

# Freshman Year Survival Guide

“It’s a Jungle Out There”

- Join at least one club or organization
- Participate in at least one volunteer or service experience
- 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!
- Register for a Career Education class (CE 111 for exploring students or CE 101 for students who have decided upon a major)
- Let your faculty advisor know if you are interested in studying abroad to start mapping out what that might look like
- Attend the Career Fair in the spring – you do NOT need to be ready to apply for a position - attending will give you a chance to see what it is like, network, and prepare yourself for when it counts
- Attend informational sessions, networking events, and workshops to gather insight and advice from successful people - check Career Connection for upcoming events!
- Visit the Career Center for help in getting started on your resume – there is no better time to start - updating it at the end of every semester will keep you from forgetting anything and keep you competitive no matter what your career path
- Check Career Connection for odd jobs in the local area or part-time work – if you qualify for Federal Work Study, seek out a department to work with on campus
- Check out Career Connection for summer jobs and internships
- Get a summer job or internship in your field of interest
- If you are still exploring options for a major:
  - take Do What You Are online and make an appointment at the Career Center for your results to see what fits your values, skills, and personality preferences
  - talk to current students and faculty members about major choices
  - review the courses required for majors of interest – pick one that has classes that will interest you for the next 4 years!
  - register for CE 111 – specifically designed to consider “Who Am I?”

