PATHWAY TO PROFESSION

Four-Year Career Plan

FOR UNDERGRADUATES

YEAR 1: EXPLORE

Learn more about your personal values, interests, and strengths through career assessments and other exploration.

Explore majors and career options that align with your values, interests and strengths.

Meet with Career Services, your faculty advisor, or others to create career development plans.

Explore and participate in campus activities and organizations.

Create your professional image.

Begin to develop your resume, professional online presence or other professional documents.

During the summer, gain experience through volunteering and employment.

YEAR 2: PREPARE

Declare your major. Enroll in core classes with the help of your faculty advisor.

Meet with Career Services to develop career plans and attend Career Services events.

Develop your network – on and off campus. Find a professional mentor in your field.

Continue to develop your professional image – resume, online presence and portfolio.

Prepare for interviews and networking situations with Career Services or online.

Gain experience through employment, internships, volunteer work or campus activities. Look for opportunities specific to your field.

YEAR 3: PREPARE

Meet with your faculty advisor to ensure you're on track to graduate.

If planning on graduate school, meet with your faculty advisor or Career Services to begin preparation.

Continue to develop your professional image – resume, online presence and portfolio.

Attend career fairs and other Career Services events. Prepare for interviews with Career Services or online.

Expand your network.
Join professional organizations and make connections on and off campus.

Look into specific industries or other focus areas. Work to gain related experience through employment, internships, volunteer or campus work.

YEAR 4: CONNECT

Meet with your faculty advisor to ensure you're on track to graduate.

Meet with Career Services to map out job searching strategies.

Continue to develop your professional image – resume, cover letters, online presence, etc.

Attend career fairs and other Career Services events.

Apply for positions and continue to gain knowledge and experience through coursework, certifications, internships or work.