Skills Sort

An essential element in career planning is reflecting on your skills. Skills are specific attributes and personality characteristics that are learned and developed throughout our lifetime. We are most motivated to use those skills that **we excel at AND enjoy**, which also serves to increase our self-esteem.

Use the list below to help you identify your skills. Check the **Good At** box if the skill is one you consider a **strength**. Check the **Enjoy** box if the skill listed is something you **like doing**, **or believe you would seek out** in your career. If you are both good at and enjoy a skill, place a check in BOTH boxes. There should <u>not be a check in all</u> or even most of the boxes - be selective!

Remember, you may check both boxes, but it *is* possible to be good at something that you don't enjoy, or enjoy something that you are not very good at. Once finished, meet with a Career Coach at the Career Services Center, 261 Schwartz Center, to help you reflect on your results. Since life experiences impact us in a variety of ways, we suggest retaking these exercises periodically through college.

Good At	Enjoy	Skill	
		Acting in a play or performance	
		Adapting	
		Admitting mistakes	
		Advocating a cause	
		Analyzing	
		Applying technical knowledge	
		Arranging/displaying things	
		Assembling things	
		Attending to details	
		Being accurate	
		Being adventurous	
		Being ambitious	
		Being analytical	
		Being assertive	
		Being athletic	
		Being cautious	

Good At	Enjoy	Skill	
		Expressing ideas	
		Facilitating groups	
		Farming	
		Following instructions	
		Following through	
		Gardening/growing things	
		Handling money	
		Having a sense of humor	
		Having empathy	
		Having good spatial perception	
		Helping others	
		Improvising	
		Influencing others	
		Inspecting construction	
		Interviewing	
		Inventing	

Good At	Enjoy	Skill	Good
		Being charismatic	
		Being cheerful	
		Being committed to personal growth	
		Being competitive	
		Being concise	
		Being confident	
		Being conscientious	
		Being cooperative	
		Being creative	
		Being curious	
		Being demanding of oneself	
		Being easygoing	
		Being enterprising	
		Being firm	
		Being flexible	
		Being friendly	
		Being goal-oriented	
		Being idealistic	
		Being independent	
		Being insightful	
		Being intelligent	
		Being introspective	
		Being levelheaded	
		Being methodical	

Good At	Enjoy	Skill	
		Investigating	
		Keeping records	
		Leading others	
		Learning quickly	
		Listening	
		Maintaining equipment	
		Maintaining physical stamina	
		Making decisions	
		Making mechanical things work	
		Matching people to tasks	
		Monitoring/regulating work flow	
		Motivating	
		Negotiating	
		Observing	
		Operating heavy machinery	
		Operating office equipment	
		Organizing finances	
		Painting	
		Performing	
		Persuading others	
		Planning	
		Playing a musical instrument	
		Presenting information logically	
		Promoting ideas	

Good At	Enjoy	Skill	Good At	Enjoy	Skill
		Being motivated			Public speaking
		Being open-minded			Reading
		Being organized			Relating to a variety of people
		Being outgoing			Repairing things
		Being poised/polished			Reporting information
		Being politically aware			Researching
		Being resourceful			Resolving conflict
		Being sensitive			Scheduling
		Being sincere			Sculpting
		Being spontaneous			Selling
		Being tactful			Serving others
		Being uninhibited			Setting priorities
		Being versatile			Showing warmth and support
		Being willing to learn			Singing
		Being witty			Socializing
		Building/constructing things			Solving problems
		Calculating risks			Surveying
		Coming up with ideas			Surviving in the wilderness
		Completing tasks efficiently			Synthesizing facts and ideas
		Cooking			Taking care of living things
		Cooperating			Taking initiative
		Coordinating events and operations			Taking quality photographs
		Counseling and advising people			Taking risks
		Criticizing constructively			Teaching

Good At	Enjoy	Skill
		Dancing
		Delegating
		Designing architecture/interiors
		Developing good relationships
		Diagnosing mechanical problems
		Doing body work
		Doing carpentry
		Doing craft work
		Doing electrical work
		Doing masonry
		Doing precision work
		Drafting
		Drawing illustrations
		Driving vehicles
		Editing and proofreading
		Encouraging
		Entertaining
		Envisioning abstract ideas
		Establishing procedures
		Estimating costs
		Evaluating
		Explaining
		Expressing feelings

Good At	Enjoy	Skill	
		Thinking logically	
		Thinking quickly	
		Tolerating routine	
		Training people	
		Typing	
		Understanding behavior	
		Understanding finances	
		Using a computer	
		Using hand tools	
		Using intuition	
		Using manual dexterity	
		Using physical coordination	
		Using physical strength	
		Using power tools	
		Working on a team	
		Working outdoors	
		Working well in a structured environment	
		Working well in an unstructured environment	
		Working well under stress	
		Working with animals	
		Writing creatively	
		Writing letters and reports	