

For any occupation you are interested in there are five sector areas that you can choose to pursue. Being a foreign language major doesn't mean you have to be a teacher, and choosing to study biology doesn't limit you to becoming a doctor. There are numerous options for any major or occupation!

Major Sectors of Economic Activity:

Below is an explanation of each of the five sectors and a few web and library resources to check out!

- **Education:** instructing others or performing research
 - www.educationamerica.net
 - *Teaching English Abroad*

- **Private for-profit:** an organization established to make a profit
 - <http://www.doi.gov/octc/private.html>
 - *Wetfeet Insider Guide: Industries and Careers for Undergrads*

- **Nonprofit:** a company founded for charitable or humanitarian work; not money-making
 - www.onPhilanthropy.com
 - *The 100 Best Non-Profits to Work For*

- **Self-employed:** working for yourself; being your own manager
 - www.selfemploymentservice.com
 - *Vault Guide to Starting Your Own Business*

- **Government/Military:** a political or governing entity
 - <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>
 - *Career Opportunities in the Armed Forces*

Other resources: [College Majors Handbook](#) by Netta P. Fogg, Paul E. Harrington, and Thomas F. Harrington in the “Choosing a Major” area of the “Career Planning” section of the Career Center library.