

How to Choose a Course? After 10th, +2



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Now the buffet is available before you, it is your responsibility to decide the food which you want. Of course the food should be chosen according to your taste, it should suit your health and also you must be able to digest. Likewise all the courses are available to you. You have to choose the course according to your interest, your skills, in future how you want to see yourself etc. Very important that you have to consider your potential talents and where you can perform well.

Let us ask questions to our self before coming to a conclusion on the course

1. I have decided the course with my parents advice or Influence but I am not convinced yet

Try to understand that the reason behind suggesting a course by your parents. If you feel that the course is not suitable for you, you can't perform well with your education and career. Then try to explain to your parents about your complication and don't hesitate to raise your concern with valid reasons. Remember, your parents are most concerned about your future. They should have chosen a particular course for your betterment. Please don't ignore their views without analyzing the reasons behind their choice.

For Parents:

- Your son/daughter is a special gift not just for your family but also to this world. Everyone come to this world with inherent talents. They can achieve only on what they carry as interest or special talents. If a person is facing difficulty in Maths they shouldn't be forced to take science course. It is not something that they can perform well overnight, If something doesn't come till +2, we can't expect or force to perform in professional course. If we force he may try to fulfill your ambition and not his.
- Make sure to discuss with your son/daughter to get their opinion and interest before deciding any course for them.
- Some parents push the course that they missed in their life and try to achieve it through their children. If Mastro Ilayaraja's father had forced him to do Engineering or CA, we would have missed a great musician. Your children may be more than what you think.
- Make sure and create an environment where your son/daughter can discuss with you openly and understand on what basis you have chosen this course for them.
- Parents should understand that in future if the course decision is proved wrong the parents or child should not be blamed for that. The entire family should try and find the solution. For example, a student was good in mathematics and he wanted to study Engineering but his father put him in Teacher Training. The Teacher Training was unapproved and it was closed by court decision. The father felt really bad but it was too late and the whole life the son kept blaming his father

You have only one life to live. Even if you are reborn, you will not be born as you. Don't miss this chance

2. I have decided my course by discussing with my relatives and friends

In my childhood days I wanted to be an ice cream vendor where I thought I can eat Ice-cream all the time. I got fascinated by an engine driver and I thought I can always travel. Will these jobs give me all the benefits if I had chosen it?

- Your friend's father may be able to help his son to find a job on the selected course. You have to consider your situation after completing the course
- Discuss with your friend or relative on what basis they have chosen the course and see if the same reason is applicable to you.
- If parents are doctor and they have a clinic they prefer their children to choose medicine as they don't have to worry about their job. See your applicability.

3. I have decided my course based on the recent market trend and high salary

Salary and career growth are something related to your passion, interest, skills and performance. If you don't like the job you cannot perform well and the whole life will be boring and either you will lose the job for lack of performance or the whole career will be boring and you will be stagnated. If you like the job you will go to the office like going to a play ground.

- Salary is not the right criteria to choose the course. The market is a cycle. Once the banking job was very attractive, then doctors and now IT, tomorrow we don't know. So, when you complete the course or afterwards whether it may hold the same value or not it shouldn't affect your
- Every career has high and low paid roles. How high you go in your career determines what your salary level is. Today CA, Engineering, Animation and other courses are also highly paid job compared to IT. In IT not all the people are paid high. May be at initial entry it may be good but it will stop as you grow.

4. I have decided my course to score good marks

- You cannot take a short term view. Just because you can score marks it is not necessary that you are interested in that particular career. Some times you may be able to memorize well and get good marks where as the job you are going to undertake may be difficult. I have seen many students take up computer science and get good marks also somehow or the other by memorizing etc. When it comes to job situation they don't perform well. I know many computer science students who don't know even simple programming and they become unfit for the job. You must study with a aim to understand the subject so as to enable you to perform well in the job.
- Scoring mark is not a good milestone to choose your career. It may be useful to join particular group in +2 etc but when you go for college your score alone is not going to get

your degree. Now a day's company sees your communication skills, interpersonal skills, leadership skills, problem solving skills, team player skills etc. In practical life, the gold medal and first class sometime lag behind the person who was an average in school/college but had extra curricular activities and outspoken and knows something other than his books and marks. Education is theory but Career and life is a practical. Consider them.

5. I have decided this course because my parents cannot afford to spend on other courses

- You seem to be very practical. Good.
- Have you approached education loan? Today getting education is your basic right if you have admission card for an approved course. (Refer our Education Loan Guide at StudyGuideIndia.com)
- Many people who can't afford to get a cinema ticket have become owner of multiple theatres later. So, sky is the limit. If not today or this way that is not end of the world. Take alternative way to reach your goal. (Refer our goal setting guide at StudyGuideIndia.com)
- A person wanted to study in the USA but his family condition didn't allow him to do so. He looked at the alternative way and joined B.Sc. Computer Science. After his course he chose an MNC which was an American company and reached USA after a couple of years of stay in India. Then he joined the course in the best university and completed his education through his company sponsorship. He took alternate route to obtain his goal.

These days the education loan and scholarship by various govt. and NGO sectors are supporting many students. Govt. is sponsoring the entire study including B.E. for first graduate students.

There are plenty of social supports available other than your family capacity. It might be hard to find the right support suitable for you and you may need to go behind many sources. Please feel free to reach out to StudyGuideIndia.com for any guidance. Of course if the amount required to study your course is beyond the reach of the education loan then you should think twice before taking that course. You can always achieve your dream later when the opportunity comes.

You know Dr. Abdul kalam wanted to be a fighter pilot. Because of various reasons he could not become. But he did not put his head down. He became a Rocket scientist and finally he became the President of India. At last he flew in fighter plane as president of India.

6. I have decided this course because one of my close relative working in a high position has assured me a job in his company

In life there is no place for ifs and buts. Who knows that relative will be in that company and who knows at that time he will be having the power to recruit you. Even if he recruits unless you perform you will not be retained.

So choose the subject which gives an opportunity to take a career of your liking.

- We would suggest you to give less importance to this. Today every company is looking for talents to fill the job vacancies. You may not know how powerful your relative is. Also ethically you have to believe your talents. The purpose of life is facing challenges and pass through one by one. That's how we become strong and learn the lessons of life to face any challenges and gain confidence.
- Founder of Infosys Mr.Narayanamurthy says in an interview that I am not going to give a seat for my children in Infosys. They have to develop their skills and go through our company process to get their position.
- You must choose the course like, I have chosen this course as I have special talents and interest in that field. I believe that I can do better in this.

Finally, before deciding the course you must also ask yourself the following questions and convince yourself

- Have you got complete understanding of your field?
- Have you explored the education expenses/education loan/scholarship etc and identified the suitability of this course for your background? Or do you have plan to manage the expenses of the course?
- Will your field offer you a career to satisfy your personal and financial needs? For example: Your passion may be music but the chance of taking that as career is very difficult. Think whether it is possible for you right now to risk your income for the family. You can choose music as your hobby and later you can try music by being in the job. Once you gain confidence you can leave the job and take it as main career.
- Do you know the complete duration of the course and further studies required? [In the case of MBBS you have to further study post graduate to get reasonable level which takes about 10 years.]
- Do you know that after finishing this course that it will take 3 or 4 years to get settled in your career? [For Instance, Lawyers to get training under a big lawyer or firm before they start your own practice]
- Do you know that the career life will be aligned with your nature and values? [Suppose if you are a home bird, you have to think twice before taking up Marine engineering job.
- Suppose if you have decided to take up your father's or family business in future, check whether your chosen course will be useful later in your business.

If you haven't decided your course yet

If you think, I don't know what to choose? Or my parents will put me in some course and they know what is required for me, please take it happily and continue. At some point in life when you get knowledge to adjust your career direction, you can do if you need to.

Everyone is born with some special talents. Not that you may not have awareness about your special talents. You can start looking till you find your interest. For now you can identify people who can give right direction and follow them.

If you have difficulty to find the right people please reach out to StudyGuideIndia.com Education Counselors. They are experts in various courses and they will discuss with you to study your interest and passion and family background and recommend few courses for you. You can also get clarified all your and your parent's question related to any specific field.

You can also get "What to Study? Where to Study?" English or Tamil book or CD to get more information yourself.

Based on our recent study we found that there are about 4500 degrees, diploma and certification courses offered throughout India in various universities and colleges. They are categorized into 172 categories of career fields. To get more guidance about these fields and experts advice you can either visit www.StudyGuideIndia.com/Career-Options or get a copy of "What to Study? Where to Study?" Book.

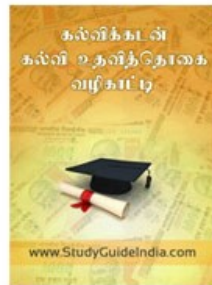
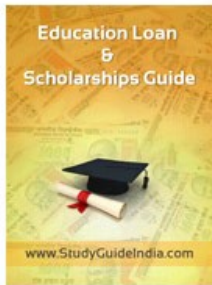
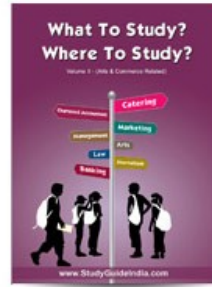
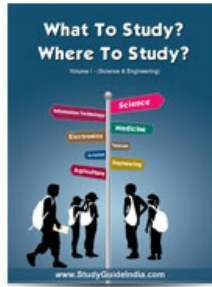
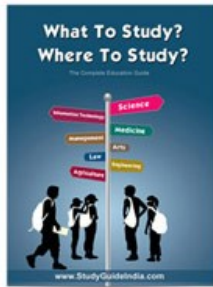
Various Courses and Career Options:

Civil Engineering	Instrumentation
Accounts and Finance	Insurance
Actuarial Science/Insurance	Interior Design
Advertising	International Business
Aeronautical/Aerospace	Journalism
Agricultural Economics	Lab Chemistry - Chemist
Agricultural Engineering	Language Specialist
Aircraft Maintenance	Law
Animal/Plant Biotechnology	Leather Technology
Animation	Manufacturing
Architectural Services	Marine Biotechnology
Army/Defense	Marine Engineering
Astronomy	Marketing
Aeronautical	Mechanical Engineering
Automation	Medical R&D
Automobile Engineering	Medical Transcription
Automobiles / Automotives	Medicine – M.B.B.S
Aviation	Microbiology

Ayurveda	Mining
Banking	Music & Singing
Beauty Care	Nanotechnology
Bio-Chemistry	Nursing
Bioinformatics	Nutrition And Dietetics
Biology	Oceanography & others
Bio-Medical Engineering	Office Work/Technical Writing
Biophysics	Oil, Energy, Power, Water, Fire
Biostatistics	Ophthalmology, Optometry
Biotechnology/Bio Science	Optometry
BPO	Packaging
Business Administration	Painting
Casting	Paper
Catering	Pharmacy
Cement & Ceramics	Photography
Chartered Accountant	Photonics
Chemical Engineering	Physiotherapy
Child Care/Geriatric	Plastic
Civil Services	Political Science
Commercial Practice	Polymer
Company Secretary	Poultry/Livestock
Computer Hardware	Printing Technology /Press
Computer Software	Product Engineering
Construction/Structural	Production / Manufacturing
Corporate Sales	Production / Technical
Courses In Psychology	Psychology
Creative/MR/ Liaison	Publishing books
Dairy Technology	Purchase Management
Data Entry/Processing	QA&QC
Dental (BDS, MDS)	R&D
Dentist	Radio Jockey
Design/Maintenance/ Plant	Religion /Culture
Documentation / Shipping	Research & Development
Drama	Retail Sales
Drilling Exploration	Rubber
Electricals	Rural Engineering/Planning
Electronics	Safety / Health
Energy	Sales Support
Engineering Design	Scientist
Event Management	Sculpture
Fabrication Technology	Sericulture
Fashion Technology	Siddha
Fiber Technology/Jute	Sociology
Film Industry	Sports / Physical Education
Fine Arts	Statistician/Economics
Fire & Safety/Fire works	Statistics
Fishery Science	Sugar
Floriculture	Supply Chain Management

Food Science	Survey & others
Forensic Medicine	Tax
Forestry	Telecom
Foundry and Forging	Television Industry
Front office / Reception	Textile Technology
Gemology/Jewellery	Trade
History/ ARCHEOLOGY	Translator/ Communication
Home Science	Transports
Homeopathic (BHMS)	Travel and Tourism
Horticulture	TV-News / Anchor / Reporter
Hospitality & Housekeeping	Unani
Hotel Management	Wildlife/Floriculture/Botany
Human Rights	Wood Science & technology
Import & Export	Yoga
Industrial Engineering	Institutional Sales
Anthropology/Arts, Humanities	
Medical Laboratory Technology MLT Course	
Metallurgy/Minerals/Soil/Drilling	
Library and information science	
Navy/Shipping/Ship Building/Galley	
Allopathic (MBBS, MDS, Psychiatry etc..)	
Company/Corporate Secretaryship / Co-operation	
Radiology & Imaging Science Technology	
Criminology/Forensic Science / Crime Investigation/police	
Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry	
Institute of Cost works Accountants of India (ICWAI)	
Hospital & Health Systems Management	
Drug Regulatory Affairs / Documentation	
Agricultural Biochemistry & others	
Genetic Engineering/Gene Technology	
Hearing, Language & Speech/Speech Pathology & Audiology	
Human Resource Management	
Govt. Planning / Consulting / Strategy/Disaster MGT	
Production / Merchandising / BD	
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