

Critical Thinking Assignment about Choice of Major

Think critically about the following questions – use the Paul-Elder framework to guide your response. The first question focuses on the Elements of Thought that shape your decision-making; the second question relates to the Intellectual Standards (consider the thoroughness/quality of your reasoning).

1. **Why did you choose engineering as your major?** You may focus on a specific discipline or engineering in general, but reflect on your *reasoning* for choosing that major. For example:
 - a. Why do you want to be an engineer (what is your *purpose* or *objective*)?
 - b. What factors (*information, concepts, point of view*) have led to this decision? For example – are there certain topics that you liked in high school?
 - c. What *assumptions* are you making about the engineering profession?
2. **What is your level of confidence in this decision?** Is there *information* or *experience* that would help you decide on a specific engineering discipline (if undecided) or increase your confidence in the decision you have made? If so, describe what questions you hope to have answered in this class (ENGR 110) or future engineering courses that could help you decide.

Your response should be less than 1 page, typed, with your name and section number in the header. Note that this will not be graded on the length, but on the content (have you adequately answered the questions above?) and critical thinking.

Upload to Blackboard by the specified due date (see schedule).