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Graduates speak out!

Do you regret what you studied as an undergraduate? Do you often think you should have studied something different? You're not alone. A poll of 90,000 people shows that over 50% of adults in the U.S. would have made other choices during university (*What to Do If You Regret Your Major, 2017*). The poll also shows that 12% of the students would have changed the type of degree they earned, 28% would have gone to a different university, and 36% would have studied a different subject.

Sarah Smith studied engineering. Now, she thinks she should have spent time working with an engineer to see what kind of work they do. Sarah says, "I think I may have been a good teacher. Now, I'll never know. I could have studied education, but my academic advisor recommended engineering. I shouldn't have taken his advice."

Not everybody feels the same way. Mark Brown has a degree in economics and has enjoyed the first year of his job. Another graduate, Amy Jones, wanted to study medicine, but she chose to study education instead. "My life would have looked very different if I became a doctor. I am happy that I have made the right decision", she said. Amy has made plans to get a master's degree in education and become a professor at her university.