

#### **10. MAJOR DECISIONS**

Lizzie, Megan, Sofia, and McKenna are brand-new roommates in a freshman dorm BYU students come from all 50 US states and over 100 countries. These four have traveled to Provo from California, Texas, Mexico, and Salt Lake City.



### FIND THE ROOMMATES' DORM ROOM IN HERITAGE HALLS

As the women arrive on campus. they're having that fairly typical new student experience: feeling a little awkward, a little homesick, and a little excited. They wonder what the next four years will bring-study, work, friends. As they meet the three strangers they'll be living with for the next year, they each quietly wonder, "Will they even like me?" But you need to start somewhere, so the four roommates decide to take a GE class together. At least they will know someone.

The women arrive at their Book of Mormon class in the J. Reuben Clark Building, Starting the day with prayer and scripture study is really helpful when you're trying to figure out what you want to do with your life. Like many freshmen, these four students don't yet know what they want to study, but their journey through BYU will help them develop their abilities and discover new interests. Trace the friends as they take classes, explore campus, and eventually find a major.

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### HOW MANY DIFFERENT MAJORS ARE THERE AT BYU?

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- **(**) 198
- (I) <sub>1,87</sub>



#### 198 MAJORS (AS OF 2025)

BYU majors include everything from A (Accounting) to W (Wildlife and Wildlands Conservation). The five most popular majors currently are Computer Science, Psychology, Exercise Science, Biology, and Family Life.

And if you have a fear of commitment, consider adding a minor: BYU offers 113 of them!

# FIND LIZZIE ENGAGED IN THREE DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES. WHAT WOULD YOU GUESS HER MAJOR IS?

Lizzie loves her job behind the candy counter at the BYU Store--and starts to come up with sweet dreams of her own! She decides that a business major is just the thing to help her get there. She polishes up her foreign language skills in a business French class in the JKB. and with help from the Ballard Center for Social Impact in the Tanner Building, she secures an international internship to Côte d'Ivoire, helping local cocoa bean growers connect with distributors around the world.

## MEGAN IS ALSO INVOLVED IN THREE PURSUITS. SO WHAT DO YOU THINK HER MAJOR IS?

Megan is an artist and a film lover, and splits her time between studio art classes in the Arts Building and the International Cinema in the Kimball Tower How best to combine the two? BYU's acclaimed animation program! During her senior year, she puts in long hours in the Talmage Building working with classmates on an animated film that wins a Student Emmy!



**HOW ABOUT SOFIA? AFTER SEEING HER INVOLVED IN** THREE DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES. WHAT WOULD YOU GUESS HER MAJOR IS?

At first, Sofia does not like living in Utah and is even a little homesick. Then she falls in love with BYU's beautiful natural setting and spends hours hiking in the mountains. She gets a job at the Bean Museum, teaching visiting school children about animals and plants. She becomes a biology major, works in a professor's lab in the Life Sciences Building, and, thanks to BYU's emphasis on undergraduate research, she even co-authors a paper on the team's latest findings.

## TWO ACTIVITIES SUGGEST THAT HER MAJOR IS?

Poor McKennal It's a little harder for her to find a major than it is for her friends. Then one day she gives blood and inspiration strikes. She looks into the nursing program and decides to apply. She is accepted! After several classes in the Kimball Tower and clinical rotations, she finds herself a registered nurse.

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Approximately 128 academic credits after that first day at BYU, the former roommates and forever friends graduate together. They head off to pursue their futures but promise to stay in touch. To make sure it happens, they decide to attend BYU Women's Conference together the next year--and when they come back to campus, there's a magical coincidence: they get to stay in their old dorm room at Heritage Halls!

