

ENG 1101  
ESSAY #2  
**Thinking Critically About Your  
Major/Career**

**DUE:** October 5, 2017

Typed in MLA format

Note: This is not an in-class essay

In class, we've discussed and read several essays that consider the stress that arises when transitioning into college and the importance of developing aspects of emotional intelligence to better navigate life, college, and your future career. We've also discussed the financial benefits of earning a college degree despite the possible criticisms. Using SIGI<sup>3</sup>, you have done your own research about your career interests, taking into account financial considerations, finding personal meaning in work, having a sense of control over environment, having adequate vacation time, having an outlet for creative voice or expression, and/or doing work that makes you feel more connected to larger society through service.

For Essay 2, which you will write outside of class, your primary sources will be:

- Activity 1, 8, and 12 in the *Companion for the First Year at City Tech*
- Your individualized research from SIGI<sup>3</sup>: <http://www.citytech.cuny.edu/counseling/selecting-area-study.aspx>; **use the Survey Results to finish the assignment**
- "Still Questioning Whether College is Worth It? Read This." By Danielle Douglas-Gabriel

**THE WRITING TASK:**

Write an essay that considers one college major **or** career option you are considering and how a college education will help you or others interested in this career. To support this, consider how a specific major or career will help students fulfill personal goals, professional goals, and/or affect society in the future

For this essay you must:

- **Write a thesis** that identifies the career option you are considering and how a specific major (whether you are currently in that major or not) will help you succeed
- Integrate one of your responses to Activities 1, 8, and 12 in the *Companion for the First Year at City Tech*.
- Integrate the results you get from your SIGI assessment, to identify your own strengths and how these relate to the major or career you are focusing on throughout this essay.
- Integrate a reference to the article by Danielle Douglas-Gabriel

**LENGTH REQUIREMENT:**

A well-written **2 ¼ page** paper might qualify for a C.

A well-written **2 ¾ page** paper might qualify for a B.

A well-written **3 ¼ page** paper might qualify for an A.

Papers less than 2 pages will not pass.

- These page counts are for typed, double spaced, 12 pt. font, MLA format/header (you will get a format sheet for this)
- Page count does NOT guarantee this grade.
- For this essay, you should not include a separate bibliography or Works Cited page