

Lesson 11: College Costs by Subject-Area Major

Objective:
Students will learn to explore the cost of college by subject-area major.
Overview:
Students will explore a website that compares the costs of subject-area majors and the colleges and universities offering these majors.

Lesson preparation:	Activity
<p>Teacher and students will need access to the internet.</p> <p>Open the PowerPoint for Lesson 11. Print copies of the Lesson 11 pre-test and post-test.</p> <p>Go to http://aspirations.sparc37.com/ and click on the Finances link at the bottom. Find the link labeled "College Costs by Major." This is the link students will explore in this lesson.</p>	<p>Distribute copies of the pre-test, ask students to complete, and collect pre-tests. The pre-test will let students know what they should learn from this lesson.</p> <p>Review the PowerPoint with students. You may need to revisit slides as you conduct the lesson activities.</p> <p>Go to http://aspirations.sparc37.com/ and click on the Finances link at the bottom. Find the link labeled "College Costs by Major." This is the link students will explore in this lesson.</p> <p>Click on an area of study to explore. The most affordable colleges and universities offering this area of study are listed, along with information about the average cost to pursue this major. Click on one or more of the colleges listed to obtain detailed information about the total cost of attendance. Choose a different area of study and compare results.</p> <p>Distribute copies of the post-test, ask students to complete, and collect post-tests. Compare pre- and post-test results.</p>

Suggestions for Differentiation:	Discussion:
<p>Google Chrome is the suggested browser if language translation is required. Simply right-click anywhere on the page and choose the "Translate" option. You may need to use the drop-down to select the preferred language.</p> <p>Limit or expand the number of majors and/or colleges explored.</p> <p>Use College Scorecard to obtain additional information about the colleges.</p>	<p>Some of the most affordable colleges are online programs. What are the advantages and disadvantages of attending an online college? Why do online colleges provide information about room and board expenses since all classes can be taken online from any location?</p> <p>The list of affordable colleges includes programs throughout the United States. Discuss the costs of travel to and from an affordable college located out-of-state.</p>