

Transferable Skills



Your Key to a Bright Future
with Any Major

What is a Transferable Skill?

Transferable skills can be developed in any college major but are often highlighted in liberal arts majors

- These are skills that transfer across situations
- Examples include: organizational skills, communication skills, research skills.

Can you think of other
transferable skills?

Take a moment and write a few
down.

Which ones do you most enjoy using?

Here are some additional ideas

- Leadership skills
- Team building skills
- Written Communication skills
- Public Speaking skills
- Human relations skills
- Computer skills
- Teaching skills
- Creativity skills
- Analysis and Decision-making skills
- Problem solving skills
- Time management skills

Do All Majors Give you Skills?

- College majors give you *opportunities* to build skills.
- YOU determine whether you develop a skill by the effort you expend.



How do Skills relate to your career?

If you have the skills that show “potential”
your major is less important.

- Some careers do require a major, and some require graduate or professional school --- but sometimes you can learn on the job.

An Example to Illustrate

Let's say you were majoring in
education.

Does that mean you have to be a
teacher?

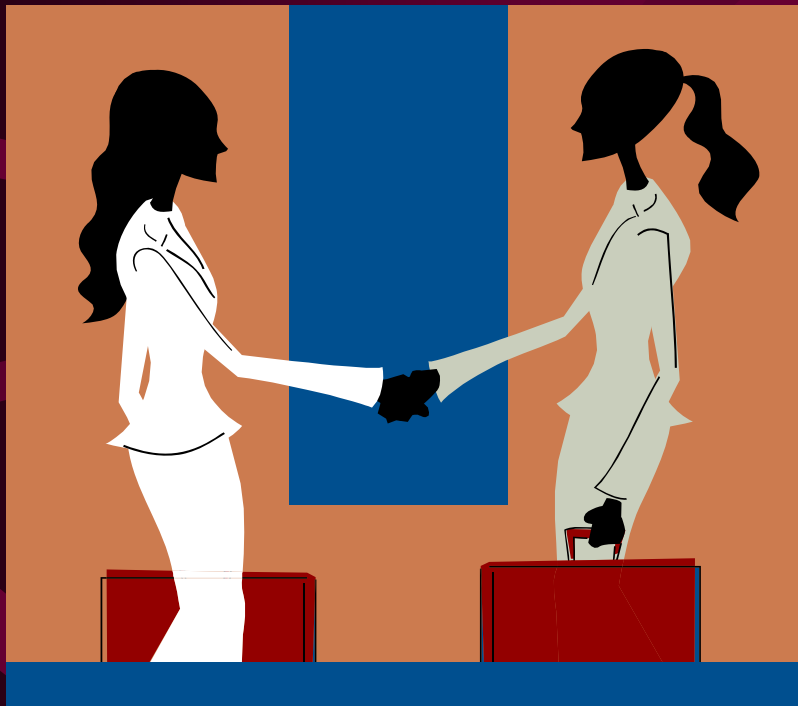
No...because of Transferable skills

Changing your mind

- Although you could teach...
- You may want to do something else later
- Maybe you'll become a stock broker, or a corporate trainer, or work in social services.



Perhaps you want to work in a business setting



- You may take some business classes on the side
- You might get some work experience in a business setting
- You may recognize areas of business that capitalize on your transferable skills

Transferable skills are the starting point

The Employer may teach you some of the “content” skills related to the setting or specific position....but if you bring strong transferable skills you bring a lot of

flexible potential

Transferable skills link to careers

- Written communication and interpersonal skills might be helpful in **public relations**
- Problem solving, critical thinking, human relations and leadership skills might be helpful in a **managerial position**

You can learn more about how
Transferable skills relate to
careers in two offices on campus.

Learn More... Your bright future awaits

- Visit ISU **Student Counseling Services** 320 SSB for career counseling to clarify goals.
- Visit the ISU **Career Center** 185 SSB to learn how to communicate skills in an interview and more.



And Learn More On-line

- A LINK will appear on the final slide to help you learn more about transferable skills in two fun ways....



(1) Assess Your Skills on line

- At O*Net website you can assess your current transferable skills and get a list of careers that match your skills!



(2) Learn what skills are relevant to a career you are interested in

- At the O*Net website type in a career to see a description of skills needed



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