and
Social Services Resource

SPRITE (Student Parents)
Student Government
Student United Way
Teachers of Tomorrow

Interior Design
Game Design and Development
Landscape Contracting/
Management

JJC Chamber Singers
JJC Chorale
JJC Comedy Club
Student Horticulture Association
ENTERPRISING
You are Enterprising if you are good at sales, persuading or influencing others. You may be energetic, confident and optimistic. You may like to manage or lead others and plan or promote ideas.

Enterprising Majors at JJC
Agriculture Supply Business
Business Administration
Construction Business/Management
Culinary Arts
Horticulture
Hospitality Management
Management and Supervision
Marketing Management
Meeting and Special Event Planning
Real Estate and Real Estate Appraisal

Enterprising Clubs and Organizations at JJC
Leadership role in any student club
College Bowl
Hospitality Club
Phi Theta Kappa/Alpha Lambda Phi
Progressive Student Union
Student Government
Student Trustee to the Board of Trustees

CONVENTIONAL
You are Conventional if you are good at organizing, keeping accurate records, conducting financial analyses, demonstrating patience with detailed paper work and working within an orderly system.

Conventional Majors at JJC
Accounting
Administrative Assistant
Computer Information Systems – business; networking; security
Health Information Management
Human Resource Management
Library Technical Assistant
Medical Administrative Assistant
Medical Coding Specialist
Medical Transcription
Meeting and Special Event Planning
Teacher Assistant
Web Design and Administration
Word/Information Processing

Conventional Clubs and Organizations at JJC
Any student club or organization
Blazer
College Bowl
Hospitality Club
Network Security Alliance
Student employment
Wordeater
Doing Career Research

Whether you’re still deciding on a major or just unsure of the career opportunities within your major, career research is an important step. On the next page is a list of websites for online research. When doing online career research, you will find information on salary, job outlook, education requirements, as well as the basics of what a person does in the job.

Informational interviews can help you gain a better understanding of an occupation or industry. Reach out to people you may have read about or seen on TV or the Internet. Sample questions can be found on the following page.

Paid work and student employment can give you valuable experience in your field. Go to College Central Network to look for jobs: www.collegecentral.com/jjc.

Job Shadowing is a limited work experience where you learn about a job by walking through the workday as a shadow to a professional in the field. The job shadowing work experience is a short-term, temporary, unpaid position. You witness firsthand the work environment, occupational skill in practice and potential career options.

Internships and volunteering are also valuable work experiences that can increase your employability after graduation.
Web resources for getting information on careers

www.jjc.edu/info/careers
Our website provides information on and assistance with all aspects of career exploration and the job search.

www.bls.gov/ooh
Occupational Outlook Handbook online

http://stats.bls.gov/opub/ooq/home.htm
Occupational Outlook Quarterly online index

www.iseek.org
Based on the careers and job market in Minnesota, but has valuable, easy-to-use information for all.

http://jobstar.org/tools/career/spec-car.php
Job Star Central’s Guides for Specific Careers

www.onetonline.org
O*Net Online – a great tool for career exploration with detailed descriptions of the world of work.

http://ilcis.intocareers.org
Illinois Career Information System – get job outlook and salary information specific to Illinois.

www.pathfinderscareerdesign.com
Contains interesting and helpful articles. Some services involve a fee.

www.careerinfonet.org/
The Career OneStop – Check out their Career Videos and the Career Resource Library.

www.jobprofiles.org/profiles.htm
Pick a career and read a related profile or job description.
Sample Questions to Ask during an Informational Interview

- Why did you decide to enter this field and how did your career path lead you to this position?
- What are your activities and responsibilities on the job?
- What is a typical day like for you?
- What do you like best about your job? What do you like least?
- What are the qualifications and education requirements for this type of work?
- What factors would make one fail or succeed in this type of work?
- What personality traits would be the best fit for this job?
- What opportunities are there for advancement? How will your current position lead to future advancement? What are some things you would need to do to continue to grow in your field?
- How many people work in your department? What do they do?
- What is an entry level salary range for this field? What is a typical industry salary range for someone on your level?
- What challenges are currently faced by you/your department/the organization/the industry?
- What advice would you give to someone wanting to enter this field?
- What kinds of experience, paid or unpaid, would you suggest that someone pursue to make them more marketable in this field?
- Do you ever utilize interns in this office? If so, how many and what are their responsibilities? If not, are you open to working with interns?
- Can you recommend resources such as websites, conferences or associations that would help with further research or networking?
- Can you refer me to anyone else who may be helpful in my research?
- Is there anything else you can tell me about this field that you believe is important for me to know?