

Sophomore Year



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As a Sophomore you have the opportunity to explore your options further and make preparations for Junior year. Following are some suggestions to get you on the right career path!

- If you have not yet declared a major, visit the career center and seek out career counseling to get a better idea of what you are good at and what interests you.
- Consider getting a part-time job to help you develop essential skills in any field.
- If you have declared a major, consider getting a part-time job on or off campus that relates to your career field of interest.
- Join at least one club or activity this year. An organization that relates to your major or career interest would be helpful.
- Continue to demonstrate your commitment to your community by participating in another voluntary activity.
- Continue to connect assignments, papers, speeches, and projects to your field of interest. It's a great way to start exploring these areas and developing expertise in a field while completing your assignments at the same time!
- Consider experiential learning opportunities, Career Exploration classes (CE 121 for Accounting, CE 101 for undecided or CE11 for declared majors), study abroad, community service programs, etc. To study abroad your Junior year, you should start making arrangements this year.
- Attend the Career Fair. Visit all the tables of interest to you and ask questions. Knowing more about different industries, companies, and job opportunities will help you make a better career choice
- Attend informational sessions, Pre-Nights, and workshops to gather insight and advice from successful people in your field of interest. (Check Career Connection for upcoming events!) Learn what employers are looking for and how to successfully market yourself.
- If you are considering graduate school, begin researching the schools that specialize in your areas of interest now. Ask your professors for suggestions and visit the websites of these colleges and universities to learn their requirements for entrance into master's and doctoral degree programs.
- Work with your academic advisor and the Career Center to choose classes and co-curricular activities that will help make you a competitive applicant.
- Keep up your GPA!