## CAREER RESEARCH ACTIVITY

## **Objective**

The objective of this Career Research Activity is to empower students to explore and gain a deeper understanding of a specific career of their interest. By the end of the activity, students should be able to:

- 1. Conduct comprehensive research on the chosen career to gather relevant information and insights, utilizing resources such as the UGA Career Center's "What Can I Do with A Major In...? webpages, UGA Career Outcomes Data, Career Assessments, Candid Career, and the UGA Mentor Program.
- 2. Identify key aspects such as job responsibilities, required qualifications, career paths, and industry trends.
- 3. Evaluate their own skills, interests, and values in relation to the chosen career.
- 4. Make informed decisions and set realistic career goals based on the acquired knowledge.
- 5. Present their research findings in a clear and organized manner.

## **Assignment**

- 1. **Select a Career:** Choose a specific career you are interested in exploring or pursuing.
- 2. **Research:** Conduct thorough research on the chosen career using credible sources. Examples include:
  - a. UGA Career Center's What Can I Do with A Major In...? webpages
  - b. UGA Career Outcomes Data
    - i. Explore results by major
    - ii. Explore results by college
  - c. Career Assessments
  - d. Candid Career
  - e. UGA Mentor Program
  - f. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook
  - g. Informational Interviews
- 3. **Job Responsibilities and Qualifications:** Identify and describe the typical job responsibilities associated with the chosen career. Explore the educational requirements, certifications, and skills needed to excel in that field.
- 4. **Career Paths and Industry Trends:** Investigate different career paths within the chosen field and highlight the potential growth opportunities. Analyze current trends, challenges, and advancements within the industry.
- 5. **Self-Assessment:** Reflect on your own skills, interests, and values, and assess how well you align with the chosen career. Identify areas where you may need to develop or acquire additional skills.
- 6. **Presentation:** Present your research findings to your supervisor in a clear and organized manner. This can be done through a written report, an informal presentation, or a combination of both. Utilize creativity and effective communication in your preferred presentation format.

## Resources

• What Can I Do with A Major In...? https://career.uga.edu/wcidwami

- UGA Career Outcomes Data <a href="https://career.uga.edu/outcomes">https://career.uga.edu/outcomes</a>
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  - o Results by college
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- Candid Career <a href="https://www.candidcareer.com/">https://www.candidcareer.com/</a>
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