How to choose a minor?

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Your minor: a next step
What plays a role?

**Minor**

- Personally
  - Interests
  - Qualities
  - Drives
  - Values
  - Skills

- Practical
  - Admission requirements
  - Approval by your own study
  - Which university?

- Subject
  - Explore within or outside your field

- Future
  - Labour market
  - Minor as a premaster?
  - Career
  - PhD
  - Gap year

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Personally

• Wishes – interest in...? Affinity with..? Curious..?
• Anchors for choice – what makes you choose?
• Map out: which minors are really an option?

Result: a top 10 list of minor options

Check also: in stead of a minor you can do an internship or follow independant courses. Is that also an option for you?
Future

• **Gather actual info** on the situation of the labour market
• **Talk to people** about their jobs & choices
• **Ask for advice and feedback** on your qualities, talents, drives and skills
• **Deepen your orientation** by comparing subjects, literature, future specialisations, lecturers

*Result*: a top 3 of minors
Feedback

- Compare freely and try not to make a decision too fast
- Don’t do this alone. Find others to speak about it.
- Make an action plan and plan these activities in your agenda
- Check: do you recognize your values and interests in your minor of choice?

*Result*: a personal action plan to get to your choice
SUCCESS

→ go get it →
What else does the Student Careers Centre offer you?

✓ Shape your study programme (internship, exchange, minor, etc.)
✓ Choose a Master’s programme
✓ Map out your talents, interests and ambition
✓ Learn about the Dutch labour market
✓ Improve your CV, LinkedIn profile and cover letter
✓ Develop your interview skills
✓ UvA Job board: find internships and graduate jobs

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