Is that true that some fields, like Computer Science, are more lucrative nowadays? I’ll bet your answer is yes. Then do you agree college students should be inspired to choose those fields? People's opinions mainly fall into two categories, and I tag them as the 'personal interest' oriented and the 'job marked' oriented. The 'personal interest' believers regard developing interest as the most significant gold of higher education. Meanwhile, the 'job market' supporters assert finding a good job is the first and foremost thing for college students hence students should resign a curriculum to match the job requirement and prepare themselves for a position in the vast job markets. Both sides justify themselves with sound reasons. However, personally, I would suggests take courses only interest to them regardless of the job market.

They may argue that some field’s jobs are plentiful owning to their market requirements. Thus, it’s understandable that college students are directed to choose a lucrative field and look for a well-paid job. Here is an example, computer science, now is a smoking hot field, needs contribution from lots of talents. Job market demand for computer science major is high and a software engineering earns an average salary of $76,205 per year, according to PayScale website, the world’s largest database of individual salary profiles. In sum, it’s beneficial for the college students to choose the curriculums fit into the job market demand.

1. 兴趣是最好的老师

No doubt that some field are beneficial, whereas empirical evidence suggests that young people are more likely to succeed in a career that interests them. As Albert Einstein once stated, interest is the best teacher. A great case in hand is the founder of the CEO and the chief software architect of Microsoft, Bill Gates. During his childhood, Gates took an interest in programming the GE system in BASIC, a kind of programming languages, and was fascinated by the machine and how it would always execute software code perfectly. While a student at Harvard, he did not have a definite study plan and spent a lot of time using the school's computers. In order to pursue his own interest, he gave up the opportunity to study at Harvard, and started his own computer software company. In short, finding job is not the ultimate and sole goal of higher education, and college students should persist their interests.

1. 领域变化

Furthermore, no one can guarantee the field you choose today will be same and easy to find a job after four year’s collage study. With the fast technology innovation nowadays, new mythology or new electronic products can emerge within years. Take my study field Computer Science as an example to illustrate how fast the innovation can be. When I entered the college, Cloud Computing and Big Data was the fashion in computer science and even a catchy phrase in mass culture. Four years later, when I graduated to apply jobs in market, experience with machine learning, a computational model was the hit with the win of Alpha Go over 9-dan professional, was on every job requirement. In summary, the job markets demand is on constant change; the market favorite discipline and your chosen field may totally phase out. Moreover, even if your chosen field happens to be in high demand and the situation lasts for years, it is possible you are facing fierce competitions when so many students with same skills as yours enter the job market as a result of choosing the “right” field or major as you do. To summarize, choosing college courses according to the current job market demand could put your career in risk because the market focus changes fast over time.

Thus, there is no doubt that some fields are beneficial, but it doesn’t mean students should be encouraged to study those fields of study that are easy to find a job. As a student, the most salient thing is to find out what they are really interested in, not just pursue mundane success.