



FOUR-YEAR CAREER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

1 First Year	2 Second Year	3 Third Year	4 Fourth Year
<p>Declare a Major & Explore Career Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Visit career.uga.edu and complete career assessments to help determine interests, values and personality type ■ Read What Can I Do With A Major In...? pages to discover some career options for your major ■ Use the UGA Bulletin to read course descriptions, access syllabi and learn more about majors, minor and certificates <p>Get Involved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Join a student organization ■ Participate in residence hall activities ■ Volunteer on-or off-campus ■ Attend Career Center programs and workshops ■ Ask about research opportunities with professors <p>Get Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Utilize Handshake for on- and off-campus part-time jobs and internships ■ Shadow professionals through the Intern for a Day program ■ Attend career fairs to chat with employers about employment opportunities ■ Create a resume and seek feedback from a Career Consultant 	<p>Declare a Major & Explore Career Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Work with academic advisor on process of declaring a major ■ Speak with people in potential career areas to learn about options ■ Shadow professionals in chosen field of interest through Intern for a Day program ■ Create a LinkedIn profile and start building your professional network <p>Stay Involved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Join a professional organization related to your major ■ Interact with guest speakers and college personnel to create connections ■ Maintain membership in clubs, organizations, and intramurals ■ Become a leader in a student organization <p>Get Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Update resume and get it critiqued ■ Consider doing a study abroad program ■ Utilize Handshake and apply for positions relevant to your major ■ Ask family, friends, professors, & Career Consultants about internship or part-time job leads 	<p>Research Grad Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Talk to professors and Career Consultants ■ Search gradschools.com or petersons.com to find programs and professors doing interesting work ■ Study for entrance exams and take practice tests ■ Look at class profiles for info on currently admitted class <p>Connect with Employers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Review company websites and literature ■ Read magazines and journals to become familiar with trends and areas of opportunity ■ Access company info through Career Insider powered by The Vault on our website ■ Attend career fairs and company information sessions on campus ■ Follow employers' social media accounts <p>Increase Involvement and Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Complete an internship or secure a career-related part-time job ■ Try to gain leadership roles related to major or career of choice ■ Interact with guest speakers and club advisors ■ Join local chapters of national organizations related to your chosen field 	<p>Complete Grad School Prep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Take entrance exams ■ Ask for letters of recommendation; be mindful of deadlines ■ Request transcripts be sent to graduate programs ■ Have admission essays reviewed by the Writing Center and a Career Consultant <p>Develop a Job Search Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Participate in career fairs related to areas of interest ■ Take advantage of on-campus interviewing ■ Complete the Career Center's Career Outcomes Survey to tell us what you are doing after graduation <p>Leverage Your Involvement and Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Conduct mock interview and continue to update your resume with Career Consultant ■ Seek positive references from professors and supervisors from internship and part-time positions ■ Give references a copy of your resume ■ Maintain relationships with those who are references ■ Request recommendations on LinkedIn