

Write a post of at least 500 words in which you discuss your experience of college, what your major is, how you developed it, and what you hope for the future.

In the beginning, I planned to go to Plymouth for nursing until I realized I didn't want to spend my life as a nurse. The job pays good money, but I won't have any fun doing it. So I changed my major to theatre tech, but they offered nothing that would help me become a drama teacher. I spent two years trying to figure out how I combine the two majors without double majoring. For a long time, that seemed like that was my only option. Every advisor or person I met didn't help me. Double majoring would have been the worst decision for me for a few reasons: 1. I won't be able to pay for it and 2. The workload was probably going to kill me mentally. During my sophomore year, someone finally directed me towards interdisciplinary studies. It was a big relief for me when I found this major. It was just frustrating emailing and meeting with people that were not helping me.

My degree is now in Theatre education. I created my major by looking up different schools that have this major, then I spent some time looking at classes that were almost the same. I also tried to balance the classes so I wouldn't be taking a lot of theatre classes compared to education classes. I feel like I found a good balance between the two. The only problem that I had with my education courses was that some of the topics we were working on didn't pertain to what would help me with a theatre education degree. I learned a lot about child development and behaviors and that helped me, but these classes are geared towards students who are becoming regular teachers. There was one class that combined education and theatre but that was a graduate-level course and at the time my GPA wasn't high enough to join the class. I wish there was another class kind of like it or maybe teach the class at a lower level because that class would have benefited me greatly.

I hope to be getting a job either in the summer or in the fall, working with one of my professors at the Shakespeare company. Learning more about directing and their approach to directing their shows. I was also thinking about getting my master's at Emerson college in theatre education. I would want to give myself a break in between to get that degree. My other plan was to just go job hunting once done with working with the Shakespeare company, I'll hopefully make some connection with that job, for a little I just want to gain more experience because theatre work in college is a different theatre work at a company. I understand that in the beginning, I'll be working odd jobs but I need the experience and at some point, I'll find a job that I want as a drama teacher.

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work for something that I would ultimately not like doing. So I changed my major to theatre tech, but they offered nothing that would help me become a drama teacher. I spent two years trying to figure out how I combine the two majors without double majoring. For a long time, that seemed like that was my only option. Every advisor or person I met didn't help me. Double majoring would have been the worst decision for me for a few reasons: 1. I won't be able to pay for it and 2. The workload was probably going to kill me mentally. During my sophomore year, someone finally directed me towards interdisciplinary studies. It was an enormous relief for me when I found this major. It was just frustrating emailing and meeting with people that were not helping me. I felt like it lifted a weight off my shoulder because I was trying to find a good way to tell my mom I changed my major. I felt she would understand this better than it just being theatre.

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